

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 11, 2023

President McMenimen called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and President McMenimen.

Absent: None.

City Clerk Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by President McMenimen 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 McLaughlin moved approval of the Special Meeting minutes of 8/7/2023. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 8 to take the Honoring 9/11 – National Day of Service and Reembrace Resolution out of order. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillors Paz, Darcy and Bradley-Mac-Arthur asked to sign on to the Resolution. Councillors Harris and LeBlanc as well as President McMenimen spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Harris moved approval of the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote and The Honoring 9/11 – National Day of Service and Remembrance Resolution was approved.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

First Public Hearing: Grant of Location for Eversource Energy at 467 Moody Street.

Joanne Callender, 48 Cheyanne Road, Worcester MA, representing the petitioner, spoke in favor of the petition. Property Owner, Steve Panosian, 2 Cliff Road, Waltham, spoke in favor of the petition. With no one else in support, no one in opposition and no one in a neutral position of the petition President McMenimen closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from Off-Committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris asked questions to the petitioner. Mr. Panosian explained the need for the conduit upgrade for the building. Councillors Paz, Bradley-Mac-Arthur and LaFauci asked questions with Mr. Panosian providing answers. Councillor Harris made a request to have Eversource provide a technical representative at the Committee meeting to answer any additional questions. With no further questions President McMenimen closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested on behalf of former City Auditor George S. Gallitano and former City Auditor Dennis P. Quinn the acceptance of the following items for display in the City Hall Museum Room: a City of Waltham General Obligation Bond (specimen) dated December 1, 1982 and a City of Waltham Water Bond (Specimen) dated June 1, 1984. Referred to the Finance Committee.

2. The Mayor respectfully requested the reappointment of Bernard E. Mullin Jr. of 22 Hamilton Road, Waltham, as Director of Emergency Management Services for a three-year term expiring February 29, 2025. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested the reappointment of Robert S. Winn, P.E., 124 Chaffee Avenue, Waltham, as City Engineer for a three-year term expiring on February 28, 2026. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested the reappointment of Michael L. J. Chaisson, 25 Circuit Lane, Waltham, as Director of Consolidated Public Works for a three-year term expiring February 28, 2026. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a water pressure gage based on atmospheric pressure that was at Engine 7 from Chief Randy Mullin for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a vintage speaker that was in the Mayor's Office for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested pursuant to Section 24-3 of the City Ordinances the appointment of Angie Doucette, 10 Galen Street, Waltham as a Trustee of the City of Waltham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund to fill the vacancy of Nina Udwin. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested the transfer of funds totaling \$55,924.00 for the Building Department for maintenance and repair projects. Referred to the Finance Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a request from the Chief of Police to approve a Special Act allowing Waltham Special Police Officers to continue to work "police details" until they reach the age of 70. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
10. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$19,333.56 for the purchase of a copier and monitors for the Building Inspection Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
11. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a photograph of a 1956 Kindergarten Class at the Hardy School donated by Paula and Richard Leeper for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
12. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a program from Robert Eagle's first production for the City Hall Museum Room donated by Robert Eagle. Referred to the Finance Committee.
13. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer of funds totaling \$126,000.00 from the itemized traffic impact accounts to award the design bid of \$198,400.00 for the intersection of Main/Warren/Barbara/Gore. Referred to the Finance Committee.

14. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer of funds totaling \$40,000.00 from the itemized traffic impact accounts to be used for the installation of a traffic signal mast arm at the intersection of South Street and Bedford Street. Referred to the Finance Committee.
15. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation of \$25,000.00 for the Disability Services Commission to fund handicap projects. Referred to the Finance Committee.
16. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a petition from the residents of Caughey Street for permission to widen the street. Referred to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee.

Applications and Licenses

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

- Lodging House License Renewal — 10-12 Maple Street – Mad-Nat Realty Trust

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Donald P. Doherty Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillors Harris and LeBlanc spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Tabled Items

- Loan authorization in the amount of \$1,515,000.00 for the resurfacing of various streets and sidewalk improvements. (1st Reading 8/7/2023)
Councillor O'Brien made a motion to take the matter off the table. The motion was approved by voice vote. Councillor O'Brien moved approval of a second and final reading. Roll Call required.
In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and President McMenimen.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
The Loan Authorization was approved 15-0-0.

Clerk Vizard and President McMenimen spoke on the Preliminary Election being that would be held September 12, 2023.

With no further matters Councillor Vidal moved to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President McMenimen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

September 19, 2023