

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Special Meeting of
November 27, 2017

President LeBlanc called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
The Clerk Pro Tem called the roll of the City Council.

Call of the Roll:

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

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

President LeBlanc 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 reason for the Special Meeting was holding a Public Hearing relative to classification and the residential factor which shall be used by the Board of Assessors to determine the percentage of the tax levy to be borne by each class of the tax real estate and personal property for the fiscal year 2018, approval of the Community Preservation Committee Allocation for Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2017 and State Match, Appropriation of Overlay Surplus, Adoption of Residential Exemption Percentage, and Adoption of a Residential Factor.

Community Preservation Committee Allocation for Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2017 and State Match

Councillor Logan moved that the Community Preservation Committee Allocation for Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2017 and State Match be approved as follows:

Community Housing Reserve	(10%)	\$48,187.90
Historic Preservation Reserve	(10%)	\$48,187.90
Open Space Reserve	(10%)	\$48,187.90
CPC Administration Reserve	(5%)	\$24,093.95
CPA Undesignated Budget Reserve	(65%)	\$313,221.35

The motion was approved on a voice vote and the Community Preservation Committee Allocation for Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2017 and State Match was approved.

Appropriation of Overlay Surplus

Councillor Logan that the appropriation in the amount of \$2,972,303 from the overlay surplus be approved to be added to the revenues of FY2018. Councillor McMenimen spoke on the motion and read the Mayor's communication requesting the appropriation. Councillor Logan spoke in favor of the motion. Councillor McMenimen requested a roll call. Voting in favor were Councillors Darcy, LeBlanc, R., Logan, O'Brien, McMenimen, Rourke, Fowler, Romard, Marchese, Waddick, , LeBlanc, D., Vidal. Councillors Brasco, Giordano, and McLaughlin were absent. The appropriation was approved.

Residential exemption

Councillor Logan moved to suspend Rule 9 in order to hear from the Chair of the Board of Assessors Joseph Good. The motion was approved on a voice vote. Mr. Good informed the Council that the work of the Assessors' office had been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue and that the City was now read to vote on a Residential Exemption Percentage and a Residential Factor. Councillor Logan asked what the difference would be between adopting a Residential Exemption Percentage of 25% or a factor of 30%. Mr. Good said that at 25% the average single family tax bill would increase by \$75 and a factor of 30% would be a reduction of \$21.20 from last year. Councillor Rourke asked questions about how utilities are taxed. Councillors Rourke, Darcy and Romard asked questions about which residents would pay higher taxes if as result of adopting the residential exemption. Councillor Logan moved to amend the draft order to increase the residential exemption to 30%. President LeBlanc asked if anyone in the chamber wanted to speak on the matter. No one came forward. A roll call was requested by Councillor McMenimen. Voting in favor were Darcy, LeBlanc, R., Logan, O'Brien, McMenimen, Rourke, Fowler, Marchese, Waddick, Giordano, LeBlanc, D., Vidal. Councillor Roamrd voted no. Councillor Brasco was absent. The amendment was approved. Coucillor Logan moved to approve the order as amended. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the order was adopted.

Residential Factor

Councillor Logan moved to amend the draft order for the residential factor to have the residential factor be .602967. President LeBlanc asked if anyone in the chamber wanted to speak on the matter. No one came forward. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the order was amended. Councillor Logan moved to approve the order as amended. The motion was approved on a voice vote and the order was adopted.

Councillor Logan moved to adjourn. The motion was approved and the Council adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joseph W. Vizard

Assistant City Clerk

Approved by the City Council: 12/26/2017