

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 27, 2023

President McMenimen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Vidal, and President McMenimen.

Absent: Stanley.

City Clerk Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by President McMenimen leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor Durkee asked for a moment of silence for all military that have served past and present.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the regular meeting minutes of 3/13/2023. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 under the Assistance to Small Business category for eligible applicants in the downtown Waltham area. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of the acceptance of Sections 1 & 2 of Chapter 269 of the Act of 2022, pursuant to M.G.L. c32 §103, which provide local retirement systems with a local option to increase the Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") for fiscal Year 2023 up to 5 percent on the base amount. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested the appointment of Stephen A. Taranto of 270 Lake Street, Waltham, MA 02451 as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill Michael Cotton's vacancy. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of the final assessment Order for Silver Hill Lane. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a gift of \$1,000.00 from George A. Darcy, III for a bench at Berry Farm in honor of Gloria Champion for her outstanding commitment to Prospect Hill Park. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested the approval of a financing transaction in the total amount of \$1,783,950.00 for the construction phase of the Trapelo Road at Beaver Brook culvert replacement and flood wall installation. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested that the care, custody and control of the remainder of the Fitch School property be transferred to the Recreation Department. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Applications and Licenses

All Applications and Licenses referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

- Second Hand Dealers Renewal — 709 Main Street – Neighbors Who Thrift

- Second Hand Dealers Renewal — 563 Moody Street – Compustar Inc.

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Moody Street Bike Resolution.
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the Resolution. President McMenimen referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

Committee Reports

Licenses and Franchises

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the renewal of the Secondhand Dealers license at 108C River Street – Mint Condition Sports, LLC dba Play It Again Sports be approved. Councillor Vidal moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the renewal of the Lodging House renewal at 21-23 Pine Street – Pine Street LLC be approved. Councillor Vidal moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended a financing transaction totaling \$876,000.00 to fund the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City and Police Patrol Officer's Union for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
2. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of various Waltham photographs from Paul Gisbourne for the Waltham City Hall Museum Room be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
3. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$130,145.00 to fund the purchase and conversion of a surplus fire truck from the Town of Weston to be used as an Air Supply Unit for the City's Emergency Management Services (EMS) Department be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
4. The Finance Committee recommended a financing transaction totaling \$232,200.00 to fund the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the City and Manager's Union for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
5. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,843.60 for the purchase of two laptop computers for the two Junior Civil Engineers positions in the Engineering Department be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

6. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of a Grover Cronin Creative Easter Bunny Contest Letter from an anonymous donor for the Waltham City Hall Museum Room be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
7. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of two Santa photographs with the original cards taken at Grover Cronin from John Antonellis for the Waltham City Hall Museum Room be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
8. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of art services in the amount of \$250.00 from Donna Laswell representing the cost of the drawing that she did for the Council on Aging, William F. Stanley Building be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
9. The Finance Committee recommended the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$115,345.77 for the upgrade of a portion of Piety Corner Road sewer be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
10. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount \$20,000.00 to fund the projected deficit in the Unemployment Insurance account for FY2023 be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
11. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 to fund the projected deficit in the Pre-Employment Services account for FY2023 be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
12. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$255,000.00 to fund the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) services for the 12-month feasibility study of the current Waltham High School building be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
13. The Finance Committee recommended the use of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of \$2,268,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Wimbledon Circle Sewer Pump Station and Force Main Project be approved. Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
14. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the gift of services from Gary Thurston to offer free community CPR training for Waltham residents be approved.

Councillor LaCava moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Public Works and Public Safety

1. The Public Works and Public Safety Committee recommended the Resolution Providing Clean Water for Elinor Circle Residents be filed without prejudice. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.
2. The Public Works and Public Safety Committee recommended the One Brook Road Resolution be filed without prejudice. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the appointment of Debra Vautour of 257 Ash Street, Waltham as a member of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners to fill Nancy Caruso's vacancy be approved. Councillor McLaughlin moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll Call required.
In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Vidal and McMenimen.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Stanley.
Matter was approved 14-0-1.
2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the FY2024 Budget Request for \$417,262.00 for the City Council be approved. Councillor McLaughlin moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved.

Long Term Debt and Capital Planning

1. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommended that the loan authorization for the acquisition of the property located at 101 School Street and 63-65 Lexington Street in the amount of \$2,960,000.00 be approved for a second reading and final reading. Councillor O'Brien moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll Call required.
In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, Vidal and McMenimen.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Stanley.
Matter was approved 14-0-1.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- CPC recommendation for an appropriation of CPA Funds for the Architectural Design of Replacement Windows at Waltham Housing Authority's Arthur Clark Apartments. Referred to Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee
- Time Extension for Waltham Cannabis at 1254-1256 Main Street. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was

approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved approval of the time extension. Roll Call required.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: Stanley.

Recused: LeBlanc.

Presiding: McMenimen.

Matter was approved 12-0-1-1.

Tabled Items

- Mayor's Communication regarding a confidential update for 101 School Street
- Mayor's Communication regarding a confidential update for 0 Prospect Hill Road
- Loan authorization in the amount of \$3,115,000.00 for renovations to the four (4) synthetic turf fields including walking path improvements and tree work at the Veterans Memorial Athletic Field Complex. (3/13/23). Councillor O'Brien made a motion to take the matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor O'Brien moved approval for a second and final reading. Roll Call required.
In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz and Vidal.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Stanley.
Presiding: McMenimen.
Matter was approved 13-0-1.

Councillor Dunn rose to mention the MWRA meeting being held at the Kennedy Middle School on Lexington Street on March 28, 2023.

Councillor LaFauci welcomed back Officer Richard Giordano. The Council stood in applause of his return.

With no further matters Councillor Vidal moved to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President McMenimen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

April 3, 2023