

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
June 21, 2022

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President McLaughlin requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin were present. Councillor O'Brien was absent.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on June 6, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the June 6, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor for authorization to file an Unfunded Mandate Determination with the State Auditor in the matter of the addition of sub-precincts due to the significant costs of annual election equipment and staff. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from the City Clerk, Joe Vizard. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Mr. Vizard explained the impact of redistricting and the additional costs that could potentially be incurred. It was explained this matter only applied to State elections. Councillor LaFauci moved to authorize the Mayor to file an Unfunded Mandate Determination with the State Auditor in the matter of the addition of sub-precincts due to the significant costs of annual election equipment and staff. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to approve the appropriation of \$66,500 for the final settlement of the lawsuit between the City of Waltham and Sally Collura. Councillor Durkee moved to hear from the City Solicitor, John Cervone. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor Durkee, Attorney Cervone gave a summary overview of the case and the reasons for the settlement. Councillors LeBlanc and Katz asked follow up questions about the purpose of the fees and what would happen if the City Council were to deny the funding request. Councillor LaFauci gave a brief version of his understanding of the matter. Councillor Darcy moved to approve the appropriation of \$66,500. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to confirm the re-appointment of Erika Jerram as a member of the CPC. Councillor LaCava moved to confirm the re-appointment of Ms. Jerram. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A request was received from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to confirm the re-appointment of Daniel Melnechuk as a member of the CPC. Councillor Darcy moved to confirm the re-appointment of Mr. Melnechuk. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. A request was received from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to confirm the re-appointment of Loretta McClary as a member of the CPC. Councillor Darcy moved to confirm the re-appointment of Ms. McClary. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A request was received from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to confirm the re-appointment of Amanda Thibodeau as a member of the CPC. Councillor Dunn moved to confirm the re-appointment of Ms. Thibodeau. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A communication was received from the Mayor concerning the matter of Alternate Safety Measures (ASM) with the Federal Highway Administration. Councillor Harris moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
11. As a way of information, Vice-President McLaughlin stated today was the 234th anniversary of the state of New Hampshire to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
12. A motion by President McMenimen to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:40pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole