

Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2022

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:00p.m.

Clerk Pro Tem Kara Wilson called the roll.

Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, Lacava, LaFauci, LeBlanc McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and McLaughlin.

Absent: O'Brien.

President McMenimen moved approval of the 3/21/2022 minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

Councillor LaCava moved approval of the 4/4/2022 minutes. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

First agenda item: Transfer the care, custody and control of property located at 625 Moody Street
Councillor Harris moved to hear from the Mayor. All were in favor. Councillor Harris and Councillor Durkee went to escort the Mayor to the Chamber. The Mayor was not available at this time. Councillor Harris moved to table the matter. Matter tabled by a voice vote.

Attorney Michael Connors spoke on the extension. Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of the time extension from June 2022 to June 2023. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Second agenda item: Request for Executive Session concerning a confidential matter related to Moody Street. President McMenimen moved to table the matter until the end of the meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Third agenda item: Approval of allotment of \$410,314.04 of cable access funds for the Waltham City Council.

Councillor LaCava moved to table the matter until the mayor was available. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

Fourth agenda item: Approval of allotment of \$38,463.52 of cable access funds for WCAC
President McMenimen moved to table the matter until the Mayor was available. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

Fifth agenda item: Resolution concerning the acquisition of 1 Brook Road for flood storage
Councillor Darcy spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Darcy made a request for the appraisal of the property to be sent to the 2 new Councillors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the request was approved. Councillor Darcy made a request that was approved by a voice vote to schedule a site visit the week of April 25, 2022. Councillor Darcy moved to place the Resolution on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

Councillor Harris moved to take the matter related to 625 Moody Street off of the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Mayor entered the Chamber. The Mayor credited Councillors Vidal and Harris for the idea of this parking lot. The Mayor will have the Traffic Commissioner assign the lot as a metered lot. Councillor Harris spoke on the background of the matter and why there is a need for more parking on Moody Street. Councillor Vidal reiterated the importance of parking in the neighborhood. Councillors LeBlanc, McMenimen, Katz and Bradley-MacArthur all asked questions to the Mayor. The Mayor replied that there will be 60 spaces with possibly just an Ash Street exit and Moody Street entrance. It will be ready to open

this summer. It will be pay to park and there will be a time limit on the spaces. Councillor Harris moved approval of the transfer. Roll call required.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, Lacava, LaFauci, LeBlanc McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and McLaughlin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: O'Brien.

Matter was approved 14-1.

Councillor LaCava moved to take the cable access fund allotment of \$410,314.04 off of the table. Matter approved by a voice vote. Councillor LaCava asked questions about the uses. The Mayor stated they can use it for equipment, capital etc. Councillor LaCava moved approval of the transfer. Roll call requested.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, Lacava, LaFauci, LeBlanc McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and McLaughlin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: O'Brien.

Matter was approved 14-1.

Councillor LaCava moved to take the \$38,463.52 allotment for WCAC off of the table. Matter approved by a voice vote. Councillor LaCava moved approval of the funds. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Harris moved to take the request for executive session off of the table. Matter approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to go into executive session and have the Mayor and Attorney Stanton attend and Kara Wilson clerk the meeting. Roll call required.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, Lacava, LaFauci, LeBlanc McMenimen, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and McLaughlin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: O'Brien.

Matter was approved 14-1.

The City Council convened in executive session at 8:37 p.m.

The city Council reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

Councillor Harris moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the matter was tabled.

Councillor McLaughlin noted that 247 years ago the American Revolution lead to American Independence. With no further matters President McMenimen moved to adjourn.

Councillor McLaughlin declared the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Assistant City Clerk
April 25, 2022