

Waltham City Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 11, 2024

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President McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley, Vidal and President McLaughlin.

Absent: Bradley-MacArthur, LaCava

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

Councillor Brasco moved approval of the regular meeting minutes of 2/26/2024. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Councillor Brasco made a motion to suspend Rule 8 to take the Preferential Veterans Housing Resolution out of order. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Brasco moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from off Committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President McLaughlin recognized all the Veterans present in the Chambers. Councillor Brasco spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Founder and Executive Director of the Launch Foundation, 738 Main Street, #224, Waltham, David DiGregorio spoke on the importance of the Resolution and his optimism in moving forward. Mr. DiGregorio recognized Councillors Brasco and Stanley on their efforts in bringing attention to the matter. President McLaughlin referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. President McLaughlin recognized Veteran, Bo Campbell on his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday on March 21, 2024. The Council stood and sang Happy Birthday.

**First Public Hearing: Grant of Location for Eversource at Newton Street**

Clerk Vizard read the petition. Eversource Representative, Hannah Cooper, 1 Gioioso Drive, Holbrook, representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter. With no one else in support, no one in opposition and no one in a neutral position of the petition President McLaughlin closed that part of the public hearing and opened up the hearing to questions from Councillors. Councillor Brasco asked questions about the project. Ms. Cooper explained the details of the project. Councillor LaFauci asked about the double pole at the location and if it could be changed to a single pole during the execution of the project. Ms. Cooper will look into having one pole. Councillor Vidal asked how many poles would be effected. Ms. Cooper answered. With no further questions President McLaughlin closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

**Communications from the Mayor**

1. The Mayor respectfully submitted affordable housing provisions related to the MBTA Communities Act. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer in the amount of \$35,000 to fund the second year (FY2024) of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police School Traffic Supervisors' Union for a period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Referred to the Finance Committee.

3. The Mayor respectfully requested authorization to grant Charles River Canoe & Kayak a Section 10A permit to put a temporary dock on the Riverwalk next to the Cronin's Landing Dock. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer in the amount of \$133,229 for the projected deficit in the snow overtime and snow general expenses accounts. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 for the Police Department medical services account. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of the Year 50 Community Development Block Grant Program. Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a financing plan for the sidewalk improvements project on Lexington Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of an appropriation and transfer of funds in the amount of \$156,000 for the engineering services needed to study the phosphorous load discharged through storm water into the Stony Brook Reservoir throughout the calendar year 2024. Referred to the Finance Committee.

### **Applications and Licenses**

All Applications and Licenses referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

- Lodging House Renewal – 26 Myrtle Street – Diane Cotton
- Lodging House Renewal – 94 Adams Street – AMG Beech Road LLC

### **Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances**

- Preferential Veterans Housing Resolution  
This Resolution was addressed earlier in the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Ordinances and Rules**

1. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the LIP application and agreement regarding 185 Willow Street Affordable Rental Unit be approved. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll Call required.  
In favor: Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley and Vidal.  
Opposed: None.  
Absent: Bradley-MacArthur, LaCava.  
Presiding: McLaughlin.  
The matter was approved 12-0-2.

### **Finance**

1. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of two photographs of Waltham City Hall taken by John Swisher be approved. Councillor LaFauci moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

2. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the FFY2023 EMPG Grant in the amount of \$25,600 from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency be approved. Councillor LaFauci moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
3. The Finance Committee recommended the transfer of traffic impact funds in the amount of \$126,000 for the construction of sidewalks along Lincoln Street, between King's Way and Smith Street be approved. Councillor LaFauci moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
4. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of a State Grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the Hardy Pond Outlet Weir Design project be approved. Councillor Stanley spoke on the matter. Councillor LaFauci moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
5. The Finance Committee recommended funding for the Cedarwood Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$1,375,000 be approved. Councillor LaFauci moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

#### **Unfinished Business & Other Business**

- Extension of time for Special Permit (order # 31842) at 850 Winter Street, 910 Winter Street, and 920-930-940 Winter Street for PD Winter Street, LLC to commence by May 5, 2025 and the time to complete such work be extended for two years from such commencement date. Councillor Harris made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved for approval of the time extension. Roll Call required.  
In favor: Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley and Vidal.  
Opposed: None.  
Absent: Bradley-MacArthur, LaCava.  
Presiding: McLaughlin.  
The matter was approved 12-0-2.
- Extension of time for Special Permit Application at 55 First Avenue for King First West Owner, LLC through May 1, 2024. Councillor Harris made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved for approval of the time extension. Roll Call required.  
In favor: Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley and Vidal.  
Opposed: None.  
Absent: Bradley-MacArthur, LaCava.  
Presiding: McLaughlin.  
The matter was approved 12-0-2.
- Minor Modification of Special Permit Amendment #313-66 for Costco Wholesale Corporation at 71 Second Avenue. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

- WCAC request for reimbursement (\$135,656.67). Referred to the Cable Access Committee.

### **Tabled Items**

- Loan authorization for \$695,113 for the installation of a perimeter fence on Trapelo Road to Waverley Oaks Road. (First Reading 2/26/24). Councillor LaFauci made a motion to take the matter off the table. The motion was approved by voice vote. Councillor LaFauci made a motion for approval for a second reading which is the final reading. Roll Call required.

In favor: Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Bradley-MacArthur, LaCava.

Presiding: McLaughlin.

The matter was approved 12-0-2.

Councillor Harris made a motion to discharge the Special Permit Application for King First West Owner, LLC at 55 First Avenue, Waltham. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris made a motion to accept a late file communication from the Law Department. The motion was approved by voice vote. Councillor Harris made a motion that was that was approved by voice vote to release Part 4 of the Law Departments opinion to the petitioner. Councillor Harris moved to refer the back matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. The motion was approved by voice vote and the matter was referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

President McLaughlin announced the Sub-Committees and the Councillors that will sit on them.  
Ambulance Committee: Councillors LaCava and LaFauci.

Kevin M. Ritcey Award Committee: Councillors Harris, LaFauci and McLaughlin.

WCAC Cable Access Committee: Councillors Dunn, Hanley and Katz.

Master Plan Committee: Councillors, Durkee, Katz, LeBlanc, McMenimen and Vidal.

With no further matters Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

March 20, 2024