

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 8, 2024

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

Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McMenimen, Stanley, Vidal, and President McLaughlin.

Absent: None.

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 Katz asked for a moment of silence and spoke about Waltham resident Richard “Glen” Michell who recently passed away.

Councillor LaCava made a motion to adopt the 2023 City Council Rules as the 2024 City Council Rules. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the 2024 City Council Rules were adopted.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 15.

In accordance with Rule 15, President McLaughlin spoke and appointed Joseph P. LaCava as the City Council Vice President for the year 2024. The City Councils vote was required for the confirmation. City Clerk Vizard called the Roll.

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur: Joseph P. LaCava

Paul J. Brasco: Joseph P. LaCava

Caren Dunn: Joseph P. LaCava

Sean T. Durkee: Joseph P. LaCava

William A. Hanley: Joseph P. LaCava

Cathyann Harris: Joseph P. LaCava

Paul S. Katz: Joseph P. LaCava

Joseph P. LaCava: Joseph P. LaCava

Anthony LaFauci: Joseph P. LaCava

Randy J. LeBlanc: Joseph P. LaCava

Robert G. Logan: Joseph P. LaCava

John J. McLaughlin: Joseph P. LaCava

Kathleen B. McMenimen: Joseph P. LaCava

Thomas M. Stanley: Joseph P. LaCava

Carlos A. Vidal: Joseph P. LaCava

With 15 votes Joseph P. LaCava was voted as the Vice President of the City Council for 2024.

Councillor LaCava moved approval of the regular meeting minutes of 12/26/2023. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a donation to the Waltham Fire Department from the New Light Korean Church in the amount of \$300. Referred to the Finance Committee.

2. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of two bowling pins, one wood and one plastic, from the Tortola Family. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a What's Cooking in Waltham book from Donna Laswell for the Waltham City Hall Museum. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested authority to file and SRF Grant Application and to execute agreements and perform any other actions related to the grant loan for the Water Service Inventory and Lead Service Line Replacement Plan. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested the reappointment of Robert P. Millian, Jr. of 16 Bither Avenue, Waltham as constable. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a donation of \$200 toward the upkeep and maintenance of the Holiday Lights on the Common from Connors and Connors LLP. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a new water easement for a new 12-inch water main to be routed from Winter Street to Totten Pond Road. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer in the amount of \$257,000 from the Library State Aid Special Revenue Account to a new account for the purchase of a Library Bookmobile. Referred to the Finance Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$124,900 from Unreserved Fund Balance for server replacement/upgrades for the IT Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
10. The Mayor respectfully requested the following financing plan to purchase new turnout gear for the Fire Department. The Mayor requested a loan authorization in the amount of \$695,000. The mayor requested that an appropriation of \$695,000 be approved in order to preserve the current purchase price. The appropriation will be rescinded once the loan order is approved. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Lodging House Renewal — 6 Park Place – Marc Pintabone
2. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Copley Hall North Lower – Bentley University
3. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Copley Hall South Lower – Bentley University
4. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Fenway Hall – Bentley University
5. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Forest Hall Upper – Bentley University
6. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Kresage Hall Upper – Bentley University
7. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Nathan R. Miller Hall Upper – Bentley University
8. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Slade Hall Upper – Bentley University
9. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Stratton House Beaver – Bentley University
10. Lodging House Renewal — 175 HUD Tree Dorms Upper – Bentley University

11. Lodging House Renewal — 175 Castle Hall Upper – Bentley University
12. Lodging House Renewal — 20-22 Adams Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
13. Lodging House Renewal — 44-46 Chester Avenue – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
14. Lodging House Renewal — 118-120 Robbins Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
15. Lodging House Renewal — 11-13 Walnut Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
16. Lodging House Renewal — 10-12 Maple Street – Mad Nat Realty Trust
17. Extended Hours Renewal — 851 Main Street – J & J Variety

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Appointment of Committees

President McLaughlin listed the names of the Committees and members.

Public Works and Public Safety Committee

Caren Dunn

Sean Durkee

Paul Katz

Anthony LaFauci

Randall LeBlanc

Long Term Debt Committee

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur

Sean Durkee

Kathleen B. McMenimen

Thomas Stanley

Carlos Vidal

Economic and Community Development Committee

Paul Brasco

Caren Dunn

Cathyann Harris

Joseph LaCava

Thomas Stanley

Licenses and Franchises Committee

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur

Bill Hanley

Paul Katz

Robert Logan

Carlos Vidal

Ordinances and Rules Committee

Caren Dunn

Cathyann Harris

Randall LeBlanc

Robert Logan

John McLaughlin

Finance Committee

Bill Hanley

Joseph LaCava
Anthony LaFauci
Kathleen McMenimen
Carlos Vidal

Veterans Services Committee

Paul Brasco
Sean Durkee
Bill Hanley
Randall LeBlanc
John McLaughlin

- Time extension for Flora Holdings LLC at 219 – 221 Bear Hill Road
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

Tabled Items

- Loan Authorization in the amount of \$2,050,000 for the water main project on Clark, Ripley, Gale and Pierce. (1st Reading 12/26/23)

With no further matters Councillor Harris made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Cathy Magliarditi
Executive Assistant to the City Clerk
January 17, 2024