

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

VOTES AUGUST 5, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings: July 1, Regular Meeting
Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)

Consideration of Appointments:

Brad Gosselin, Commission on Disability **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Christine Sierra, Board of Registrars (re-appointment) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Paul Downing, Board of Registrars **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Public Service:

A) Grants: None

B) Licenses:

C) Contract(s):

C-25-1 Methuen Department of Public Work Employees Association Agreement with City of Methuen July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 **(second read) Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

C-25-2 Local 123, Federation of State, City and Town Employees Agreement with City of Methuen July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 **(second read) Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

C-25-3 Local 1691, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO Agreement with City of Methuen July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 **(second read) Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

C-25-17 Methuen Police Superior Officer's Association July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 **(first read) Tabled Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

C-25-18 Local 3699 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Methuen Support Staff Employees' Unit (AFCME A) July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 **(first read) Approved Vote 6 yes, 1 no (Clr. Faretra) 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

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C-25-19 Local 3699 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO Methuen Inspectors Employees' Unit (AFSCME B) (first read) **Approved** **Vote 6 yes, 1 no (Clr. Faretra) 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

D) Order Calling for State Primary September 3, 2024 **Approved 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-24-45 A Resolution Authorizing Utility Easement to National Grid for 960 Riverside Drive Sewer and Raw Water Pump Station & Recommendation of the Department of Public Works) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

TR-24-46 Resolution Accepting and Establishing the Water and Sewer Rates Analysis Tabled Vote **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

TR-24-47 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of Supplemental 2023 Recycling Dividends Program Municipal Grant **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

TR-24-53 Resolution Accepting Open Space from Pinnacle Builders, LLC (Liam's Lane) (recommendation from Development Board) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Ordinances:

TO-24-3 An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to Update the Floodplain Overlay District as Required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and as Approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

TO-24-5 Ordinance to Amend Section 8-11 of the Municipal Code of the City of Methuen to increase fees for the disposal of Construction and Demolition Debris **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

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New Business:

Resolutions:

Councilor Marsan left the room.

TR-24-48 RESOLUTION Approving a Tax Increment Financing (“TIF”) Agreement by and between the City of Methuen (“CITY”) and Heav’lly Investments IV LLC and Heav’lly Commissary, Inc.. (collectively “COMPANIES”) (Requested by the Mayor and Director of Economic and Community Development) **Approved Vote 6 yes, 1 (Clr. Marsan out of the room) 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Councilor Marsan returned to the room.

TR-24-49 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of \$1,300 grant through the MED-Project (Requested by the Mayor and Chief of Police) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

TR-24-50 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2025 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant of \$180,964 (Requested by the Mayor and Chief of Police) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Councilor Beauregard left the room.

TR-24-51 Resolution to Approve the City’s Acquisition of the Searles Estate via Purchase and Sale Agreement (Requested by the Mayor) **Failed 4 yes 2 no (Clr. Soto, Clr. Valley), 1 out of room (Clr. Beauregard)**

TR-24-52 Resolution Authorizing a Borrowing to Pay Costs for the acquisition of the Searles Estate (Requested by the Mayor and CAFO) **Tabled Vote 6 yes, Clr. Beauregard was out of room) 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**

Councilor Beauregard returned to the room.

Ordinance(s):

TO-24-6 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, AFSCME A, to add the new position of Community Outreach Coordinator (Requested by the Mayor and Director of Human Resources) **Approved Vote 7 yes, 2 absent (Clr. Campagnone, Clr. Pesce)**