

VOTES TAKEN - METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

1. **Roll Call** - Clr. Valley, Clr. Campagnone, Clr. DiZoglio, Clr. Pesce Clr. Saffie, Clr. Soto, Clr. Surillo and Chair Marsan (Absent – Clr. Faretra)
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda** – Motion to amend agenda by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Valley to move Citation presentations to after the Pledge of Allegiance – unanimous - Motion to waive the Council Rules by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Saffie – unanimous – Motion to accept agenda as amended by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Surillo – unanimous - (Absent – Clr. Faretra)
3. **Pledge of Allegiance/Words of Wisdom/Moment of Silence** – Clr. Soto said, “Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible. And be kinder than is necessary.” by Dalai Lama.
4. **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings:** May 18, 2025 regular meeting – Motion to accept by Clr. Saffie, seconded by Clr. Faretra – 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. Pesce)

**5. PUBLIC SERVICE:**

- A) **Grants:** Public Service Grant: WR #31064078 - National Grid to install underground facilities at the intersection of Elsmere Avenue and Edgewood Avenue – Motion to approve by Clr. Surillo, seconded by Clr. Campagnone – 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio) 1 Absent (Clr. Faretra)

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Resolutions:**

**TR-25-19** - Resolution Authorizing Expenditures of \$1,000 from the Edwin J. Castle Fund for Historic Methuen – **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Campagnone - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-20** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$650,000 of Free Cash to Compensated Absences Reserve to fund the payment of paid time off to employees – **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Soto – unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-21** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$200,000 of Free Cash to the Injured in the Line of Duty (ILD) Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Faretra - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-22** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$500,000 of Free Cash to the Unemployment Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Saffie - unanimously approved.**

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**TR-25-23** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$300,000 of Free Cash to Worker's Compensation Reserve to fund employee benefit-related expenses – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Saffie - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-24** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$900,000 of Free Cash to Methuen Public School Budget Line to cover one-time FY25 special education costs – **Motion to approve by Clr. Saffie, seconded by Clr. Campagnone - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-25** – Resolution Amending Rule VII(d) of the Methuen City Council Rules & Procedures approved January 4, 2024 as amended February 4, 2024 to Update & Clarify the Requirements for Reconsideration (*Sponsored by Chair Marsan and Vice Chair Soto*) – **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Campagnone – 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio)**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolutions:**

**TR-25-26** - To Receive and Review the Open Meeting Law Complaint dated May 5<sup>th</sup> and refer it to the City Solicitor for a response. – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Saffie - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-27** - Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$252,795 between various General Fund Personal Services and Other Expenses budgets to fund various approved contracts and agreed upon Collective Bargaining Agreements – **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Campagnone - unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-28** - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2026 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant of \$180,964 – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Valley – unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-29** - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of \$16,230.96 for Fiscal Year 2026 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) Grant – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Faretra – unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-30** - Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$182,730.54 Fiscal Year 2026 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Training grant – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Valley – unanimously approved.**

**TR-25-31** - Resolution Reporting on City Solicitor Search Process and Recommending that Paul T. O'Neill be Appointed as City Solicitor - (*Sponsored by Councilor Marsan*) – **Motion to approve by Clr. Campagnone, seconded by Clr. Soto – unanimously approved.**

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**Ordinances:**

**TO-25-8** – An Ordinance Further Clarifying the Purpose and Authority of the City Solicitor and the Law Department (*Sponsored by Councilor Marsan*) - **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Campagnone - Motion to TABLE by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Faretra - unanimously approved.**

**8. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Clr. DiZoglio, seconded by Clr. Faretra – unanimously approved at 10:50 PM**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lisa Yarid Ferry*

*Assistant City Council Clerk*