

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Finance Committee
August 2, 2021

Chairman LaCava called the meeting to order at 11:49 p.m.

Clerk Pro Tem Kara Wilson clerked the meeting.

President Brasco had a voice vote approved by all during the City Council meeting to approve any Committee meeting may go past midnight.

Call of the Roll:

Present: Councillors Durkee, LaCava, LaFauci, McMenimen and Vidal.

Absent: None

First agenda item: Acceptance of a donation to the Waltham Fire Department from the Digital Federal Credit Union for \$5,000. Chairman LaCava spoke with Chief MacInnis on the phone today and the Chief apologized for not being able to attend meeting but would appreciate the acceptance of the donation. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the donation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Second agenda item: Acceptance of a donation to the Waltham Police Department from the Digital Federal Credit Union for \$5,000. Councillor Durkee moved to suspend the rules to hear from all off committee members. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved. Chief O'Connell spoke on the matter. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the donation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Third agenda item: Acceptance of the State 911 Department Training Grant for \$27,854. Chief O'Connell spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the donation. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Fourth agenda item: Transfer of \$220,000 for the purchase of a new bucket truck for the CPW Forestry Division. Mike Chiasson, Director of CPW spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Fifth agenda item: Transfer of \$261,000 for the purchase of a street sweeper for the CPW Streets Division. Mike Chiasson, Director of CPW spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Sixth agenda item: Acceptance of \$226,871 PSAP Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department. Councillor Durkee asked questions of Chief O'Connell. Chief O'Connell spoke on the matter. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Seventh agenda item: Financing transaction totaling \$483,957 for the "Bringing Climate Resilience to Beaver Brook" program. Ms. Cagle the planning Director spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Eighth agenda item: Transfer of \$100,000 to fund the cleaning of the debris in Chester Brook from Lyman Pond to Lexington Street. Mr. Winn, Director of Engineering spoke on the matter. Councillor LaFauci asked Mr. Winn how the debris was going to be removed; manually or by a machine. Mr.

Winn will have to go to ConCom to get their thoughts and what the proper technique to remove it properly. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Ninth agenda item: Transfer of funds totaling \$1,100,000 to cover the replacement of dated/or lead water services, aging sewer laterals and illegal sump pumps on streets that are slated to be repaved by the CPW Department. Councillor LaFauci asked questions to Mr. Winn relating to 17-25s. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Tenth agenda item: Transfer of \$400,000 to fund the engineering estimate of the design phase of the utility improvements in and around Winter Street/Lincoln Street/Glen Circle area including the water service loop connection to the new Waltham High School. Councillor McMenimen asked questions to Mr. Winn. Councillor LaFauci asked if Glen Circle was just a utility upgrade and Mr. Winn stated yes. Councillor McMenimen moved approval of the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Councillor Vidal moved to adjourn. Chairman LaCava declared the meeting adjourned at 12:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

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August 5, 2021