

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, September 5, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

- Special Meeting May 25th 2023 Approved as amended 40B to 30B Unanimous vote,
August 7th 2023 Regular Meeting Approved Unanimous vote

Consideration of Appointments:

Daniel Shibilia Community Advisory Board Approved Unanimous vote
Carey Smith Cultural Council Approved Unanimous vote

Public Service

- Grants: None
- Licenses: Pailin Transportations, 2 Renfrew Street, Methuen, MA 01844
Vehicle for Hire (New) **Approved Unanimous vote**
- Contracts:

Personal Service Contract Extension for Fire Chief Tim Sheehy **Approved Unanimous vote**

C-24-10 The Stirm Group, 112 Parker Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 for Police Evidence Tracking Software Solutions in the Amount of \$422,613.70

Tabled 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio)

C-24-11 Greenman-Pedersen, 181 Ballardvale Street, Suite 202, Wilmington, MA 01887, for MHS Tennis Court Improvements in the Amount of \$149,500.00

Approved Unanimous vote

C-24-12 All States Construction, Inc., 325 Amherst Road, P.O. Box 91, Sunderland, MA 01375, for Bituminous Concrete Pavement Reclamation in the Amount of \$222,831.00

Approved 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. Saffie was out of the room and did not participate in the vote)

C-24-13 M.T. Mayo Corporation, 10 Tower Office Park, Suite 204, Woburn, MA 01801, for Manhole Casting Adjustment in the Amount of \$187,500.00

Approved 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. Saffie was out of the room and did not participate in the vote)

C-24-14 BitCon Corporation, 18 Popes Lane, Danvers, MA 01923, for Bituminous Concrete Pavement, Handwork, Curb & Berm in the Amount of \$911,650.00

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C-24-15 Ferguson Waterworks, 25 Concord Street, North Reading, MA 01864, for Manhole & Catch Basin Frames, Covers & Gates in the Amount of \$59,884.00

Approved 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. Saffie was out of the room and did not participate in the vote)

C-24-16 New ERA Tech. NE, 2 BatteryMarch Park, Suite 401, Quincy, MA 02169, for New VIOP Phone System in the Amount of \$365,304.00 (70 Month contract) Onetime fee FY24 \$33,150 (60 months @\$5,535.90 FY25through FY29) = \$332,154.00

Approved 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio), 1 abstention (Clr. Saffie was out of the room and did not participate in the vote)

C-24-17 Brox Industries, Inc., 1471 Methuen Street, Dracut, MA 01844, for Cold Planing & Profiling (Load Contractors Trucks & Disposing Outside Methuen) in the Amount of \$68,250.00 (35,000/sy @ \$1.95/sy)

Approved 8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. Saffie was out of the room and did not participate in the vote)

Resolutions:

TR-23-43 A Resolution Encouraging Rideshare Companies, Vehicle for Hire Firms, and Their Clients to Avail Themselves of Language Translation Applications on Their Mobile Electronic Devices to Facilitate Communication, Understanding, and Safety (Sponsored by Chair Eunice Zeigler and Councilor Allison Saffie).

Approved (as amended) 6 yes, 3 no (Clr. Simard, Clr. Faretra, Clr. Saba)

TR-23-44 A Resolution for Expanding Digital Access to City Council Meetings via Online Media Platforms (Sponsored by Chair Eunice Zeigler).

Failed 5 no, 4 yes (Clr. Beauregard, Clr McCarty, Clr. Saffie, Clr. Zeigler)

TR-23-45 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$1,600 Walmart Community Grant to support the Methuen Fire Department in Aiding the Community. Requested by Mayor Perry, CAFO Duprey and Chief Sheehy.

Approved Unanimous vote

TR-23-46 Order Authorizing a Borrowing to Pay Costs for the Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Plan of \$14,566,144. Requested by Mayor Perry and CAFO Duprey.

Approved Unanimous vote

TR-23-47 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$17,600 Fiscal Year 2024 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) to support costs associated with emergency medical dispatch Grant. Requested by Mayor Perry, CAFO Duprey and Chief McNamara. **Approved 8 yes, 1 out of the room (Clr. McCarty) vote**

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Ordinances: None

New Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-48 Resolution Amending Traffic Rules and Regulations – Article V:
Parking Section II: Prohibited Parking – Gage Street **Approved for first read Unanimous vote**
(EPA REQUESTED) Failed 5 no, 4 yes (Clr. Beauregard, Clr. DiZoglio, Clr. Saffie, Clr. Zeigler)

TR-23-49 Resolution Authorizing Expenditures of \$7,500 from the Edwin J. Castle Fund to support Hispanic Heritage month events; *Requested by the Commission on Trust Funds*

Approved for first read Unanimous vote

TR-23-50 Resolution Increasing Retirement Allowances for Employees Retired Under Accidental Disability per MGL Chapter 32, Section 90A; *Requested by the Mayor*

Approved for first read Unanimous vote

TR-23-51 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance and Expenditure of FY22 and FY23 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant from Community Development Fund *Requested by Mayor and Director of Economic and Community Development*

Approved for first read Unanimous vote

Unanimous vote to recess meeting to Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the remainder of the agenda, as follows:

Ordinances:

TO-23-6 An Ordinance to Create the Position of Second Assistant City Solicitor (Unaffiliated), with a Minimum Annual Salary of \$75,000 with Step Increases of Approximately 5% Resulting in a Maximum Salary of \$91,163 (sponsored by the City Solicitor)

TO-23-7 An Ordinance to Amend the Wage and Salary Classification Plan for the Assistant City Solicitor (Unaffiliated) by Adjusting the Minimum Annual Salary from \$91,800 to \$105,000 and Providing Step Increases of Approximately 5% Resulting in a Maximum Salary of \$127,628 (Sponsored by the City Solicitor)

TO-23-8 An Ordinance to Amend the Wage and Salary Classification Plan for the City Solicitor (Unaffiliated) by Adjusting the Minimum Annual Salary from \$108,120 to \$130,000 and Providing Step Increases of Approximately 6% up Through Step III, followed by an Approximate 10% Increase to the Maximum Salary of \$170,000 (Sponsored by the City Solicitor)

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TO-23-9 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Middle Management, to add the new position of GIS Specialist
Requested by the Mayor and Director of Public Works

TO-23-10 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Unaffiliated, to add the new position of ARPA Construction Manager
Requested by the Mayor, CAFO and Director of Public Works

TO-23-11 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Middle Management, to add the new position of Safety and Training Coordinator
Requested by the Mayor and Director of Public Works

TO-23-12 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Middle Management, to reclassify Water Registrar to Utility Billing Supervisor
Requested by the Mayor and Director of Public Works

TO-23-13 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, unaffiliated, to add the new position of Cyber Security Specialist
Requested by Mayor, CAFO and CIO

TO-23-14 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Department Head, to add the new position of Director of Public Health
Requested by the Mayor

TO-23-15 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Middle Management, to add the new position of Building Division Director/Building Commissioner
Requested by the Mayor

TO-23-16 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Middle Management, to add the new position of Human Services Division Director *Requested by the Mayor*

TO-23-17 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Schedule of Chapter 6, Section 6-5 of the Methuen Municipal Code, Unaffiliated- Police Matron/Monitor
Requested by the Mayor and Police Chief

Any Other Business for the Good and Welfare of the Community.
Adjourn