

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
November 20, 2023

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, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice President McLaughlin were all present in-person. Councillors LaCava and O'Brien were absent.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on November 6, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the November 6, 2023 meeting were approved.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to schedule a time for the City Council to conduct a site visit for the property located at 101 School Street. President McMenimen moved to offer the Mayor December 4, 2023 at 5:30pm as a date/time for the site visit. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President McMenimen moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. Councillor Darcy moved to take the resolution concerning frauds and scams from itinerant contractors from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councilor Darcy moved to hear from Police Chief Kevin O'Connell to discuss the resolution. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy spoke of the frequency of the scams and asked Chief O'Connell to comment on the police process for solicitations, if a MA contractor's license is required and a phone number that residents may call. Chief O'Connell explained there is a police process to approve solicitations and residents may call the non-emergency phone 781-314-3607. Chief O'Connell also spoke of the prevalence of internet scams with the intent to make people afraid and make unwarranted financial payments. Councillors Dunn, LaFauci, Bradley-MacArthur and Durkee asked several follow up questions of Chief O'Connell. As there were no further questions/comments from Councillors, Councillor Darcy moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A motion by Councillor Paz to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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