Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
May 2, 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, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LeBlanc, President McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal, and Vice-President McLaughlin were present. Councillors Durkee and LaFauci were absent.

3. President McMenimen moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on April 19, 2022. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting were approved.

4. A request was received from the Mayor to transfer the care, custody and control of the property at 33 Exchange Street Parking Lot to the Library Trustees and Library Director pursuant to City Council Order #35114. A motion by Councillor Harris to hear from the Mayor was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor gave an overview of the request citing the intended parking use. Councillor Harris spoke about the matter and then moved to approve the Mayor's request. On the motion, Councillor LaCava asked questions about the release of the minutes of the executive session on this matter and if the intended use was only for the Waltham Public Library. The Mayor stated the use would be in accordance with the council order, it was not for municipal parking and the Library Trustees would make the decisions on the use of the parking. The Mayor stated there are 34 parking spaces and the Boys' & Girls' Club would have use of 8 spaces. Upon additional questions from Councillor LaCava, the Mayor re-iterated the Traffic Commission would not administer this parking lot as the council order stated it was given to the Library. Councillor Dunn asked questions about access to the parking lot and if it would be gated. Councillor LeBlanc asked if it would be similar to the parking at the Senior Center. Councillor Darcy suggested the parking should be for public use when the Library is not open. Councillor Darcy moved to allow 17 spaces for public use when the Library is not open as a condition of the transfer of the care, custody and control. The Mayor stated she would like to get input from the Library Trustees and Library Director. Councillor Darcy withdrew his motion. Councillor Darcy moved to request that the Mayor confer with Waltham Library Director Linehan and the Waltham Board of Library Trustees to determine library related parking needs at the city's newly acquired lot at 33 Exchange Street and comprising 0.2755 acres. On the motion, Councillor Katz expressed the best use of the parking was for the Library and the Boys' & Girls' Club and not general municipal use. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked questions about the enforcement of the parking, such as a snow emergency. Councillor Harris withdrew her motion to approve the Mayor's request Mayor to transfer the care, custody and control of the property at 33 Exchange Street Parking Lot to the Library Trustees and Library Director pursuant to City Council Order #35114. Councillor LeBlanc asked several follow up questions about enforcement and if it should be metered. The Mayor stated permits could be provided to the Library employees and the

Library would administer. The motion of Councillor Darcy to request that the Mayor confer with Waltham Library Director Linehan and the Waltham Board of Library Trustees to determine library related parking needs at the city's newly acquired lot at 33 Exchange Street and comprising 0.2755 acres was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

5. Vice-President McLaughlin stated that training for City Councillors would be scheduled at the next City Council meeting or the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

6. A motion by Councilor Harris to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 8:50pm.

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