

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings: May 6, 2024 regular meeting
Approved Unanimous

Consideration of Appointments:

Michael Foley promoted to Lieutenant – Methuen Fire Department
Approved Unanimous

Public Service:

A) Grants: None

B) Licenses: None

C) Contract(s):

C-24-65 Ti-Sales 36 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 for Cloud based Neptune 360 in the Amount of \$38,875.00 DPW Water Distribution **Approved Unanimous**

C-24-66 Billerica Winwater Works Co., 2 Everett Farmer Road, Billerica, MA 01842 for 8-5 ½ feet bury, 12-6 ft bury; Mueller Fire Hydrants in the Amount of:
5 ½ \$23,680.00
6 \$36,156.00 Total: \$59,836.00 **Approved Unanimous**

C-24-67 TEC, Inc., 282 Merrimack Street 2nd floor, Lawrence, MA 1843 for Pleasant Valley Street over Meadow Brook Culvert in the Amount of \$76,000.00 **Approved Unanimous**

C-24-68 J.J. Phelan & Son Co., Inc., `120 Lumber Lane, Tewksbury, MA 01876 for MHS Walkway/parking Improvements (section A only) in the Amount of \$275,000.00
Approved Unanimous

C-24-69 Energy Source, LLC, 37 Thurber Blvd, Suite 101, Smithfield, RI 02917 for Energy Management System (EMS) Proposal in the Amount of \$136,850.00 (5 years) Monthly Payment (estimate): \$2,300.00 Lease Term: 60 Months, Lease Rate Factor: 0%, Payment Frequency: Monthly **Approved Unanimous**

C-24-70 Revised and Updated Legal Services Retention Letter – Special Counsel
Approved 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio)

C-24-71 Amendment to Contract between City of Methuen and MAN, Inc, \$40,000 (Funded by CDBG; Requested by the Mayor)
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C-24-72 JJ Phelan & Son, Inc. 120 Lumber Lane, Tewksbury, MA 1876 in the Amount of \$1,195,000 for the Methuen High School Walkways/Parking Improvements Project (Funded through School ESSER 3; Requested by School Superintendent) **Approved Unanimous**

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-24-24 A Resolution to Protest the Proposed Installation of Passenger Vehicle Tolls at the Borders of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Request of Councilors Beauregard and Saffie, Chair Faretra, Vice-Chair Soto, and Mayor Perry) **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-25 A Resolution Approving Greater Lawrence Vocational Amendment of District Agreement to Permit for the Lease of Airport Hangar Land School (Request from Greater Lawrence Vocational School) (remove from the table) **Approved Unanimous**

Approved Unanimous

TR-24-26 Resolution Allowing the Methuen Retirement System to Increase the Cost-Of-Living Base from \$18,000 to \$19,000 **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-28 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a State of Massachusetts Fiscal Year 2024 Budgeted Earmark of \$12,500 from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-29 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$750,000 of Free Cash to Compensated Absences Reserve to fund the payment of paid time off to employees **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-30 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$500,000 of Free Cash to Worker's Compensation Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-31 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$120,000 of Free Cash to the Unemployment Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-32 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$100,000 of Free Cash to the Injured in the Line of Duty (ILD) Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses
Approved Unanimous

TR-24-33 Resolution to Approve Debt Authorization of Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School \$4,000,000 to expand existing programs of the District (Request of Greater Lawrence Technical High School) (remove from the table) **Approved Unanimous Motion to adopt failed**

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TR-24-34 A Resolution Authorizing a Utility Easement to National Grid – 4 Lawrence Street (Recommendation of the Department of Economic & Community Development)

Approved Unanimous

Ordinances: None

New Business:

Resolutions:

TR-24-35 A Resolution Recognizing Pride Month in the City of Methuen (Requested by Clr. Beauregard, Councilor Valley, and Vice-Chair Soto, Chair Faretra, and Mayor Perry)

Approved Unanimous

TR-24-36 Resolution Amending Traffic Rules and Regulations of the City of Methuen-Hampstead Street @ Maple (Requested by Mayor and Chief of Police) **Tabled**

TR-24-37 Resolution Authorizing Transfer \$585,000 from Free Cash, to be transferred to DPW Other Expenses to fund necessary Snow & Ice expenditures **Approved Unanimous** (Funded by Free Cash; Requested by Mayor, CAFO and DPW Director)

TR-24-38 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$100,000 from the General Fund Department of HHSI Personal Services Expenses to the General Fund Risk Management Expenses budget line due to unanticipated expenditures (Funded by intra-fund transfer; Requested by Mayor & CAFO) **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-39 Resolution Authorizing Transfer \$600,000 from Free Cash, to be transferred to DPW Solid Waste Disposal Expenses to fund necessary Tipping Fee Expenditures (Funded by Free Cash; Requested by Mayor, CAFO and DPW Director)

Approved: 6, 2 (Clr. Faretra, Clr. Soto), 1 absent (Clr. Campagnone)

TR-24-40 Resolution to Repurpose \$1,030,000 of Approved Eligible ARPA Funding From the New DPW Building Feasibility/ Engineering Project to the Methuen High School Tennis Court Project (Funded by ARPA; Requested by Mayor, CAFO and DPW Director)

Approved Unanimous

TR-24-41 Resolution to Repurpose \$2,405,000 of Approved Eligible ARPA Funding from Multiple Projects to the Burnham Road Pump Station Project (Funded by ARPA; Requested by Mayor, CAFO and DPW Director) **Approved Unanimous**

TR-24-42 Resolution Ordering the Methuen City Council's Intent to Lay Out Liam's Lane as a Public Way and to Refer the Matter to the City of Methuen Community Development Board (Requested by the Mayor and Director of ECD) **Tabled to send to C/D Board for recommendation**

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

Joel Faretra

Chair of the City Council

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