

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

February 18, 2020

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:00 pm.
2. Vice-President McMenimen requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Stanley, Vidal and Vice-President McMenimen were present. President Brasco and Councillor Paz were absent.
3. A motion to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on February 3, 2020 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the February 3, 2020 meeting were approved.
4. Councillor Vidal rose to state that the Complete Count Committee (CCC) for the 2020 federal census would be holding a meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2019 from 6–7:30pm in the Conference Room in City Hall. All interested parties are welcome to attend.
5. Vice-President McMenimen stated the docket item of the presentation of the wireless management program by Christopher Hesse would be conducted at the March 2, 2020 COW meeting. A motion to place the matter on the table was adopted on a voice vote.
6. Vice-President McMenimen reminded the Committee of its obligation to prepare and submit the City Council budget for FY2021 to the Mayor. Vice-President McMenimen requested the Clerk to put the matter on the COW agenda for March 2, 2020 meeting.
7. Vice-President McMenimen spoke about the resolution for the joint meeting of the Mayor and City Council and the need to find a consistent date/time. After a brief discussion, Vice-President McMenimen suggested the joint meetings be held on the night of the COW and to take up the topics incrementally. Councillor Harris prepared a suggested format and moved to approve it and to have the Clerk forward a copy to all Councillors. On the motion, Councillor Mackin asked if the matters to be discussed could be provided in advance. Councillor Vidal asked if the meetings would be held and conducted in the same manner as the COW. Vice-President McMenimen responded in the affirmative to both questions. The motion of Councillor Harris was adopted on a roll call vote of 11 in favor (Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien and Stanley), 1 opposed (Vidal), 2 absent (Brasco and Paz) and McMenimen presiding. A motion to place the matter on the table was adopted on a voice vote.

8. A request was received from the Mayor to confirm the appointment of Raymond Buscemi as a constable. Councillor Dunn moved to confirm the appointment. On the motion, Councillor Darcy requested that the term of the appointment be included on the council order. The motion of Councillor Dunn was adopted on a voice vote and Mr. Buscemi's appointment as a constable was confirmed.
9. Vice-President McMenimen stated the need to reduce the COW docket and make decisions on each outstanding matter.
10. Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the Brandeis president (11/14/2016) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
11. Councillor Vidal moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the Stigmatine development rights (5/22/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
12. Councillor O'Brien moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the purchase of 0 Prospect Hill Road (9/11/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor O'Brien moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
13. Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter of the Met State Admin Building (11/27/2017) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to request the Mayor to provide an update on the matter. Councillor Darcy moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
14. Vice-President McMenimen moved to take the matter concerning the citywide electricity aggregation plan (4/9/2018). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President McMenimen moved to combine the matter with the similar docket item (2/11/2019). The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
15. Councillor Stanley moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning air conditioning at WHS (9/10/2018) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Stanley moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
16. Councillor Stanley moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the new Police Station (10/9/2018) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-

President McMenimen stated the matter was resolved and included with the next docket item of 12/26/2018. Councillor Stanley moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

17. Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the lease or purchase of 23–25 Gordon Street (12/26/2018) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved to request the Mayor to provide an update on the matter. Councillor LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
18. Vice-President McMenimen moved to take the matter of 102 Trimount Avenue (4/8/2019) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Vice-President McMenimen requested that Councillor Dunn speak with Mayor to get an update on the item. Councillor LeBlanc moved to request information on the procedure for the disposition of the property on Berkley Street. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councilor LeBlanc moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
19. Councillor Vidal moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the CPC deed restrictions (5/28/2019) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved to request the communication that was received from the CPC be resent to all Councillors. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councilor Vidal moved to place the matter back on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
20. Councillor LaCava moved to take the matter of the resolution concerning the CPA ballot question (6/24/2019). The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor LaCava stated he would bring the matter back rather than just leave it on the table. Councillor LaCava moved to file the matter under Rule 81 without prejudice. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
21. A motion by Councillor Mackin 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