



***Waltham City Council  
Ordinances and Rules Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, December 20, 2021  
Hoover Committee Room  
610 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02452***

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

**Attendance**

**Present:**

George A. Darcy III

Caren Dunn

John J. McLaughlin

Cathyann Harris

Randall J. LeBlanc

**Absent:** none

Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

***Special Permit for increase of FAR 840 Winter Street***

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney Michael Connors represented the petitioner. Councillor Darcy moved to accept the late filed communication from the Law Department. Councillor Darcy moved to release the second Law opinion to Attorney Connors. The clerk handed Attorney Connors the opinion. Councillor Darcy made the following requests to departments to review technical matters. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney Connors spoke about the lot frontage. Councillor Dunn and Councillor LeBlanc asked questions of Attorney Connors. Councillor Darcy moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

***Drive-thru special permit 130 Lexington Street***

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. Attorney Michael Connors represented the petitioner. Councillor Dunn said she had concerns about over burdening the site. Joe Fonceca reviewed the site plan. Councillor Darcy expressed concern about the noise from the ATM. Attorney Connors said he would add a condition dealing with noise. Councillor Harris said the Council is weighing how busy the site is compared to the added convince of an ATM for residents. Councillor Dunn asked about the parking on site and about the need for an ATM at this location. Councillor Harris moved approval with conditions. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

***City Ordinance amendment of Section 2-184, 2-185, 2-186, 2-187 Department of Maintenance and Director of Maintenance/Clerk of the Works***

Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. The Chair declared a 2 min recess. The Chair called the meeting back to order. The Mayor was present. The Mayor said she would like to moved forward with the hiring process and have a

person in the job for January. Councillor Leblanc said he likes this change because it will allow the Building Inspector to focus on the inspection on code enforcement rather than building maintenance. Councillor LeBlanc moved to give the matter a second reading. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for a second reading.

*Compensation Ordinance changes regarding Chief Building Inspector, Director of Inspectional Services, and Director of Maintenance/Clerk of the Works*

Councillor LeBlanc moved to give the matter a second reading. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for a second reading.

*Large Family Day Care Resolution*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Durkee presented a draft ordinance change. Councillors Darcy, Harris and Dunn commented on the ordinance needing a little more work. Councillor LeBlanc expressed concern about a daycare of up to 10 children in a residential neighborhood. Councillor Harris moved to send the ordinance to the Law Department for review. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to lay the matter on the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

*Special Permit Modification for the Davis Companies at 1017-1019 & 1025-1075 Main Street*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Attorney Connors reviewed responses to the questions posed at the last meeting. Councillor Dunn asked questions about the Solar Flower. Mark Smith from Davis companies answered questions. Councillor Harris asked if Davis Companies has a relationship with the owners of the Solar Flower. Mr. Davis said they do not. Councillor LeBlanc moved approval. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

*Standards for Curbs & Sidewalks*

Councillor Darcy moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

*Interpretive Service Resolution*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

*General Ordinance Amendment on Sidewalk Shoveling*

Councillor Dunn moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

*Updating Waltham's Biosafety Committee Resolution*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

*Special Permit Application Fees Resolution*

Councillor Dunn moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

*Diversity & Inclusion Resolution*

Councillor Dunn moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Dunn moved to place the matter on file. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation that the matter be filed.

Councillor Harris moved to adjourn at 9:34 pm The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, City Clerk

1/13/2022