

Waltham City Council  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
November 23, 2020

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President Brasco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

**Call of the Roll**

Present: Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and Brasco.

Absent: None

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

The City Clerk stated that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss and set the classification and the residential factor which will be used by the Board of Assessors to determine the percentage of tax levy to be of personal and commercial property taxes for the fiscal year 2021. Councillor Harris moved to hear from all off Council members. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Frank Craig, City Assessor and Chair of the Board of Assessors presented all the information relative to the classification and residential factor. Councillors LaCava, Mackin, Vidal, LaFauci, LeBlanc, and McMenimen all asked questions of Mr. Craig. Councillor LaCava moved to close the hearing. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved. Councillor Darcy moved approval of the Community Preservation Act – FY2021 surcharge allocation OF \$3,200,000. Roll call required. In Favor: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: LaCava, Brasco.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 12-2.

Councillor Darcy moved approval of the Community Preservation Act – FY2020 Unallocated reserve allocation of \$1,789,415.71. Roll call required.

In Favor: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: LaCava, Brasco.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 12-2.

Councillor Darcy moved approval of the Community Preservation Act – FY2020 State match allocation in the amount of \$912,883. Councillor LaCava spoke on the motion. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

Councillor Darcy moved approval of the Community Preservation Act – FY2019 State match allocation in the amount of \$296,739. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

Councillor LaCava moved that the appropriation from Unreserved Fund Balance to the General Fund Revenue in the amount of \$2,500,000 be approved. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

Councillor LaCava moved that the appropriation from Sewer Retained Earnings to Sewer Revenue account in the amount of \$920,000 be approved. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

Councillor LaCava moved that the appropriation from Water Retained Earnings to Water Revenue account in the amount of \$1,089,000 be approved. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

Councillor Vidal moved that the FY2021 Residential Exemption of 35% for the fiscal year 2021 be approved. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: LaCava, LaFauci and LeBlanc.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 11-3.

Councillor Vidal moved that the FY2021 Residential Factor of 62.3487 for the fiscal year 2021 be approved. Roll call required.

In Favor: Brasco, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter approved 14-0.

With no other matter to be discussed Councillor Paz moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor McMenimen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

December 4, 2020