

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 10, 2022

President McMenimen called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and McMenimen.

Absent: None.

City Clerk Joseph Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by President McMenimen leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor Durkee asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served past and present.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from the 12/27/2021 Special State of the City meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the minutes from the 12/27/2021 City Council meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the City Council Rules of 2021 be the City Council Rules of 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

In accordance with Rule 15, President McMenimen spoke and appointed John J. McLaughlin as the City Council Vice President for the year 2022. The City Councils vote was required for the confirmation. City Clerk Vizard called the roll.

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur: John J. McLaughlin

George A. Darcy, III: John J. McLaughlin

Caren Dunn: John J. McLaughlin

Sean T. Durkee: John J. McLaughlin

Cathyann Harris: John J. McLaughlin

Paul S. Katz: John J. McLaughlin

Joseph P. LaCava: John J. McLaughlin

Anthony LaFauci: John J. McLaughlin

Randy J. LeBlanc: John J. McLaughlin

John J. McLaughlin: John J. McLaughlin

Patrick J. O'Brien: John J. McLaughlin

Jonathan Paz: John J. McLaughlin

Thomas M. Stanley: John J. McLaughlin

Carlos A. Vidal: John J. McLaughlin

Kathleen B. McMenimen: John J. McLaughlin

With 15 votes for John J. McLaughlin, John J. McLaughlin was voted as the Vice President of the City Council for 2022.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance without committee reference of several gifts from Bob and Cheryl Marcou of Marcou Jewelers. Councillor Darcy moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without committee reference. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter were approved. Councillor Darcy moved approval of the gifts. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.
2. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of several gifts from the Ugandan Community for the City Hall Museum. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requests an appropriation totaling \$6,510 for environmental services for the property located at 230-234 Moody Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer in the amount of \$50,000 to the Sewer Operations – General Expense account with the majority of the funds going to the rental of a sewer jet truck while the existing sewer jet truck is being repaired. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of Antigen Rapid at Home Test Kits from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer in the amount \$10,000 to cover the expense of writing a software application program to track the management of the city’s catch basin cleaning. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requests adoption of the Ordinance Amendment Section 12-30 Specific duties, Subsection 8 - Planning. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
8. The Mayor respectfully requests Compensation Ordinance amendment regarding the Planning Director and the Director of Housing, Section 2-29. B.2. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requests adoption of the Ordinance Amendments Sections 12-32, 12-33, 12-34 – Housing & Community Department. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
10. The Mayor respectfully submits a confidential real estate matter from the Law Department. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
11. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of an appropriation totaling \$18,600 to purchase a RRFB to be installed at the intersection of Gore Street/Lawndale Avenue and Warren Street/Candace Avenue. Referred to the Finance Committee.
12. The Mayor respectfully requests the opportunity to come before the City Council to discuss further the roles of the City Planning Department and the City Clerk’s Department with regard to the master plan Compliance, Zoning, Special Permits, Site Plan Review and Neighborhood Inclusion. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

Applications and Licenses

All licenses and franchises referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

- Lodging house renewal – 11-13 Walnut Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
- Lodging house renewal – 20-22 Adams Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
- Lodging house renewal – 44-46 Chester Ave. – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
- Lodging house renewal – 118-120 Robbins Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
- Lodging house renewal – 24-26 High Street – High Street LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 94 Adams Street – AMG Beech Road LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 74 Adams Street – SMT Realty Associates, LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 104 Adams Street – SMT Realty Associates, LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 49-51 Brown Street – MST Realty Associates, LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 6 Park Place – Marc Pintabone
- Lodging house renewal – 12-14 Lowell Street – Middlesex Human Service Agency Inc.
- Lodging house renewal – 124-126 Ash Street – Ash Street Lodging LLC
- Lodging house renewal – 21-23 Pine Street – Max Horn
- Lodging house renewal – 17-19 Chestnut Street – Stanley & Leni Bloomenthal
- Lodging house renewal – 52-54 Bedford Street – George Kimball
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – Rosenthal Dorms
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – The Village
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – Massell Quad
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street - Ridgewood
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – Skyline
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – North Quad
- Lodging house renewal – Brandeis University 415 South Street – East Quad

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Special Permit Modification at 219 Bear Hill Road

Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee

- Special Permit Modification at 1111 Lexington Street

Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee

- Appointment of City Council Committees for 2022.

President McMenimen read the Committee appointments for the City Council for 2022

Public Works & Public Safety

Randall J. LeBlanc

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur

Caren Dunn

Paul Katz

Antony LaFauci

Economic & Community Development

Cathyann Harris

Sean T. Durkee

Joseph P. LaCava
Jonathan Paz
Thomas M. Stanley

Ordinances & Rules

George A. Darcy
Caren Dunn
Cathyann Harris
Randall J. LeBlanc
John J. McLaughlin

Long Term Debt & Capital Planning

Patrick J. O'Brien
George A. Darcy
Jonathan Paz
Thomas M. Stanley
Carlos A. Vidal

Licenses & Franchises

Carlos A. Vidal
Colleen Bradley-MacArthur
Paul Katz
Anthony LaFauci
Patrick O'Brien

Finance

Joseph P. LaCava
Sean T. Durkee
Anthony LaFauci
Kathleen B. McMenimen
Carlos A. Vidal

Veterans Service

Sean T. Durkee
Colleen Bradley-MacArthur
Caren Dunn
John J. McLaughlin
Patrick O'Brien

Special Committee

Master Plan Committee

Randy J. LeBlanc, Chair
Sean T. Durkee
Paul Katz
Kathleen B. McMenimen
Carlos A. Vidal

Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, Ex Officio
City Housing Director
City Planning Director

Tabled Items

Councillor Darcy moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted by a voice vote. Council President McMenimen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
January 12, 2022