

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 10, 2018

President LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.
The Clerk called the roll of the City Council.

Call of the Roll:

City Council

Present: Councillors Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Brasco, Stanley, Vidal

Absent: Harris, McLaughlin

The Clerk recited the Council Prayer followed by President LeBlanc leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor LaCava asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served; past and present.

Councillor Logan moved to take all the minutes from meetings held on 6/4/2018, 6/11/2018, 6/25/2018, 8/6/2018 and 8/20/2018 collectively. All in favor Councillor Logan moved approval of the minutes. All were in favor and minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler moved to suspend the rules and take a matter out of order. All in favor. Councillor Fowler asked the Clerk to read the Resolution regarding National Grid. The Clerk read the Resolution. Councillor Fowler spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Fowler moved to suspend the rules and act on the mater without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Fowler moved approval of the Resolution. On the motion Councillor Brasco spoke on the Resolution. He believes this matter should be tabled. Councillor Fowler withdrew his motion. The matter was referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee. Councillor Fowler requested to have the Director of DPW, Law Dept. and City Engineer come to the next committee meeting.

The Clerk Pro Tem read Rule 86.

First Public Hearing: Special Permit petition at 95 Moody Street

Philip McCourt, attorney for the petitioner, spoke in favor of the petition. With no one else in support and no one else in opposition and no one in a neutral position of the petition, President LeBlanc closed this portion of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors. Councillors Logan, Vidal, R. LeBlanc, and Romard asked questions to petitioners; Doreen O'Connor, 20 South Ave., Natick, spoke in favor of the petition. John O'Connor, 20 South Ave., Apt. 301, Natick, MA spoke in favor of the petition. Matt O'Connor, 2 Reebok Circle, Sudbury, MA owners of the property. Councillor Darcy asked for a copy of the deed for the MBTA property to be given to Councillors. With no further questions President LeBlanc closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Ordinance and Rules Committee.

Second Public Hearing: 17-25 at 26 Brookfield Road

Councillor McMenimen recused herself from this hearing.

Philip McCourt, representing the petitioner, spoke in favor of the petition. With no one else in support and no one else in opposition and no one in a neutral position of the petition, President LeBlanc closed this portion of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors. No Councillors asked questions to the petitioner. With no further questions President LeBlanc closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Public Works Committee.

Third Public Hearing: 17-80 at Goldencrest Ave. (Recessed)

Councillor Darcy moved to close the public hearing. All were in favor. President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Public Works Committee.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requests recommendations from the Council to be included in the Ambulance contract renegotiations. Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requests the Council's answer on acquiring the property at One Balm Ave. Referred to the Committee of the Whole. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
3. The Mayor respectfully requests the acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$5,000 from the Digital Federal Credit Union to the Waltham Fire Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requests the acceptance of a gift in the amount of \$5,000 from the Digital Federal Credit Union to the Waltham Police Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requests confirmation of the appointment of Mr. John B. Speidel as a full-time assessor for a three-year term. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
6. The Mayor respectfully requests confirmation of the appointment of Robert S. McGovern as a full-time assessor for a three-year term. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
7. The Mayor respectfully requests confirmation of the appointment of Michael E. Golden as a full-time assessor for a three-year term. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
8. The Mayor respectfully requests an approval of an appropriation for a property on Main Street. Referred to the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Romard requested the Mayor to attend next Committee meeting to discuss the matter. All were in favor and request was approved.
9. The Mayor respectfully requests a congratulatory acknowledgement of recognition to the Auditor and his entire office from the Government Finance Officers Association. Referred to the Finance Committee.
10. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 for Library Services and Technology Act from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Referred to the Finance Committee.
11. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of grant funding in the amount of \$10,000 ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Administration & Finance. Referred to the Finance Committee.
12. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of an additional \$5,000 of state grant funding to assist with local Hazard Mitigation under MVP. Referred to the Finance Committee

13. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of the FY 2019 State 911 Department (PSAP) Support and Incentive Grant Program for E911 in the amount of \$152,176. Referred to the Finance Committee
14. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of the State 911 Department Grant renewal for up to \$21,466. Referred to the Finance Committee
15. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of a gift of traffic engineering services regarding a 128 corridor traffic plan. Referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Romard requested the Mayor to attend next Committee meeting to discuss the matter. All were in favor and request was approved.
16. The Mayor respectfully requests confirmation of the re-appointment of Paul G. Centofanti as the City Auditor for a five-year term. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
17. The Mayor respectfully requests acceptance of a financial grant in the amount of \$2,000 from Mt. Auburn Hospital to provide social outreach and addiction counseling to the Health Dept. . Referred to the Finance Committee
18. The Mayor respectfully submits the draft RFP for the use of the Arrigo Farm Land. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
19. The Mayor respectfully submits information relating to the use and care of the Arrigo Farm Buildings. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
20. The Mayor respectfully submits a request for a transfer of \$11,000 from Account #001-163-5100-5111 Voter Registration Salaries to Account #001-161-5100-5111 City Clerk Salaries for the longevity payment to the City Clerk, Robert Waddick. Referred to the Finance Committee
21. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of the CDBG Section 108 Program loan guarantee documents to finance the design, reconstruction and capping of the Woerd Avenue landfill. Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
22. The Mayor respectfully requests a transfer in the amount of \$147,000 to the low bid contract to Hedlund Design Group for the improvements to be made at the Prospect Hill Park. Referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Romard requested Recreation Director to attend next Committee meeting to discuss the matter. All were in favor and request was approved.

Orders, Ordinances & Resolutions

- Lou Nocera Congratulatory Resolution sponsored by Councillor McMenimen
Councillors McMenimen and Romard spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Romard moved approval of the Resolution. All were in favor and matter was approved by a voice vote.
- National Grid Resolution sponsored by Councillors Fowler, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin and Stanley (taken out of order)
- General Ordinance Amendment Regarding Trash Containers sponsored by Councillors Logan, LeBlanc, Stanley, Fowler, Vidal, LaCava and Romard
Councillor Logan spoke on the matter. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee
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Councillor Logan spoke on the matter. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee

- Resolution Supporting Provision of Air Conditioning at Waltham High School sponsored by Councillors LeBlanc, Logan, Vidal and Stanley
Referred to the Committee of the Whole. Councillor Loan made a motion to request the Superintendent and School Committee to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 1, 2018. Request approved by a voice vote.
- Ward 6 Special Election Preliminary Election Order
Councillor Logan moved approval of the Order. All were in favor and matter was approved.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Special Permit modification for Special Permit Order #33437 for Second Avenue Hotels LLC at 250 Second Avenues(f/k/a 244 and 256 Second Avenue)
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee
- Special Permit Modification for Special Permit Order #28040 for Hyatt House Hotel at 54 Fourth Avenue
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee

Tabled Items

- Loan /bond funding in the amount of \$1,463,000.00 for water main replacement and sewer extension at Christopher Road and Montclair Ave. (first reading)
Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter off of the table. All were in favor. Councillor Darcy moved for approval of a second reading. Roll call required.
In favor: Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Brasco, Stanley, Vidal
Absent: Harris, McLaughlin
Matter approved
- Loan/bond funding in the amount of \$2,403,000.00 to fund the Trapelo Road Roadway improvements and sidewalk construction (first reading)
Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter off of the table. All were in favor. Councillor Darcy moved for approval of a second reading. Roll call required.
In favor: Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Brasco, Stanley, Vidal
Absent: Harris, McLaughlin
Matter approved
- Loan order in the amount of \$425,000.00 for the street resurfacing at Brennan Avenue, Mountain Road, Crestview Road, Carol Lane, Goldencrest Avenue, Priscilla Lane, and Midland Drive (first reading)
Councillor Brasco recused himself.
Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter off of the table. All were in favor. Councillor Darcy moved for approval of a second reading. Roll call required.
In favor: Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Stanley, Vidal
Absent: Harris, McLaughlin
Matter approved
Councillor Romard moved to take the next three matters collectively off of the table. All in favor.
Councillor Romard moved to file these matters. All in favor. Matters were filed.
- Moderator to facilitate the joint meeting for the Waltham High School building project
- Chair of the Conservation Commission, the Chair of the Historical Commission the Chair of the Community Preservation Commission, the Traffic Engineer and the architect for the Waltham High

School Project be invited to participate in the joint meeting of the Waltham City Council, the Waltham School Committee, the Waltham School Building Committee and the Mayor

- Joint meeting of the Waltham City Council, the Waltham School Committee, the Waltham School Building Committee and the Mayor be scheduled to discuss the Waltham High School building project
- Communication from Mayor dated July 3, 2017 regarding Veterans Fields on Forest Street, Gann Academy and Bentley University, Community Preservation Act Fernald Land and the Massachusetts Historical Commission Letter

Councillor Logan moved to discharge the zoning amendment for electronic devises from committee. All in favor. Councillor Logan moved to give the matter a second reading. Roll call required.

In favor: Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Stanley, Vidal

Absent: Harris, McLaughlin

Councillor Logan moved to give the matter a third and final reading. Roll call required.

In favor: Darcy, Logan, McMenimen, Fowler, Romard, LeBlanc, D., Mackin, Lacava, LeBlanc, R., Stanley, Vidal

Absent: Harris, McLaughlin

Matter approved

Councillor Romard moved to file the remaining tabled item regarding participation in the joint meeting. All in favor. Matter was filed.

Councillor Vidal moved to adjourn. President LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant of the City Clerk

September 17, 2018

Approved by the City Council: _____