

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

### Minutes of the Meeting

Remotely Held

May 18, 2020

1. Vice-President McMenimen called the meeting to Order at 8:15 pm by remote access.
2. Vice-President McMenimen requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll – President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and Vice-President McMenimen were present.
3. A motion by President Brasco to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on April 21, 2020 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the April 21, 2020 meeting were accepted.
4. A motion by President Brasco to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on May 4, 2020 was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the May 4, 2020 meeting were accepted.
5. A request was received from the Mayor to have the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Project Scope and Budget Agreement (PSA) between the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) and the City of Waltham for the purpose of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Waltham High School, including all other costs incidental or related thereto, to be located at 554 Lexington Street, Waltham, Massachusetts. President Brasco moved to hear from the Mayor and Architect Lorraine Finnegan of SMMA. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor gave an overview of the project, detailing the reimbursement percentage and that the MSBA requires the budget to be in place before proceeding with the project. The Mayor explained the documents to be signed and the individuals who would sign on behalf of the City, School Department, School Committee and the School Building Committee. Councillor Paz moved to approve the authorization request. On the motion, Councillor Dunn asked several questions about the PSA document, specifically if this was a draft document, to which the Mayor replied it was not. Councillor Dunn stated she looked forward to working with neighbors and with the Mayor to address the traffic, noise, dust and debris at the site. Councillor Dunn asked if there will be an update on the Jericho Hill site, to which the Mayor replied that the MSBA was aware of the Jericho Hill site being used. Ms. Finnegan further explained that the project scope includes the school building, one field and a parking garage. The additional 6 acres of Jericho Hill being used do not affect the scope. Councillor Stanley spoke about the importance of the project and it was critical to keep the funding commitment from the State. Councillor

Stanley stated that as a City, we do not want to lose this opportunity. The original motion of Councillor Paz was adopted on a roll call vote of 15 in favor (President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley, Vidal and Vice-President McMenimen).

6. A motion by Councillor Vidal to adjourn was adopted on a roll call vote of 14 in favor (President Brasco, Councillors Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Stanley & Vidal) and Vice-President McMenimen presiding. Vice-President McMenimen declared the Committee adjourned at 8:35pm.

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