

Waltham City Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 23, 2015

Council President Marchese called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

City Clerk Rosario Malone clerked the meeting.

The Clerk called the roll.

Call of the Roll:

Present: Councillors Darcy, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Romard, Stanley, Vizard, Giordano, Waddick, and Marchese.

Absent: Councillors Brasco, Fowler, and Rourke.

The Clerk recited the Council Prayer, and then President Marchese led 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 Marchese opened the public hearing and read the first paragraph of the tax levy publication.

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

Councillor LeBlanc moved to suspend Rule 9 to hear from an off Council member. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Waddick moved to hear from Mr. Goode, Assessor for the City of Waltham. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Mr. Goode spoke on the classification hearing. He outlined the recommendations for the Residential Factor and the Residential Exemption for FY2016. The recommendation was for a Residential Factor of 0.610900 and a Residential Exemption of 20%. He noted that the most growth this past year has been with personal property.

The President closed that portion of the public hearing and opened the hearing to questions from Councillors.

Councillor Waddick, Logan, McMenimen and Darcy spoke on the matter. Councillor McMenimen pointed out that the economy is very healthy in Waltham and the City's financial condition is very stable. Councillor Giordano asked for clarification on the Veterans' exemption. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the disabled/widow/low income/elderly exemption. Mr. Goode stated it is the maximum amount allowed by law.

Councillor Logan moved to table the matter of the Residential Factor on the Council floor. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Logan moved to table the matter of the Residential Exemption on the Council floor.
The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn the special meeting.
The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Council President Marchese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kara Wilson
Executive Assistant of the City Clerk
November 23, 2015

Approved by the City Council: _____