# Stephen Winslow City of Malden Ward 6 City Councillor City Council President 2024

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: MALDEN CITY COUNCIL

CAROL ANN DESEDERIO, CITY CLERK

RE: CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2024

DATE: JANUARY 9, 2024

**Dear Council Colleagues:** 

Thanks once again for nominating and supporting me to be Council President in 2024. My key goals in establishing committee assignments are to ensure we can work together to do the vital work the residents have entrusted to all of us in being their elected representatives and to that end help enable each of you to do the work you think can best serve our residents.

Here's an overview of our organizational structure for the Council in 2024:

- 1. <u>Presiding Officers</u> (Rule 10.00): At our meeting on January 2, 2024, the Council elected me to serve as Council President in 2024. Pursuant to Rule 10.02 as amended in 2023, I hereby appoint Ward 4 Councillor Ryan O'Malley to serve as President Pro Tempore in instance of my temporary absence.
- 2. <u>Standing Committees</u> (Rule 46.00): The Standing Committees will remain as set forth in Rule 46.00. Some standing committee meet frequently and others very infrequently. Rather than proposing a rule change to modify jurisdictions or consolidate committees at this juncture, I have decided to

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use my appointment authority and plan to work with the Council when referring papers to Committees to streamline committee roles as follows:

- a. <u>Unified Committee on Public Holdings:</u> I am appointing the same three Councillors to the Cemetery Committee, Public Property Committee and Public Works Committee, three of the Committees that meet infrequently. The ultimate objective will be to consolidate these three Committees into a "Public Holdings Committee". I foresee assigning this unified committee the role of working on the City's Capital Plan as well as working with Departments under its jurisdiction on actions to implement goals of the City's upcoming Climate Action Plan related to public holdings.
- b. <u>License Committee</u>: This committee has jurisdiction over licenses required by ordinance. I plan to work with the Committee Chair and Council to also assign other types of licenses that are sought from the Council to this Committee such as any additional 5G Cell Tower license applications.
- c. <u>Personnel and Appointments / Public Safety Committees</u>: I plan to work with the Committee Chairs and Council to see that these Committees annually select a few Departments each year to discuss each one's mission, priorities, successes and challenges.
- d. <u>Finance</u>: The Council several years ago created an ad hoc "Long Term Financial Planning & Strategy Committee". After speaking with Councillor Spadafora who chaired that committee, I am planning to work with the Finance Committee to lead that effort.

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- 3. <u>Special Committees</u>: (Rule 47): Under Rule 47, the Council from time to time by resolution establishes Special Committees (also referred to as "Ad Hoc" Committees) to undertake special missions described in a resolution. The Special Committees for 2024 will be as follows:
  - a. The Future of Maplewood Square and Waterfront Access
    Committees will continue their work into the 2024-2025 term.
  - b. The Committee on Technology Policy: I have spoken to Councillor Linehan regarding the Committee's work. The Committee developed recommendations that have been integrated into Council rules so Councillor Linehan and I agreed that this Committee that can be discontinued.
  - c. The Charter Review Committee: The work of the Charter Review Committee will continue into the 2024-2025 Term. I plan to lead the Charter Review and Personnel and Appointments Committee with the mutual intent to work with the Mayor to create a more adaptable and robust framework of governance to better face the current challenges of housing affordability, growing our commercial tax-base and adapting to Climate Change as the Council works with the Mayor and community to implement our Affordable Housing Plan, adopt a Climate Action Plan and update our Master Plan.
  - d. The work of the Committee on Long-term Financial Planning & Strategy will be taken on by the Finance Committee so this Committee will be discontinued.
  - e. The Resiliency and Sustainability Committee: The City's Climate
    Action Planning Committee will be presenting the City's first Climate

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Action Plan. I have been working with Councillor McDonald to ensure the work of this Committee continues under that Plan so the Committee will be discontinued.

f. Community Engagement and Inclusion Committee (Proposed):
Under Council President DeMaria, the Council created a Citizens
Engagement Committee. Councillor Colón Hayes has asked that this
Committee be revived and has offered to be its leader. A resolution
to establish this Committee will be introduced next week for the
Council's consideration.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & INCLUSION COMMITTEE (Proposed)**

The Community Engagement and Inclusion Committee shall:

- Seek to broaden community input in key decisions referred by the City
   Council through forums, surveys and other actions,
- Review Language Access and DEI initiatives by the City, and
- Encourage youth to be engaged in civic life.

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#### STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (6)** 

Chair: McDonald

Vice Chair: Condon

Members: Colón Hayes, Spadafora,

Taylor, Winslow

**LICENSE COMMITTEE (5)** 

Chair: Sica

Vice Chair: Colón Hayes

Members: Condon, Simonelli, Taylor

CEMETERY COMMITTEE, PUBLIC
PROPERTY, PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

(aka PUBLIC HOLDINGS COMMITTEE) (3)

Chair: McDonald

Vice Chair: O'Malley

Member: Spadafora

**PERSONNEL AND APPOINTMENTS (5)** 

Chair: Winslow

Vice Chair: Colón Hayes

Members: Crowe, Linehan, Spadafora

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (3)** 

Chair: Crowe

Vice Chair: McDonald

Member: Simonelli

**RULES & ORDINANCE COMMITTEE (5)** 

Chair: Linehan

Vice Chair: Crowe

Members: O'Malley, Sica, Simonelli

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#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES UNDER RULE 47.00**

## FUTURE OF MAPLEWOOD SQUARE

**COMMITTEE** 

Winslow, Chair

Colón Hayes, Vice Chair

Taylor, Ward 5 Councillor

**Resident Members:** 

Ward 5 – Shane Lundrum

Ward 6 - Naomi Kahn

Ward 6 – Bonita McAllister

Business Rep. – Gabriel Tobirio

#### **WATERFRONT ACCESS**

Crowe, Chair

Colón Hayes

O'Malley

Neal Anderson - Harbor Master

- Ex-Officio

#### **CHARTER REVIEW**

Winslow, Chair

Linehan, Vice Chair

Spadafora, Member

Carol Ann Desiderio-Ex-Officio

Ron Hogan-Ex-Officio

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT &**

**INCLUSION COMMITTEE (3)** 

(PROPOSED)

Chair: Colón Hayes

Vice Chair: Taylor

Member: Simonelli

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## **AD HOC & EX OFFICIO COMMITTEES 2024 – continued**

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**EX-OFFICIO COMMITTEES** 

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

TRUST FUND

Linehan

**COMPLETE STREETS** 

Winslow / Taylor

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY** 

McDonald

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Winslow

**MALDEN RIVER WORKS** 

Colón Hayes

**MASTER PLAN STEERING** 

Crowe O'Malley Spadafora

**OPEN SPACE** 

Taylor / Simonelli

PROBLEM PROPERTY

Crowe

**RACIAL EQUITY** 

McDonald

SIGN DESIGN

Taylor Spadafora

SITE PLAN REVIEW: RIO / MBTA

Linehan O'Malley

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

**MALDEN RIVER** 

Crowe, Chair Colón Hayes O'Malley

SITE PLAN REVIEW:

**ROWES QUARRY** 

Sica

Spadafora