

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
October 10, 2017

President LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The Clerk called the roll of the City Council.

Call of the Roll:

City Council

Present: Councillors Darcy, LeBlanc, R., Logan, McMenimen, O'Brien, Rourke, Fowler, McLaughlin, Romard, Marchese, Waddick, Giordano, LeBlanc, D. Vidal, Brasco

Absent: None

The Clerk recited the Council Prayer followed by President LeBlanc leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Giordano asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served; past and present.

President LeBlanc acknowledged Rex Schrader in the audience.

Councillor Logan moved approve the minutes for the 9/25/2017 City Council meeting. All were in favor and minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requests an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$732,000.00 to award the low and responsible bid (Empire Design and Construction, LLC) for the construction of the parking lot at the Council on Aging Senior Center. The bid price includes an allowance for police details (\$5,000.00) and unforeseen conditions (\$15,000.00).

Referred to the Finance Committee

2. The Mayor respectfully accepts acceptance of a gift of 30 Naloxone (Narcan) Nasal Kits from the Newton-Wellesley Hospital to the Waltham Health Department. These kits will be provided to the Fire Department.

Referred to the Finance Committee

3. The Mayor respectfully requests an appropriation of funds in the total amount of \$449,000.00 to purchase several pieces of equipment (Sewer Jet, Camera Truck Software and 3 Small SUV type AWD vehicles) for the Engineering Department, Water & Sewer Divisions.

FROM:

#603-000-2017-3590	Bond Premium-2017 (sewer)	\$408,500.00
#613-000-2017-3590	Bond Premium-2017 (water)	\$ 40,500.00

TO:

#603-440-2017-6474	Sewer-Sewer Jet	\$354,000.00
#603-440-2017-6571	Sewer-Camera Truck Software	\$ 14,000.00
#603-440-2017-6411	Sewer-SUV AWD Vehicle	\$ 40,500.00
#613-452-2017-6411	Water-SUV AWD Vehicle	\$ 40,500.00

Councillor McMenimen moved to waive the reading. All were in favor.

Referred to the Finance Committee

4. The Mayor respectfully requests to have the new baseball dugouts at Yetten Field dedicated to Al Scafidi for his many years to the youth of Waltham as an outstanding coach and mentor.

Referred to the License & Franchise Committee

5. The Mayor respectfully requests an appropriation of funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to purchase park benches.

FROM:

#310-000-2017-3590 Bond Premium-2017 \$15,000.00

TO:

#310-175-2017-6360 Planning-Park Benches \$15,000.00

Councillor McMenimen moved to waive the reading. All were in favor.

Referred to the Finance Committee

6. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of a donation in the amount \$10,000.00 from Last Call Foundation. These funds will be used towards the purchase of Rescue Airbags to replace the 20 year old set they have.

Referred to the Finance Committee

7. Pursuant to City Charter Section 6-4, The Mayor respectfully request merger of the water and sewer crews with the CPW department. Some of my reasons include:

1. Benefit to the public and the consumers who actually deal with both departments;
2. Benefit of the departments themselves, including best practices such as the 311 system, which one department operates and the other doesn't; and
3. There won't be two dominions with public works and water & sewer functions, thus allowing tasks to be assigned, work to be done, money to be saved, all more efficiently for the organizations themselves, the taxpayers and the public. The independent City Engineer would remain. The engineer would continue to be responsible for the Consent Decrees, EPA, DEP and MWRA matters. The Engineer would then concentrate on compliance issues and the multitude of capital projects, both internal and external, that need to be completed. Further, the current CPW Director has the education and experience in water issues, and maintains his water license as well. Specifically, I am requesting that the water and sewer superintendent position and the foreman position, along with all of the water and sewer labor positions (see attached), and one principal office assistant be transferred to CPW. This reorganization will allow a more efficient handling of the daily calls from the public, and the administration of public works projects, which are not only important to our constituents, but to the Mayor and City Council as well.

Referred to the Ordinances & Rules Committee

Resolutions

1. Small Business Saturday Resolution. The clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Logan spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Logan moved to suspend the rules and act on matter without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Logan moved approval of the resolution and a copy sent to the traffic commission to let them know. All were in favor. Matter approved.

2. South Side Dog Park Resolution. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Logan spoke on the Resolution. President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Economic and Community Development Committee.

President asked Clerk to skip the next resolution and come back later to the 334 R Prospect Hill Road Resolution.

3. Storer Property Resolution. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Brasco spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Waddick spoke on the Resolution. Councillor McMenimen rose to a

point of order. Councillor Brasco moved to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. Councilor Romard spoke on the motion. All were in favor and motion to suspend the rules and act on matter without committee reference was approved.

Councillor Brasco moved approval of the Resolution. On the motion Councillor Darcy spoke on matter. He moved to amend the resolution to include the Conservation Commission. All were in favor. On the motion to approve resolution roll call was requested.

In favor: Brasco, Giordano, Logan, Marchese, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D. Darcy, Fowler, LeBlanc, R., McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard

Opposed: None

Matter was approved.

4. 334R Prospect Hill Road Resolution. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Romard spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Romard to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. Councillor McMenimen rose to a point of order. Councillor Romard moved to rescind his motion. President LeBlanc referred matter to the Committee of the Whole.

5. Park & Rec Resolution. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Giordano spoke on the resolution. President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Giordano moved to approve a request to have the Park and Rec Director and Assistant Director come in to the next meeting. All were in favor. Request was approved.

6. Safety in the Streets Resolution. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Fowler spoke on the Resolution. President LeBlanc referred the matter to Public Works and Public Safety Committee.

Committee Reports

Licenses & Franchises

1. The License & Franchise Committee recommends the Lt. Herman A. Ferrick Square Resolution be approved. Councillor Brasco moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.

2. The License & Franchise Committee recommends the Lt. Herman A. Ferrick Square order be approved. Councillor Brasco moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.

Committee of the Whole

3. The Committee of the Whole recommends the confirmation of Jennie Scafidi, 3 Pearl Street, Waltham as a member of the Recreation Board be approved. Councillor Logan moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council.

Roll call required.

In favor: Brasco, Giordano, Logan, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D. Darcy, Fowler, LeBlanc, R., McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard

Opposed: None

Absent: Marchese

Matter was approved.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommends the donation in the amount of \$3,500 from DCU for the City of Waltham Police Dept. be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.
2. The Finance Committee recommends the donation in the amount of \$3,500 from DCU for the City of Waltham Fire Dept. be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.
3. The Finance Committee recommends the transfer of \$371,751.00 to fund the repairs and upgrade to our current police/fire radio system be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.
4. The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$4,796.54 from the estate of Joan Sheridan be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.

Economic and Community Development

The Economic and Community Development Committee recommends the Commonwealth Connect Resolution be approved. Councillor Logan spoke on the matter. Councillor Fowler moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.

Long Term Debt

1. The Long Term Debt Committee recommends the transfer of capital improvements funds in the amount of \$252,000.00 for the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) be approved. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.
2. The Long Term Debt Committee recommends the CPC application for the Sons of Italy appropriation for \$210,875.00 be approved. Councillor Mcmenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.

Ordinances & Rules

The Ordinances & Rules Committee recommends the Special Permit application at 219 Bar Hill Road for the Dog Retreat Spa LLC be approved pending the ZBA Decision. Councillor Rourke moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Councillor Rourke made a motion to table on the Council floor. All were in favor and matter was tabled by a voice vote.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- CPC Allocation for FY2018 Estimated Surcharge and Auditors True Up Funds
Referred to the Long Term Debt Committee

- Letter of Extension of Time for Dog Retreat & Spa LLC & 221 Bear Hill Road LLC at 219 Bear Hill Road. Councillor Rourke moved to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the extension. Roll called required.
In favor: Brasco, Giordano, Logan, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., Fowler, LeBlanc, R., McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, McMenimen, Darcy, LeBlanc, R
Opposed: None
Absent: Marchese
Matter was approved.
- Letter of Extension of Time for Gravestar Inc. at 1074 Lexington Street
Councillor Rourke moved to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the extension. Roll called required.
In favor: Brasco, Giordano, Logan, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., Fowler, LeBlanc, R., McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, McMenimen, Darcy, LeBlanc, R
Opposed: None
Absent: Marchese
Matter was approved.
- Letter of Extension of Time for 151 – 171 Bear Hill Road
Councillor Rourke moved to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Rourke moved to approve the extension. Roll called required.
In favor: Brasco, Giordano, Logan, Rourke, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., Fowler, LeBlanc, R., McLaughlin, O'Brien, Romard, McMenimen, Darcy, LeBlanc, R
Opposed: None
Absent: Marchese
Matter was approved.
- Cellco Partnership request to withdraw a Grant of Location application at 380 Forest Street
Referred to the License and Franchise Committee

Councillor Romard spoke on a matter that was referred to the Finance Committee. He submitted a request to be approved. All were in favor.

Tabled Items

- Children's Hospital Zoning Amendment Veto Order #33649
 - Community Thank you Resolution
 - Minutes from 1/23/2017, 5/8/2017
 - Communication from Mayor dated July 3, 2017 regarding Veterans Fields on Forest Street, Gann Academy and Bentley University, Community Preservation Act Fernald Land and the Massachusetts Historical Commission Letter
 - Vote of the School Committee: To make a request of the City Council of their suggested uses at the Fernald Property and their approximate location, to determine if they are compatible with a school.
- 950 Winter Street Fuel Storage License

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. President LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant of the City Clerk

October 20, 2017

Approved by the City Council: _____