

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes of the Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. VP McLaughlin asked the Clerk to call the roll to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and VP McLaughlin were present in-person.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 5, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor LaCava rose to address the power surge that occurred over the weekend with Eversource. Councillor LaCava acknowledged the Fire Department and Tim Kelly and Lou Didino of the Wires Department for their efforts on behalf of the City.
5. A request was received from the Mayor concerning an invitation from Brandeis University for City Councillors to visit the campus. After a brief discussion, Councillor Vidal suggested the visit be held after the November election. Councillor Vidal moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the bid of \$260,000 from Paul Morreale to purchase the property located at 102 Trimount Avenue. Councillor Dunn moved to hear from the Housing Director, Robert Waters. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor Dunn, Mr. Waters gave a summary of the condition of the property and the efforts to sell the property. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked questions about the process to sell the property. President McMenimen gave a brief history of the property since the foreclosure in 2019. The Mayor addressed the Committee to clarify the process, including the RFP process. Councillor Dunn moved to approve the acceptance of the \$260,000 bid. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 14 in favor (Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, and Vidal), none opposed and VP McLaughlin presiding.
7. A communication was received from the Mayor concerning the lease of the property located 92 Felton Street. Since the lease is being finalized and reviewed, the Mayor was requesting a placeholder on the COW docket. A motion to table matter was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A communication was received from the Mayor concerning the lease of the property located 240 Beaver Street. Due to the proximity of his residence to the property, Councillor LeBlanc recused himself. Since the lease is being finalized and reviewed, the Mayor was requesting a placeholder on the COW docket. A motion to table matter was adopted on a voice vote.

9. Councillor LaCava moved to take the matter of the CIP tax resolution (12/12/2022) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaCava acknowledged the City Treasurer had provided a response to his request that was approved by the COW on April 18, 2022. Councillor LaCava moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A motion by Councillor Harris to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and VP McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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