

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
December 4, 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, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice President McLaughlin were all present in-person. Councillor Paz was absent.
3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on November 20, 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the November 20, 2023 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor LaFauci moved to take the matter of the Library Trustee appointment out of order. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to appoint David L. Levinson, PhD, 70 Hawthorne Road, Waltham as a member of the Board of Library Trustees. Councillor LaFauci moved to hear from Dr. Levinson. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon questions from Councillor LaFauci, Dr. Levinson explained his experience and background. Dr. Levinson also spoke of his interest in the Waltham Library and its many programs offered to residents. A motion by Councillor LaFauci to approve the appointment of Dr. Levinson was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to accept the ATC Asbestos Report for the property located at 240 Beaver Street. Due to the proximity of the property to his residence, Councillor LeBlanc recused himself from the discussion and vote. Vice-President McLaughlin asked Councillor Harris to see if the Mayor would be attending the COW meeting. Councillor Harris returned and stated the Mayor would not be attending. Councillor Dunn moved to accept the report. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 12 in favor (Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Stanley, Vidal), 0 opposed, LeBlanc was recused, Paz was absent, and Vice President McLaughlin presiding.
7. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) of the City Council was the next agenda item. The Auditor explained that Councillors are able to make individual requests that would be compiled and consolidated into a single request from the City Council for the Mayor's consideration. Councillors were advised to have their requests ready for the next meeting of the City Council on December 11, 2023. Councillor Vidal moved to have this matter sent out to the full City Council. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A motion by President McMenimen 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