

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

Organizational Business

Proposed City Council Subcommittees **Approved Unanimous vote**

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings: January 16, 2024 regular meeting
Tabled Unanimous

Consideration of Appointments:

Jeffrey Torrisi Promoted to Police Sergeant **Approved Unanimous vote**

Public Service:

- A) Grants: None
- B) Licenses: None
- C) Contract(s):

C-24-42- McGovern MHQ, inc.- Fire Department 1 2023 F350 SRW XL 4WD Supercab-
CIP24 funds -\$61,219.05 **Approved Unanimous vote**

C-24-43- Waterline Industries Corp. WTP Electrical Resiliency Improvements
\$1,877,677.00- ARPA funds (Granite St. Improvements) **Approved Unanimous vote**

- D) “Order Calling for Presidential Primary” March 5, 2024 **Approved Unanimous vote**
- E) Approval of Election Personnel for 2024 Elections **Approved Unanimous vote**

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-24-1 A Resolution to Initiate the Process of Filling the Open Position of Assistant City
Council Clerk (Requested by Councilor Beauregard) **Approved Unanimous vote**

TR-24-3 Resolution to Appropriate funds of \$60,000 from the Opioid Settlement
Stabilization Fund to Hire Two Patrol Officers (Request of Chief McNamara) **Approved
Unanimous vote**

TR-24-4 Resolution to Appropriate funds of \$60,000 from the Opioid Settlement
Stabilization Fund to Hire Two Emergency Medical Technicians (Request of Chief Sheehy)
Approved Unanimous vote

TR-24-5 Resolution to Appropriate funds of \$25,000 from the Opioid Settlement
Stabilization Fund to support the Merrimack Valley Prevention and Substance Abuse Project
(Request of Mayor) **Approved 8 to 1 vote (Clr. Beauregard recused himself)**

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TR-24-6 Resolution to Appropriate funds of \$50,000 from the Opioid Settlement Stabilization Fund to fund expanded substance abuse and mental health services of the City's Health and Human Services Department (Request of Mayor and Health Department)

Approved Unanimous vote

Ordinances: None

New Business:

Resolutions:

TR-24-2 Resolution authorizing the submission of a home rule petition to amend the maximum allowable aged of special police officers of the City of Methuen Request of Mayor and Chief McNamara) Charter Objected on January 16, 2024 **Approved Unanimous vote as amended**

TR-24-7 A Resolution Changing City Council Rule II – Agenda (Request of Chair Faretra) **Approved Unanimous vote**

TR-24-8 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2024 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant **Approved Unanimous vote**

TR-24-9 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Gift of **\$1,000** from LowellFive to Provide for Assistance for elderly residents (Request of Treasurer) **Approved Unanimous vote**

Ordinances:

TO-24-1 An Ordinance to Restructure the City of Methuen's Health, Human Services and Inspections Department **Tabled sent to Public Safety Committee**