

Economic & Community Development Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2023

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Chairman LaFauci called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Councillors Harris, LaCava, Stanley and Chairman LaFauci.

Absent: Councillor O'Brien.

Councillor Harris moved approval of the meeting minutes from 11/20/23. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

Solar Compactable Trash Cans for Public Spaces/Streets Resolution

Chairman LaFauci read the Resolution. Councillor Harris spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from off-committee member Director of Consolidated Public Works, Michael Chiasson. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Director Chiasson spoke on the matter explaining the current trash barrels get over stuffed with residents dropping their personal trash in public barrels. He explained the city had previously used "Big Belly" trash cans on Main Street, Moody Street and some parks until they became cost prohibitive. He stated that "Big Belly" is willing to work with the city on creating a new contract. Councillor Harris asked additional questions. Director Chiasson provided answers. Chairman LaFauci asked about trash barrels in the Moody Street area. Director Chiasson provided answers. Chairman LaFauci asked about barrels on the new Rail Trail. Director Chiasson said there will be no barrels at all on the trail. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have Director Chiasson develop a proposal for solar trash barrels and recycling looking at locations of downtown (Moody/Main) and all Waltham Public Parks. The proposal should include standard metrics for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) including number of barrels, trash and recycling, and leading service providers for pricing and options for a February meeting of the Economic and Community Development Committee. Councillor Harris intends to put this into CIP now and follow up in February for pricing to the Economic and Community Development Committee. Councillor Harris made a motion to table the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the Resolution was tabled.

With no further matters Councillor Harris made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Chairman LaFauci declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Magliarditi, Clerk of the Committee

December 13, 2023