

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
February 28, 2022

1. Vice-President McLaughlin called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President McLaughlin requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin were present.
3. Councillor Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on February 7, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting were approved.
4. President McMenimen rose to ask for a moment of silence for the recent passing of former City Auditor George Gallitano. President McMenimen read a statement highlighting Mr. Gallitano's lengthy and magnificent career as the City Auditor, including the legacy he instilled in his successors Dennis Quinn and Paul Centofanti.
5. President McMenimen moved to hear from the individuals listed on the agenda, Assistant City Solicitor Luke Stanton, Assistant City Solicitor Katherine Laughman, Assessor Francis Craig and Assessor Bernadette Vazquez. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
6. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the re-appointment of Luke Stanton as an Assistant City Solicitor for a two-year term expiring February 29, 2024. Councillor Durkee asked Attorney Stanton to provide a brief summary of his background and experience. Councillor Durkee moved to confirm the re-appointment of Luke Stanton as an Assistant City Solicitor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the re-appointment of Francis Craig as an Assessor for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2025. President McMenimen asked Attorney Craig to provide a brief summary of his background, experience and to describe his responsibilities as an Assessor. Attorney Craig gave a detailed and informative response. President McMenimen moved to confirm the re-appointment of Francis Craig as an Assessor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
8. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the re-appointment of Bernadette Vazquez as an Assessor for a three-year term expiring January 31, 2025. Councillor Lacava asked Ms. Vazquez to describe her responsibilities as an Assessor. Councillor LaCava moved to confirm the re-appointment of Bernadette Vazquez as an Assessor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

9. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the re-appointment of Katherine Laughman as an Assistant City Solicitor for a two-year term expiring February 29, 2024. Councillor Darcy asked Attorney Laughman to provide a brief summary of her background and experience. Councillor Darcy spoke favorably of Attorney Laughman and expressed his support. Councillor Darcy moved to confirm the re-appointment of Katherine Laughman as an Assistant City Solicitor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
10. A motion by Councillor Vidal to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:25pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole