

Waltham City Council Committee Report January 9, 2023

Committees and Members

Committee of the Whole All members of the City Council - Committee Chair Vice President - John J. McLaughlin

Committee Chairs are noted in bold & *.

Public Works and Public Safety Committee
Economic & Community Development
Ordinances & Rules Committee
Veterans Service Committee

Long Term Debt Committee
Licenses and Franchises Committee
Finance Committee
Meeting Times:
Public Works & Public Safety:
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Public Works & Public Safety Committee * Denotes the Chair

Bradley-MacArthur, Dunn, Katz, LaFauci, LeBlanc*

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Public Works	12/11/2017	12/18/2017	17-80 Resurfacing Mount Pleasant Street	Petitioners		Tabled
Public Works	10/15/2019	10/21/2019	17-80 Resurfacing Parkview Road	Petitioners		Tabled
Public Works	9/14/2020	9/21/2020	Providing Clean Water for Elinor Circle Residents Resolution	Darcy	11/7/22: request sent to Eng. For update Eng. attended the 9/21/20 request made Law Dept. & City Engineer to attend the 10/5/2020 Com. Mtg.	Tabled
Public Works	11/23/2020	12/7/2020	Resolution Concerning Garden Crest	Durkee	6/21/22: Gcrest sent an email to update committee on grounds. 12/7/20 Police, Health & Bldg. at the mtg.	Tabled
Public Works	9/27/2021	10/4/2021	Mt. Pleasant Street Engineering Assessment Resolution	Durkee, LeBlanc, Vidal	10/28/2021 betterment ordered submitted by Law and Engineering Departments	Tabled
Public Works	10/25/2021	11/1/2021	Installation of sidewalks and speed limit petition for Willow Street	Mayor/ Petitioners	11/1/2021 Request to Traffic	Tabled
Public Works	2/28/2022	3/7/2022	Upper Moody St. Power Infrastructure Accountability Resolution	Harris, LaFauci Brien, Durkee, McMenimen	4/8/2022: received email from Eversource confirming next outage. 3/21/22: Eversource attended & was asked for a timeline & plan of 2022 work tbd 3/7/22 request to have Wired & Eversource attend next meeting to discuss outages on Moody	Tabled
Public Works	4/11/2022	4/19/2022	1 Brook Road Resolution	Darcy	6/21/22: ComCon & Eng. Depts were there to discuss property.	Tabled

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					Request to have Eng. Look at area to evaluate flood storage. Response by 8/1/22. 6/13/2022: at CC mtg. requested to have Eng. & ConCom attend next mtg.	
Public Works	2/28/2022	3/7/2022	Preserving Residentially Zoned Neighborhoods Resolution	Durkee, et al	8/1/22: invite Law Dept. & Build. Dept. to next mtg. 6/27/22: Transferred from Com. Of Whole to Public Works/Public Safety 5/16/22: request to law dept. 3/21/22: Supt. of Bldgs. Comm Police Dir & rep. from Bentley & Brandeis appeared. 3/7/22: Request to have college presidents/police dept./building dept. come to next meeting to appear at next meeting	Tabled
Public Works	8/1/2022	8/1/2022	Totten Pond, Lex, Bacon Street Intersection Resolution	LeBlanc		Tabled
Public Works	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Safety Concerns at Pine Street & Lowell Street Resolution	LeBlanc, Vidal		Tabled
Public Works	12/27/2022	12/27/2022	Lexington Solar Farm Project Resolution	LeBlanc		Tabled

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Licenses and Franchises Committee * Denotes the Chair

Bradley-MacArthur, Katz, LaFauci, O'Brien, Vidal*

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Licenses & Franchises	9/22/2014	3/18/2017	Resolution to locate a suitable venue to memorialize, remember and thank Joseph Lazaro	Romard	10/1/2018 Request that the Mayor attend a meeting prior to November 30 th 1/22/2019 Request Rec Board identify a suitable location to be named for Mr. Lazaro	Tabled
Licenses & Franchises	4/22/2019	5/6/2019	Letter from the Curtin Family to name something after Tom Curtin at the Fernald property in his memory	Mayor		Tabled
Licenses & Franchises	11/8/2021	11/15/2021	Grant of location on River Street	Petitioner		Tabled
Licenses & Franchises	11/22/2021	12/6/2021	Private Way license for Seyon Street request from Eversource	Petitioner		Tabled

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Economic & Community Development * Denotes the Chair

Durkee, Harris*, LaCava, Paz, Stanley

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Economic & Community Development	5/11/2020	5/18/2020	Providing Public Wi-Fi in Waltham	Paz, Darcy, LeBlanc	4/4/22: request to Mayor to invest in city's broadband/Wi-Fi capacities through local, state, fed.& other grants....	Tabled
Economic & Community Development	10/13/2020	10/19/2020	Feed The People Resolution	Paz, Dunn, O'Brien		Tabled
Economic & Community Development	11/22/2021	12/6/2021	Resolution Honoring Angelo Mosca	Darcy and Others	December 27, 2021 Request to Planning Department	Tabled
Economic & Community Development	3/14/2022	3/21/2022	Promote Dog Parks Resolution	Paz, Katz	3/21/22: Request to have Planning and Rec. Dept. attend next mtg. & provide logistics & feasibility of the 3 locations	Tabled
Economic & Community Development	4/25/2022	5/2/2022	Bike Share Resolution	Paz, LaCava, Bradley-MacArthur	10/11/22: Mayor sent update 10/3/22: request sent to planning for update 5/2/22: Sent request to Planning Dept. for draft for Blue Bikes proposal	Tabled
Economic & Community Development	11/28/2022	12/5/2022	Rodent Resolution	Harris et al.	12/5/22: request CPW, Health & Mayor to give updates.	Tabled

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Committee of the Whole

All members of the City Council - the Committee Chair Vice President McLaughlin

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Committee of Whole	2/13/2017	2/21/2017	Questions regarding property at 67 Crescent St.	Mayor	10/19/2020 – Request the Mayor to provide an update. 6/19/2017 – Request the Mayor to negotiate acquisition of the property.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	11/27/2017	12/4/2017	Recommendation and request support to demolish the Metropolitan State Administration Building through the appropriate processes	Mayor	2/18/2020 – Follow up on previous request. 12/4/2017 Request Mayor to provide documents	Tabled
Committee of Whole	12/26/2018	12/26/2018	Waltham Police Headquarters Site Selection Committees communication.	Mayor	11/16/2020 – Request to the Mayor to conduct a feasibility study on the current site. 11/16/2020 – Combine this information with the docket item dated 11/9/2020. 3/4/2019 – Request of Councillor Mackin concerning zoning did not pass. 2/4/2019 – CPW Director appeared to answer questions about CPW move to Fernald. 1/22/2019 – Police Chief & Purchasing Agent appeared to answer questions about site selection at Fernald. 12/26/2018 - Invite Site Committee to next COW meeting to discuss recommendation & provide documents.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	1/25/2021	2/1/2021	Resolution-Creating Affordable Housing	LeBlanc and others	6/7/2021 – Executive Session held & Mayor appeared. 2/16/2021 – Housing Director appeared & request for info made. 2/1/2021 – Request the Housing Director to appear at future COW meeting.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	3/8/2021	3/15/2021	Mayor respectfully requests an opportunity for Good Energy to address the City Council on March 15, 2021 regarding the Waltham Community Electricity Program	Mayor	10/17/22: Mayor gave overview of power outage and surges from Saturdays Eversource power surge 9/19/22: Request Good Energy to appear at COW 10/3 or 10/17 mtg. 4/5/2021 – Additional presentation	Tabled

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					<p>from Planning Director Cagle, Daria Mark & Stephano Loretto of Good Energy and to respond to info requests from COW.</p> <p>3/15/2021 – Presentation from Daria Mark of Good Energy and Larry Chretien of Green Energy.</p> <p>3/15/2021 – Combine the items below from the 2/11/2019 docket item.</p> <p>2/18/2020 – Combine docket item of 4/9/2018 with this item.</p> <p>3/4/2019 – Purchasing Agent & Stephano Covetto of Good Energy appeared.</p> <p>2/19/2019 – Purchasing Agent & Phil Carr of Good Energy appeared & will attend next COW meeting on March 4.</p> <p>2/19/2019 – Combine the docket item of 4/9/2018 with this matter.</p>	
Committee of Whole	4/26/2021	5/3/2021	Approval of the contract between the City of Waltham and the Metro West Collaborative Development, Inc., the owner of the property located at 34 Sharon Street.	Mayor	5/3/2021 – Mayor appeared to provide update.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	6/14/2021	6/21/2021	Mayor respectfully requests authority regarding a real estate matter & UMass Fields resolution	Mayor	<p>6/21/2021 – Combine the matter of 2/11/2019 with this matter.</p> <p>2/18/2020 – Info on Executive Session to be sent to COW.</p> <p>3/4/2019 – Law Department to attend once add'l info is rec'd.</p> <p>2/19/2019 – Executive Session held & Law Department to attend next COW meeting on March 4</p>	Tabled
Committee of Whole	9/3/2021	9/20/2021	Resolution on Overlay Districts	McMenimen	<p>10/18/2021 – Asst Solicitor Azadi appeared to discuss.</p> <p>9/20/2021 – Law Department not available.</p>	Tabled
Committee of Whole	9/3/2021	9/20/2021	Resolution on revisions to the zoning act	McMenimen	<p>10/18/2021 – Asst Solicitor Azadi appeared to discuss.</p> <p>9/20/2021 – Law Department not available.</p>	Tabled

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Committee of Whole	10/12/2021	10/18/2021	Request from the Conservation Commission for potential purchase of conservation parcels	Mayor	11/1/2021 – ConCom Chair Moser attended to discuss matter. 10/18/2021 – ConCom Chair Moser not available; attend next COW mtg.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	10/25/2021	11/1/2021	Environmental report relating to the property located at 200 Moody Street. 11/25/2019 - Mayor respectfully submits a communication from the Traffic Commission relating to the Traffic Commission Agenda Item 1D, 220-226 Moody Street	Mayor	12/6/2021 – Combine the matter of 11/25/2019. 11/1/2021 – Mayor and Asst City Solicitor Stanton attended to discuss matter.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	1/10/2022	1/18/2022	Confidential Real Estate Matter	Mayor		Tabled
Committee of Whole	2/28/2022	3/7/2022	Third Ave./Totten Pond Road Traffic Improvement	Mayor	3/7/22: Waiting for Law Dept. review	Tabled
Committee of Whole	4/11/2022	4/19/2022	Executive session regarding confidential matter relating to Moody Street	Mayor		Tabled
Committee of Whole	4/11/2022	4/19/2022	Resolution Concerning Acquisition to Purchase Brook Road for Flood Storage	Darcy	4/19/22: request for copy of appraisal of property	Tabled
Committee of Whole	4/25/2022	5/2/2022	Care, custody & control of 33 Exchange St. to Library	Mayor	5/2/22: Mayor appeared & COW request to Library for info. On intended parking lot usage	Tabled
Committee of Whole	5/23/2022	6/6/2022	RFP for lease at 58 Chestnut Street	Mayor	6/6/22: Mayor request to table to submit at next COW	Tabled
Committee of Whole	5/23/2022	6/6/2022	RFP for lease at 25 Lex. 1 st Floor	Mayor	6/6/22: Mayor request to table to submit at next COW	Tabled
Committee of Whole	8/1/2022	8/1/2022	Comm. From Atty. Connors regarding Hobbs Brook	Mayor	8/1/22: sent to law dept.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	10/11/2022	10/17/2022	Dev. Prospectus & Fuel Storage License from ConCom Staff	ConCom	10/17/22: request to law to opine on draft ordinance. 10/11/22: Request sent to ComCon to attend next Committee mtg.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Gloria Champion Resolution	Darcy et al	11/21/2022 – Request Mayor to fund a bench for Gloria Champion.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Res. Concerning Perm. Protecting 4.9 acre Lot 3 along Trapelo Road	Darcy	11/21/2022 – Need for additional info from State.	Tabled
Committee of Whole	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Resolution Concerning MBTA Better Bus Project	Darcy	12/19/22: approved amended letter to MBTA on behalf of City Council. 12/5/22: Sen. Barrett, Rep. Stanley & Traffic Eng. Garvin appeared & Councillor Darcy requested	

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					<p>amendments. 11/21/2022 – Request Mayor, State Senator, State Reps, Traffic Engineer to next COW meeting. 11/21/2022 – Request COA Director to provide a written report on public transportation for Seniors.</p>	
Committee of Whole	12/12/2022	12/19/2022	CIP Tax Rate Resolution	Mayor	12/12/22: request sent to Assessor	Tabled
Committee of Whole	12/12/2022	12/19/2022	Documents related to the Cornelia Warren Farm & Field House at 240 Beaver Street	Mayor	12/19/22: Mayor issue an RFP for environmental remediation.	Tabled

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Ordinances and Rules Committee * Denotes the Chair

Darcy*, Dunn, Harris LeBlanc, McLaughlin

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Ordinances & Rules	4/8/2019	4/16/2019	Resolution Exempt Municipal Projects from Zoning	Randy LeBlanc	5/6/2019 invite Building Inspector to attend 10/7/2019 Request Law Department review 1/21/2020 Follow-up request to Law Department to not include housing Law Dept. Opinion received 2/10/2020 2/1/2021 follow-up request send to law regarding staging areas	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	5/13/2019	5/20/2019	Zoning Ordinance Amendment Urban Agriculture	Petitioner	1/21/2020 merged with other matters (Resolution regarding ordinance on chickens 4/27/2015 and General Ordinance Amendment Chapter 3 Article III Keeping of Hens 3/25/2019)	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	4/12/2021	4/20/2021	Large Family Day Care Resolution	Durkee and McMenimen	12/27/22: gen. ord. approved. 1/9/23 is zoning hearing with BS&P 12/12/22: Gen. ord. Approved for a second reading & tabled on Council floor 11/28/22: 1 st reading for gen. ord. Zoning ord. needs public hearing with BS&P 10/17/22: Councillor Durkee to send Clerk draft 10/3/22: Law to attend to discuss 5/10/2021 invite Building Inspector to next meeting. 5/17/2021 Invite Director of Health to next meeting. 10/18/2021 Request to Law Department. 12//2021 Law Opinion received	(Resolution) Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	5/24/2021	6/7/2021	Solar Energy for Large Developments	Darcy		Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	6/14/2021	6/21/2021	Zoning Review Resolution	LeBlanc	11/7/22: Request to law for red-lined draft 2/22/22: Councillor LeBlanc asked for Law Dept. update	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	6/28/2021 9/12/2022 11/14/2022	6/29/2021 9/19/2022 11/21/2022	Waltham Cannabis, Inc. at 1254-1256 Main Street SP app. For adult retail marijuana	Petitioner	New hearing 11/14/22 11/14/22: time ext. thru 11/30/22 10/24/22: Time ext. thru 11/15/22 9/12/2022 2 nd hearing held 7/11/22 & 7/18/22 & 8/1/22 & 8/22/22 met at City Hall to discuss Time extension dates: 10/31/2021, 12/31/2021, 3/31/2022, 6/30/2022, 10/31/2022	Tabled

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Ordinances & Rules	8/2/2021 6/13/2022 9/12/2022	8/2/2021 6/20/2022 9/19/2022	Flora Holdings LLC, 221 Bear Hill Road SP app. for adult use marijuana retailer.	Petitioner	10/24/22: Time ext. Thru 11/30/22 & conditions added to order 9/12/2022 3 rd hearing held 7/11/22 & 7/18/22 & 8/1/22 & 8/22/22met at City Hall to discuss 6/13/22: Second PH held.	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	9/13/2021	9/20/2021	City Ordinance, Chapter 20, establishing an Inspectional Services Department	Mayor		Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	3/14/2022	3/21/2022 (6/27/2022)	Tenants. Homeowners, Landlords Resolution	Paz	6/27/22: sent from Economic & Community Development Committee 4/4/22: Request Dir. of Housing & WATCH for additional info. 3/21/22: Request to have dir. Of WATCH attend next meeting	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Resolution Concerning Allowing renewable Energy Systems in more Zoning Districts in Waltham	Darcy		Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	Resolution Concerning City of Cambridge Lands in Waltham that Support Public Drinking Water Supply	Darcy		Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	11/14/2022	11/21/2022	SP application at 1362 Main Street for LPC West Main LLC	Petitioner	12/19/22: send to Law, Build, Eng. & Traffic. 12/8/22: Balloons to be flown	Tabled
Ordinances & Rules	12/27/2022	12/27/2022	Minor Mod. Bishops Forest Condo Trust & Bishops Forest II Condo Trust	Petitioner		Tabled

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Finance Committee * Denotes the Chair
Durkee LaCava*, LaFauci, McMenimen, Vidal

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Finance	2/11/2109	2/19/2019	Seven Neighborhood Streets Proposal	Mayor	12/16/2019 – CF to 2020 2/19/2019 – Request to Mayor, Law, Clerk & CPW	Tabled
Finance	1/25/2021	2/1/2021	Funding Affordable Housing	Stanley	2/16/2021 – Councillor Stanley appeared to discuss and answer questions from the FinCom. 2/1/2021 – Presenter not available	Tabled

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Long Term Debt & Capital Planning Committee * Denotes the Chair

Darcy, O'Brien*, Paz, Stanley, Vidal

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Long Term Debt						

Veterans Service Committee * Denotes the Chair

Durkee*Bradley-MacArthur, Dunn, McLaughlin, O'Brien

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Veterans Service Committee						

Kevin Ritcey Award Committee *Denotes the Chair

Harris*, LaFauci, McLaughlin

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Kevin Ritcey Award Committee				Petitioner		

Ambulance Review Committee

LaCava, LaFauci – as Council Representatives

Committee	Council	Committee	Description	Presented by	Status	Action
Ambulance Review Committee						

Cable Access Committee *Denotes the Chair

Dunn*, Katz, O'Brien

Cable Access						
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City Master Plan Special Committee *Denotes the Chair

LeBlanc*, McMenimen, Vidal, Durkee, Katz, Mayor McCarthy Ex Officio, Planning & Housing Departments

Master Plan	11/14/2022 3/28/2022	11/21/2022 4/4/2022	Resolution Concerning Ext. of MBTA 73 Bus Service in North Waltham	Darcy et al	11/14/22: referred from PW&PS 6/21/22: MBTA came in to give brief update & potential new programs offered.	
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					4/11/2022: MBTA set to attend meeting on 6/6/2022 & letter approved to send to elected officials for support. 4/4/22: Sent a support letter to full Council for approval	
Master Plan	11/14/2022 10/11/2022	11/21/2022 10/17/2022	Creating A Safe & Separate Bike & Pedestrian Path Along Lex from Trapelo to Beaver Street Resolution	Darcy	11/14/22: referred from PW&PS	
Master Plan			AdHoc Bike Committee Resolution	Darcy		