

Waltham City Council  
Minutes of the Special Meeting of  
May 8, 2017

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President LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.  
The Clerk Pro Tem called the roll of the City Council.

**Call of the Roll:**

**City Council**

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

Absent:

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.

President LeBlanc announced that the meeting was being recorded and telecast by Waltham Cable Access. President LeBlanc announced that the purpose of the special meeting was to present the Kevin Ritcey Award for Public Service to James Auld, to recognize Mariana Hume and Paula Hanson, to recognize Past City Council President Marchese and for other Public Service Week announcements.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to take the Resolution awarding the Kevin Ritcey Award for Community Service to James Auld from the table. The motion was approved.

The Clerk Pro Tem read the resolution.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to hear from off Council members. The motion was approved.

Chief MacPherson, Captain Russo, and Councillor Romard all spoke about Detective Auld's dedication to his profession as a police officer and his dedication to the Waltham Community. President LeBlanc acknowledged Kevin Ritcey who was seated in the Council Chamber. Detective Auld introduced his family, thanked the Police Department and the City Council for the award.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to act on the resolution without committee reference. The motion was approved.

Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the resolution. The motion was approved.

Vice President Logan presented the Kevin Ritcey Award to James Auld.

The President declared a 1-minute recess.

The Clerk Pro Tem read the resolution honoring Mariana Hume and Paula Hanson. Councillor Marchese spoke about the bravery of 5-year-old Mariana Hume in calling 911 to help save her mother's life during a medical emergency. Councillor Marchese also acknowledged the dedicated work of 911 dispatcher, Paula Hanson. Mariana thanked the City Council. Mariana's

Mother, Victoria Blyakhman spoke about what happened. Councillor Marchese thanked Captain O'Connell for bringing this to his attention.

Councillor Marchese moved to act on the resolution without committee reference. The motion was approved.

Councillor Marchese moved approval of the resolution. The resolution was approved.

The Clerk Pro Tem read a resolution honoring Past City Council President Marchese. Vice President Logan moved to act on the matter without committee reference. The motion was approved. Vice President Logan moved approval of the resolution. The resolution was approved. Vice President Logan presented a plaque to Councillor Marchese in honor of his service as Council President.

Councillor Fowler spoke about presenting resolutions to city employees for Public Service Recognition week and thanked them for their service. President LeBlanc thanked the Ad Hoc Award Committee for their service and thanked the employees of the City Clerk's office, Kara Rooney Wilson, Ivonne Fong, Eileen Eaton, and Geri Saran for their service, and welcomed the newest employee Molly MacKenzie.

Vice President Logan moved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph W. Vizard

Assistant City Clerk

June 8, 2017

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