

City Council Docket
March 14, 2022

The Waltham City Council will meet in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 610 Main Street, Waltham, MA on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30 pm. The following matters and others may be considered.

Approval of Minutes
Regular Meeting of 2/28/2022

Public Hearing
Street Opening

The City of Waltham Engineering Department, 119 School Street, Waltham, petitions the City Council for permission under the provisions of Section 17-25 to open a street for the installation and/or maintenance of utilities. The street opening is located at the intersection of Lake Street and Nutting Road. All work and resurfacing to be done in accordance with the provisions of said Section 17-25.

Special Permit

Uma Flowers Waltham, LLC, Priyanka Patel and Tejal Patel, Managers and Petitioner and NSD Realty Trust, LLC, Bhuren Patel, Manager and Owner of 196 Bear Hill Road, Waltham, Massachusetts, hereby petition the City Council for the necessary Special Permit pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, Sections 3.5, 3.512, et.al, Art. XI, Section 11.3, et al., and Art. XII, Section 12.3, et al. of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Waltham to grant a special permit for the use of a medical and adult-use cannabis dispensary at the property known and numbered as 196 Bear Hill Road, Waltham.

The property is shown in Atlas Page 048, Block 001, Lot 0006. The property is situated in the Commercial Zoning District.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of the Year 48 Community Development Block Grant Program.
2. The Mayor respectfully requests that the City Council name 240 Beaver Street “The Cornelia Warren Farm and Field Station”.
3. The Mayor respectfully requests the appropriation in the amount of \$7,267.00 to purchase a replacement copy machine for the Mayor’s Office.
4. The Mayor respectfully requests the reappointment of Patricia Azadi, 643 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA as First Assistant City Solicitor and Assistant City Solicitor for Real Estate and Zoning for a two-year term expiring, January 31, 2024.
5. The Mayor respectfully requests the reappointment of Michelle Learned, 125 Winter Street, Waltham, MA as Assistant City Solicitor for a two-year term expiring January 31, 2024.

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6. The Mayor respectfully requests the appointment of Alexander Sbordone, 30 Gilman Road, Waltham, MA as a member of the Conservation Commission to fill the vacancy created due to Matthew Deveaux's resignation.

7. The Mayor respectfully requests the City Council to approve the funding allotment of \$40,936.35 from cable access funds #261-121-1815-5205 (Verizon PEG Support) to be paid to Waltham Community Access Corporation (WCAC) to reimburse them for the purchase and installation of equipment for the City of Waltham.

8. The Mayor respectfully requests the appointment of Roberta Tierney, 39 Dix Street, Waltham, MA as a member of the Waltham Council on Aging to fill the vacancy due to Eugene O'Brien's resignation.

9. The Mayor respectfully requests that the City Council provide a date for the Law Department and her Honor to appear at a Committee of the Whole meeting for the training sessions that were postponed due to Covid in the areas of open meeting law, public records, conflict of interest, liability and indemnification, and briefly on campaign finance.

Applications and Licenses

- Fortune Tellers License – 942 Trapelo Rd – Dawn Marie Costorf
- Secondhand Dealers License renewal – 49 River St. – Descar Jewelry Design, LTD
- Secondhand Dealers License renewal. – 563 Moody St – Compustar Inc.
- Class 2 renewal – 251 High St. – Classic Cars Inc.

Orders, Ordinances & Resolutions

Committee Reports

Licenses and Franchises

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the renewal of the lodging house license at 415 South Street - Brandeis University – East Quad be approved.
2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the renewal of the secondhand dealers license at 108C River St. – Mint Condition Sports, LLC be approved.
3. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the renewal of the secondhand dealers license at 471 Main St – The Tool Shed be approved.
4. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the renewal of the Class 2 license renewal at 196 High St. – JJJ Auto Retailers, Inc be approved.
5. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the renewal of the lodging house license at 240 Crescent St. – Torrington Three LLC. be approved.

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Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of a grant from National Grid in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Veterans Services Department.
2. The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the Middlesex County Share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funds in the amount of \$6,069,461.00.
3. The Finance Committee recommends the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$125,148.00 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be used by the Council on Aging for several programs that benefit senior citizens.
4. The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation in the amount of \$500,000.00 to pay overtime expenses to the Fire Department for the remainder of the fiscal year. The increase need in overtime expenses is to maintain staffing at appropriate levels.
5. The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation in the amount of \$1,542,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance to CPW Snow accounts be approved.
6. The Finance Committee recommends an appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to engage the services of an IT professional to assist the City with obtaining and utilizing grant funds for certain broadband services be approved.
7. The Finance Committee recommends the transfer of existing funds and a use of American Rescue Act (ARPA) funds totaling \$600,000.00 for the Nutting Road Infrastructure Improvements Project be approved.

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommends the confirmation of the reappointment of Timothy Kelly, 5 Winter Ave., Marlborough MA, as Inspector of Wires for a term expiring February 28, 2025 be approved.

Long Term Debt and Capital Planning

1. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommends that the loan authorization in the amount \$750,000.00 to be used for the purchase of a fire apparatus truck to replace the current Engine 4 be approved for a first reading.
2. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommends that the loan authorization in the amount of \$9,300,000.00 to be used for construction of the Waltham portion of the Wayside Trail be approved for a first reading.

Ordinances and Rules

- The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommends that the City Council allow a new public hearing for Uma Flowers to take place without the withdrawal and resubmission of the prior filed application.

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Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Extension of Time for Uma Flowers, LLC., special permit application at 196 Bear Hill Road, Waltham
- Extension of Time for Flora Holdings, special permit application at 221 Bear Hill Road, Waltham
- Extension of Time for Thrive Cultivation & Dispensary, LLC., special permit application at 235 Bear Hill Rd, Waltham
- Minor Modification to Special Permit Order 34110 & 35044 at 225 Wyman Street, Waltham

Tabled Items

- Confidential real estate matter tabled in Executive Session (1/24/2022)
- Confidential real estate matter in downtown tabled in Executive Session (2/14/2022)

Rule 58

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