



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Chairperson Peg Crowe
Vice Chair Amanda Linehan
Councillor at Large Carey McDonald
Councillor Chris Simonelli
Councillor Jadeane Sica

Monday, November 21, 2022

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 113
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Councillors Linehan and McDonald were attending another committee meeting being held at the same time as this meeting.

Also in attendance Acting City Solicitor John McNaught, Councillor Steve Winslow.

Council President Spadafora sat in the meeting to make quorum.

Present: 2 - Peg Crowe and Jadeane Sica

Absent: 3 - Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald and Chris Simonelli

Minutes to be Approved

[459-22](#)

Minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2022

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Council President Spadafora that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[460-22](#)

Minutes from the meeting of October 25, 2022

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Council President Spadafora that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[461-22](#)

Minutes from the meeting of November 1, 2022

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Council President Spadafora that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[403-22](#)

Be it hereby Ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 7.20.010(A) (12) is hereby amended by striking "from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday" and replaced with "the same hours as Trafton Park unless the Stadium and Athletic Commission establishes

different hours.”

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Chair Crowe turned it over to the sponsor of the paper Councillor Winslow.

Councillor Winslow told the committee that Trafton has been having some issues with kids being in the Trafton dog park with no dogs which is a requirement for being of the dog park. There is also an issue of the hours the dog park is open. Councillor Winslow wants to have signs made for the hours of the dog park and before the signs are made the hours need to be firmed up. Councillor Winslow would like the Stadium and Athletic Commission to establish the hours. Councillor Sica made a motion to amend the paper to strikeout the hours and add the hours be established by the Stadium and Athletic Commission.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Council President Spadafora that the Ordinance be recommended favorably as amended to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[429-22](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 2.12.170 Recreation Programs/Recreation Coordinator be amended.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [MCC 2.12.170 Amendment](#)

Chair Crowe asked the sponsor, Councillor Winslow to speak on the paper. Councillor Winslow told the committee he has had conversations with Recreational Director Joe Levine and Laura Perez regarding the permitting process of using the parks. Councillor Winslow continued as of now there is nothing to make people apply for permits. Councillor Winslow gave an example of the Mystic Valley Charter School who are in wards 2, 6 and 7. In ward 6, the school is always using Trafton Park and it could be all day long where no permit is issued. Councillor Winslow said that Trafton Park, Kierstead Park in ward 7 and Devir Park in ward 2 are having expensive upgrades that are going to take place and those groups that use the park will need to help pay for the maintenance of the park and even have their hours cut back that they use the park so regulations need to be put in place. Councillor Winslow said the Athletic and Stadium Commission can issue permits for any term less than a year but anything over a year would have to be issued by the Council. Councillor Winslow further stated that there are guidelines only if someone has applied for a permit and that permit is issued and that we need to clarify the ordinance, you can't have someone using the fields all day long. Councillor Winslow stated that the city has always given exclusive agreements to the Charter School but that is being deferential to the Charter School. They are using a loophole now so they aren't applying for permits. Councillor Winslow said the Commission is 75% there what needs to be done and he would like the Council to figure out the last 25%. Councillor Winslow said his motivation is to have clear rules and people using the fields there is an extra cost.

Councillor Sica stated that she is not against the paper and wants to make sure the committee gets it right. Councillor Sica suggested having Recreation Director Levine in before the committee and made a motion to table and bring in Mr. Levine.

Council President Spadafora suggested we look at Cambridge rules that they use for fields.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Council President Spadafora that the Ordinance be tabled to the Rules & Ordinance Committee and have Director Levine come before the Committee. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

Tabled Papers

[283-21](#)

Order: That the City of Malden submit to the Massachusetts Legislature for passage in substantially the following form: (See Attached).

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Traffic Comm. - Charter Update 2021.Paper.283.21 Attachment](#)

[313-21](#)

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the City of Malden Ordinances section 2.16 "Board, Commissions, and Committees" be amended to require remote participation by members of the public for all public meetings by inserting a new section 2.16.001 "Remote participation required."

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley, Deborah DeMaria and Amanda Linehan

[238-22](#)

Order: That the Malden City Council establish a Food Policy Council

Sponsors: Peg Crowe

Attachments: [FPC draft ordinance](#)

[382-22](#)

Be it ordained that Section 11.24.010 PLACEMENT OF POLES, WIRES AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG OR ON PUBLIC WAYS be amended in the following manner (See attachment)

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [Double Pole Ordinance](#)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Council president Spadafora, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

the meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.