

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Minutes of the Meeting

April 6, 2015

1. Vice President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:00 pm
2. Vice President LeBlanc requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The Clerk called the roll - all Councillors except Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were present.
3. A motion by President Marchese to accept the minutes of the meeting held on March 16, 2015 was adopted on a voice vote.
4. A request was received from the Mayor to authorize a 10A permit to Charles River Canoe & Kayak to put a temporary float on the Cronin's Landing Dock. A motion by Councillor Logan to approve the permit was adopted on a voice vote.
5. A communication was received from President Marchese presenting the draft of the City Council budget for FY2016. President Marchese opened the discussion with a motion to reduce the stipend for the Clerk of the Community Development (CD) Committee from \$7,000 to \$3,500. On the motion, Councillor McMenimen asked the President to explain the reasons and to elaborate on the rest of the proposed budget plan for the Committee Clerk positions. Councillor Vizard stated that a compensation ordinance was not needed, since the budget appropriation would control. Councillor Darcy questioned the frequency of the CD Committee meetings and asked what was being added, cut or shifted for the Committee Clerk positions. Councillor Stanley stated that a reassignment of the Committee Clerks would provide more efficiency and better coverage. President Marchese explained the proposed budget plan would utilize the Clerk of the Long Term Debt (LTD) Committee for the Public Works, Veterans, Ad-Hoc Committees and also serve as a substitute clerk. President Marchese explained the proposed budget would increase the stipend of the LTD Clerk from \$3,500 to \$7,000. Councillor McMenimen spoke of the history of the creation of the LTD Committee and with it, the addition of an eighth committee chair. Councillor Giordano asked what would happen if the newly hired Executive Assistant would be able to clerk more than one committee. Councillor Stanley stated in response to Councillor McMenimen's query that there was no conspiracy and it was a good idea to consolidate LTD and the Finance Committees. Councillor Fowler made a motion to move the question. On a roll call vote of 5-7, the motion did not pass, with Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Logan, President Marchese and Vizard in favor and Councillors Darcy, Giordano, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke and Stanley against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent, with Vice-President LeBlanc presiding. There was continued discussion and questioning from Councillors Rourke, Vizard, Darcy and Giordano about the CD Committee Clerk position and compensation. The original motion of President Marchese to reduce the stipend of the CD Committee Clerk position from \$7,000 to \$3,500 was adopted on a roll call vote of

8-4, with Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Logan, President Marchese, O'Brien, Romard, Stanley and Vizard in favor and Councillors Darcy, Giordano, McMenimen and Rourke against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent, with Vice-President LeBlanc presiding. President Marchese moved to increase the stipend of the LTD Committee Clerk from \$3,500 to \$7,000 and to add clerk responsibilities to include the Public Works, Veterans, Ad-Hoc Committees and also serve as a substitute clerk. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 8-5, with Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, Logan, President Marchese, Stanley, Vizard and Vice-President LeBlanc in favor and Councillors Darcy, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard and Rourke against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent. President Marchese explained the \$3,000 budget proposal for stenographer services was not needed and moved to cut the amount. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan proposed adding an item to the equipment/unusual category to purchase chairs for the Hoover Committee Room in the amount of \$6,000 and moved approval. On the motion Councillors Stanley and McMenimen stated the item should be included in the capital budget. The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 9-4, with Councillors Fowler, Giordano, Logan, President Marchese, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke, Vizard and Chairperson LeBlanc in favor and Councillors Brasco, Darcy, McMenimen and Stanley against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent. Councillor Vizard proposed adding an item to the equipment/unusual category to purchase additional computers for the City Council room in the amount of \$3,400 and moved approval. The motion did not pass on a roll call vote of 1-11, with Councillor Vizard in favor and Councillors Brasco, Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, Logan, President Marchese, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Rourke and Stanley against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent, with Chairperson LeBlanc presiding. President Marchese moved to approve the Legislative budget for FY2016 as amended (cut \$3,500 from CD Committee Clerk position, add \$3,500 to LTD Committee Clerk position, cut \$3,000 for stenographer and add \$6,000 for chairs in the Hoover Committee Room). The motion was adopted on a roll call vote of 10-3, with Councillors Brasco, Fowler, Giordano, Logan, President Marchese, O'Brien, Rourke, Stanley, Vizard and Chairperson LeBlanc in favor and Councillors Darcy, McMenimen and Romard against. Councillors McLaughlin and Waddick were absent.

6. A resolution concerning the 2024 Olympics was submitted by Councillor Stanley. It was his intention to invite the Olympic 2024 Committee to a City Council meeting. Since the discussion of the 2024 Olympics coming to Boston was stalled, Councillor Stanley moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
7. Councillor Logan moved to take the resolution on Public Safety projects (9/8/2014) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to hear from an off-committee member - Housing Director Robert Waters. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan asked questions concerning the status of the tenancy at 509 Moody Street. Mr. Waters responded that the City is liable to HUD for \$380,000 if the apartments are not

kept as affordable until March 2021. Mr. Waters also explained the additional logistical and financial requirements of finding affordable housing for the existing tenants if they are displaced. Councillor Fowler moved to have the Housing Director inquire of HUD if the City could create 7 new affordable units to replace the 7 units at 509 Moody Street. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Logan moved to place the matter on the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

8. Councillor Darcy moved to take the matter of the Fernald property (4/28/2014) from the table. . The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Darcy moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
9. A motion by Councillor Darcy to adjourn was adopted by a voice vote and the Chair declared the Committee adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Paul G. Centofanti - Clerk to the Committee of the Whole