

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
May 17, 2021

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:20pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President McMenimen requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley Vidal, and Vice-President McMenimen were all present in-person. Councillor Mackin was absent.
3. Councillor LaCava moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on May 3, 2021. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were approved.
4. A resolution concerning the train horns was submitted by Councillors McLaughlin and LaCava. Councillor McLaughlin updated the Committee on the efforts of the Mayor and him to speak with representatives of the federal transportation agency. Councillor McLaughlin also stated that he and the Mayor would appear at the next Traffic Commission meeting to offer solutions. Councillor LaCava acknowledged and supported the efforts of the Mayor and Councillor McLaughlin. Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A confidential communication was received from the Mayor concerning the land acquisition of the properties located at 1273 and 1335 Main Street. Councillor LaFauci moved to take the matter of 4/26/2021 concerning the above properties off the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. President Brasco moved to hear from the Mayor (in-person) and City Solicitor John Cervone (ZOOM). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Upon inquiry, it was suggested the matter be discussed in executive session. President Brasco moved to go into executive session, invite the Mayor and Mr. Cervone, appoint Paul Centofanti as the Clerk, include Assistant City Clerk Joe Vizard to administer the ZOOM call and to reconvene in open session. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 13 in favor (President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley and Vidal), Councillor Mackin absent and Vice-President McMenimen presiding at 8:35pm.
6. Open session reconvened at 9:05pm.
7. A motion by President Brasco to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote, and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 9:07pm.

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