

Waltham City Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of  
April 24, 2017

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

**Call of the Roll:**

**City Council**

Present: Councillors Darcy, LeBlanc, R., Logan, McMenimen, O'Brien, Rourke, Fowler, McLaughlin, Romard, Marchese, Brasco, Waddick, Giordano, LeBlanc, D. Vidal  
Absent: None

The Clerk Pro Tem recited the Council Prayer followed by President LeBlanc leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Giordano asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served; past and present.

Councillor Logan moved to approve the minutes from the 2/13/2017 City Council meeting.  
All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Councillor Logan moved to approve the minutes from the 3/13/2017 City Council meeting.  
All were in favor. Minutes approved.

Councillor Logan moved to approve the minutes from the 4/10/2017 City Council meeting.

Councillor McMenimen requested roll call.

Approved: Fowler, Giordano, Logan, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., LeBlanc, R., Rourke, Romard, Darcy

Opposed: McMenimen

Absent: Brasco

Minutes approved.

President LeBlanc stated there would not be a public hearing held tonight as stated on the Docket. It was not properly before the Council. It was only published once not twice as it should have been. She stated the public hearing will be heard on May 22, 2017. Councillor McMenimen rose to a point of information. Councillor McMenimen asked what the proper way to go about the hearing seeing that it was on the Docket and people may be here to hear about it. President LeBlanc asked the Council what their opinion on the matter is. Councillor Waddick spoke on the matter. The clerk Pro Tem moved on to the next item on the Docket.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 8 to take a matter out of order. All were in favor. Councillor McLaughlin asked the Clerk Pro Tem to read the Tom Bryant Resolution. The Clerk Pro Tem read the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. Chief MacPherson spoke on the Resolution.

Officer Bryant spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on a matter without committee reference. All were in favor.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the Resolution. All were in favor. Resolution was approved.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 8 to take a matter out of order. All were in favor. Councillor McLaughlin asked the Clerk Pro Tem to read the State Champions Hockey Resolution. All were in favor.

The Clerk Pro Tem read the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. Coach Scott Perry spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on a matter without committee reference. All were in favor.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the Resolution. All were in favor. Resolution was approved.

### **Communications from the Mayor**

1. The Mayor respectfully requested the transfer of the care, custody, and control of 14 Church Street to the Recreation Department. This site will allow the Recreation Department to offer more programs, specifically, computers, arts & crafts, and paint nights in conjunction with the Recreation Department programs, the Library Teen program, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Partnership for Youth.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

2. The Mayor sought authority from the Council to acquisitions for traffic, bridge, road, and sidewalk improvements there are 8 potential acquisitions:

1362 Main Street	1352 Main Street
1273 Main Street	1344 Main Street
22 Bear Hill Road	75 Third Avenue
1335 Main Street	1290 Main Street

Councillor Logan made a request to have the Traffic Engineer attend the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss matter. All in favor. Request was approved.

Matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

3. The Mayor respectfully requested the confirmation of the appointment of Martha L. Creedon of 731 South Street, Waltham, MA as a Board of Library Trustee to fill the current vacancy.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

4. The Mayor respectfully requested the confirmation of the appointment of Katy Holmes of 152 Plympton Street, Waltham, MA as a member of the Waltham Historical Commission to fill the current vacancy.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

5. The Mayor respectfully requested the confirmation of the appointment of Milton Shull 245 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA as a Constable.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole

6. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of a gift of \$1,500 for a bench from Michael R. Connors.

Referred to the Finance Committee

7. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$615,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance to the following accounts:

#001-421-5100-5131	Snow – Overtime	\$ 92,500.00
#001-421-5200-5276	Snow – Rental of Trucks/Equipment	\$351,200.00
#001-421-5200-5531	Snow – Salt & Sand	\$162,000.00
#001-421-5200-5532	Snow – Plows/Blades	\$3,700.00
#001-421-5200-5460	Snow – Grounds Supplies	\$5,600.00

Referred to the Finance Committee

8. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance to account #001-121-5400-5791 Mayor-Tourism Events (Steampunk/Riverfest). These funds will be used to as a partial funding source from the City towards the 2017 Watch City Steampunk Festival event (\$12,000.00) and the 2017 Riverfest event (\$8,000.00). Attached is a copy of the preliminary budget for each event.

Referred to the Finance Committee

## **Resolutions**

Kevin Ritcey Award Resolution

The Clerk Pro Tem read the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the Resolution on the Council floor. Matter was tabled by a voice vote.

Arbor Day Resolution – Sponsored by Councillor Logan

The Clerk Pro Tem read the Resolution.

Councillor Logan spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor Logan moved to suspend the rules to act on the matter without a committee reference. All in favor. Councillor Logan moved to approved to Resolution. Resolution was approved by a voice vote.

Public Service Resolution

The Clerk Pro Tem read the Resolution.

Councillor Logan spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor Logan moved to suspend the rules to act on the matter without a committee reference. All in favor. Councillor Logan moved to approved to Resolution. Resolution was approved by a voice vote.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Public Works & Public Safety**

1. The Public Works and Public Safety Committee recommended a resolution requesting that that the Traffic Commission install new cement sidewalks and granite curbing for the entire length of both sides of the Totten Pond Road in conjunction with the Piety Corner intersection reconstruction project be approved. Councillor Waddick moved that the action of the Committee be the action Council. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

2. The Public Works and Public Safety Committee recommends that an order granting 200 Smith NWALP Property Owner LLC permission to excavate a public way located in the vicinity of the 200 Smith Street, in accordance with section 17-25 of the General Ordinance with

conditions be approved. On the motion Councillor Darcy asked for the conditions to be read into the record. The Clerk Pro Tem read the conditions. Councillor Waddick moved to amend to conditions to add that the order state the petitioner needs to pave curb to curb. The amended was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Waddick moved that the action of the committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

### **License & Franchise**

3. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends that a Class II Motor Vehicle License for Colvin's Inc. located at 185 Prospect Street be approved. Councillor Brasco moved that the action of the committee be the action of the Council. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

### **Committee of the Whole**

1. The Committee of the Whole recommends that the confirmation of Alan D. Humbert to the Board of Trustees of the Waltham Public Library be approved. Councillor Logan moved that the action of the committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.

Approved: Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, Logan, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., LeBlanc, R., Rourke, Romard, McMenimen, Darcy

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Matter was approved.

2. The Committee of the Whole recommends that the confirmation of the appointment of Roger O'Connell to the Board of Cemetery Commissioners be approved. Councillor Logan moved that the action of the committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.

Approved: Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, Logan, Marchese, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Vidal, Waddick, LeBlanc, D., LeBlanc, R., Rourke, Romard, McMenimen, Darcy

Opposed: None

Absent: None

Matter was approved.

### **Finance Committee**

1. The Finance Committee recommends appropriation of \$4,700 from account #261-192-1015-5202 Building Code Enforcement Special Revenue to a new account #001-192-5400-5850 Building Code Enforcement Equipment be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action Council. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

2. The Finance Committee recommends that the payment of an FY2017 invoice incurred by the City Council of \$87.50 for Embassy Trophy be approved. Councillor McMenimen moved that the action of the Committee be the action Council. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business & Other Business**

- Invoice for \$190.00 from Creative Frames

President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Finance Committee

- Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation Committee Budget

President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Long Term Debt Committee

- 2017 Municipal Election Calendar

Councillor Logan spoke on the matter. Councillor Logan moved to suspend the rules and act on the matter without committee reference. All were in favor. Councillor Logan moved approval of the matter. All in favor. Matter approved by a voice vote.

- Request for extension of time Bishop's Forest Special Permit

President LeBlanc referred the matter to the Ordinances & Rules Committee

### **Tabled Items**

- Minutes from 1/23/2017
- 554 Lexington Street
- Mayors request for Fernald Property acreage for school (50 acres: 25 CPA/25 non CPA) submitted August 22, 2016

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the matter from the table. All in favor. Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the matter. Councillor McLaughlin moved to commit the matter to the Fernald Use Committee. All were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

- 950 Winter Street Fuel Storage License

Councillor Marchese made an announcement about the city Wide cleanup Day being this coming Saturday April 29, 2017. Sign up of you would like to help out.

President LeBlanc mentioned that there is a Special Meeting of the Traffic Commission to be held on Wednesday April 26, 2017 at Government Center at 10am to discuss the Winter St., Totten Pond Rd., Wyman St. intersection.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. President LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:19p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant of the City Clerk

April 27, 2017

Approved by the City Council: \_\_\_\_\_