

# Waltham City Council

## Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 2, 2015

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Council President Pro Temp LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 7:45PM.

City Clerk Rosario Malone clerked the meeting.

The Clerk called the roll.

**Call of the Roll:**

**Present:** Councillors Darcy, Fowler, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Stanley, Vizard, Giordano, Rourke, Brasco, and Waddick.

**Absent:** Councillor Marchese.

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

President Pro Temp LeBlanc asked for a moment of silence for President Marchese's mother-in-law who passed away recently.

The Clerk read the notice of the Special Meeting. The special meeting was called in order to vote on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment reducing the parking requirement for residential developments in the Riverfront Overlay District, where the development is within 1,000 feet of an active commuter rail station, from 2 spaces per unit to 1.5 spaces per unit.

Councillor McMenimen rose to a point of order. The Councillor wanted clarification the outcome of the matter if it was not voted on this evening. The President had stated in a previous meeting that the ordinance amendment would be granted constructively after a 90 day period if the Council failed to take final action on the amendment. The President Pro Temp stated she believed, in her opinion, that if the matter was not voted on at this meeting, it would go back to committee and have to be re-advertised. Councillor Logan spoke on the matter, and agreed that if the Council did not vote to adopt the amendment by giving it a Second and third Reading at that meeting.

Councillor Logan moved to approve the amendment for a Second Reading. Councillor McMenimen rose to ask the President Pro Tem how much time she had to speak before this special meeting would be over. The President Pro Temp stated 15 minutes, and then the regular meeting would have to start.

Councillor McMenimen and Darcy spoke in opposition on the matter.

Councillor Waddick, O'Brien and Rourke all spoke in favor of the amendment.

Councillor Logan requested a roll call, and the Clerk called the roll.

Voting Yea: Councillors Brasco, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Stanley, Vizard, Romard, Fowler, McLaughlin, Waddick, Giordano, Rourke, and Logan.

Voting No: Councillors Darcy and McMenimen.

Absent: Councillor Marchese.

By a vote of 12-2 the motion was adopted and the matter was approved for Second Reading.

Councillor Logan moved to suspend Rule 45 in order to give the matter a Third and Final Reading. A roll call was requested, and the Clerk called the roll.

Voting Yea: Councillors Brasco, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Stanley, Vizard, Romard, Fowler, McLaughlin, Waddick, Giordano, Rourke, Logan, and Darcy.

Opposed: Councillor McMenimen.

Absent: Councillor Marchese.

By a vote of 13-1 the motion was adopted and Rule 45 was suspended.

Councillor Logan moved to approve the matter for Third and Final Reading.

A roll call was required, and the Clerk called the roll.

Voting Yea: Councillors Brasco, LeBlanc, O'Brien, Stanley, Vizard, Romard, Fowler, McLaughlin, Waddick, Giordano, Rourke, and Logan.

Opposed: Councillors Darcy and McMenimen.

Absent: Councillor Marchese.

By a vote of 12-2 the Zoning Ordinance Amendment was adopted on Third and Final Reading.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn the Special City Council meeting. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Council President Pro Temp LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kara Wilson

Executive Assistant of the City Clerk

November 3, 2015

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