



***Waltham City Council  
Ordinances and Rules Committee  
Minutes  
Monday May 3, 2021  
City Council Chamber  
610 Main Street  
Waltham, MA 02452***

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 10:15 pm.

**Attendance**

**Present:**

John J. McLaughlin

George A. Darcy III

Caren Dunn

Cathyann Harris

Randall J. LeBlanc

**Absent:** none

Councillor Darcy moved approval of minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

***Time Extension Special Permit 71 Second Ave***

Councillor Harris moved approval of the extension of time. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

***Request for Virtual Public Meeting Uma Flowers***

Attorney Laughman reviewed the regulations governing this request that were issued by the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC). Attorney Laughman said the Council Could Grant this this authorization, but that this is regulated by the CCC and not the City and that adding special conditions to this authorization could be problematic. Councillor Harris asked Clarifying questions. Councillor Harris moved approval. Chairman McLaughlin asked if it was a problem that other had not made this request. Attorney Laughman said that that CCC would have to address that during the state licensing process. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the matter was forwarded to the full Council with a recommendation for approval.

***Minor Modification to Council Order #34816 at 114 Felton St., 44, 44R & 56 Williams Street***

Attorney Bret Francis spoke in favor of the modification. Councillor LeBlanc asked about merging the lots. Attorney Francis said they are still working with the Land Court on this. 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.

### *Tree Protection Resolution*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. Councillor Paz presented a draft ordinance. Councillor Paz spoke of the importance of protecting trees. Councillor Harris and LeBlanc said that they also are in favor of protecting and preserving trees but that they did not want to regulate trees on private property without further study of the impacts. Councillor Darcy said we could limit the ordinances to publicly owned trees.

### *Chicken Ordinance*

Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter from the table. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy provided a status update. Councillor Darcy moved to lay the matter on the table.

Councillor Harris moved to adjourn at 11:14 pm. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, Assistant City Clerk

May 13, 2021