

Votes taken May 1, 2023

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

- April 18, 2023 – Regular Meeting **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Proclamations/Correspondence:

Citation for Methuen Softball Team

Citation for Methuen Rangers Wrestling Team

Consideration of Appointments:

Larry Giordano – Licensing Board **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Marc Jordan, Superintendent, DPW Environmental Division **Approved Vote: 5 yes, 2 no (Clr. Faretra, Clr. Simard), 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Public Service

a. Grants: None

b. Licenses: None

c. Contracts:

C-23-75 Neptune Uniforms & Equipment, Inc., 360 Washington Street, Haverhill, MA -01832 for Police Uniforms in the Amount of FY23-24 \$140,000.00 – budgeted amount (2nd ext. and last ext. of original contract) (remove from the table **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie) Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**)

C-23-81 MHQ, Inc., 401 Elm Street, Marlborough, MA 01752 for (1) 2023 Ford F-350 SRW 4 X 4 Super Cab (1) 2023 Ford F-350 SRW Regular Cab in the Amount of \$129,100.38 **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-17 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$316,120.69 in National Opioid Settlement Proceeds received into the General Fund Miscellaneous revenue budget during FY23 to fund the newly established Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund Requested by: Mayor Perry and CAFO

Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

TR-23-18 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$2,500 Walmart Community Grant to be used to support the Methuen Fire Department in aiding the community Requested by: Mayor Perry and Fire Department **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

TR-23-19 Resolution Authorizing Expenditures of \$1,600 from the Edwin J. Castle Fund for the American Legion Post 122 to go towards funding a band for the annual Memorial Day parade Requested by: Commission on Trust Funds **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

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TR-23-20 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance Grant of \$15,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to conduct a planning/engineering study of clean energy resilience options at Methuen's critical infrastructure including the Bolduc Street sewer pump station Requested by: Mayor Perry and Department of Community Development **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

TR-23-21 Resolution Adopting MGL Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 allowing the Methuen Retirement System to increase the FY23 Cost of Living Adjustment from 3% to 5% retroactive to July 1, 2022. Requested by: Mayor Perry and the Methuen Retirement Board (remove from the table **Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

Ordinances: None

New Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-22 Resolution to Require Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAS) posted on the City Website 10 Days in Advance for Public Review with Tracked Changes, and Required Report by the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer (CAFO) or Designee, Prior to the First Vote on Said CBA (Req. of Clr. Finocchiaro, Co-sponsors Clr. Saba, Clr. Simard, and Clr. James McCarty) **As amended - Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. McCarty) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Ordinances:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Methuen City Council will vote to enter into Executive Session, with the Mayor, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, and the City Solicitor, in accordance with Exemption 7 (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7)), in order to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and in particular, to (i) review and approve the minutes of the City Council's Executive Session of November 7, 2022, (ii) determine whether the purpose for the executive session has been served, and (iii) determine whether the minutes warrant continued non-disclosure, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 22.

Following the conclusion of the Executive Session, the City Council will adjourn and not reconvene in open session.

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Beauregard to enter into Executive Session. UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: **Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**