



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Safety Committee

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Tuesday, May 12, 2020

7:15 PM

REMOTE MEETING

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This meeting will be a Joint Public Safety and Public Properties Meeting  
Councillors O'Malley (Chair), Winslow (Vice Chair), Linehan.

### Roll Call

*Public Property Roll Call:*

*Present: Councillor O'Malley, Chair, Councillor Linehan and Councillor Winslow*

*Public Safety Roll Call:*

*Present: Councillor Winslow, Chair, Councillor DeMaria and Councillor O'Malley*

Also Present: Councillors Crowe, Murphy and Spadafora  
Kate Fallon-City Solicitor

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## Minutes to be Approved

### Business

#### [121-20](#)

Resolve: That the Public Safety Committee of the Malden City Council identify and help prioritize recommendations to maintain appropriate social distancing in public spaces once the current stay at home orders issued by the Governor and the Malden Board of Health have been updated to allow such activities.

**Sponsors:** Stephen Winslow

### Other Business

A joint meeting of the Public Safety and Public Property meeting was called to order at 7:59 P.M. by Councillors Winslow and O'Malley. Councillor O'Malley says the meeting is being filmed by Jon Miara.

The meeting begins with a presentation from Councillor Winslow which is a table of how phases may happen referring to opening of businesses and public safety in the City. The discussion consists of Councillors voicing concerns they have heard from constituents some of which were opening of parks, more social distance walking space and community gardens.

Councillor Murphy explains that regarding the community garden opening she is working with Julie Mangan to not order but ask people who are knowledgeable to engage in this conversation such as the Police and BOH.

The committee also discusses the idea of having a local reopening committee which Councillor Winslow says as Councillors would allow sharing some of the concerns of the Citizens to the knowledgeable officials moving forward to a safe opening. Councillor O'Malley submits a communication by a constituent on concerns to be entered into the minutes. (see attached)

Councillor Winslow says he will follow-up with Maria Luise, Mayor's office to form a local task force to prioritize and assist officials when we are ready to re-open. Councillor Linehan suggests if they are getting close to a local task force inviting the planning board or someone from planning who could talk about parking issues and also bike parking with the local businesses for curbside delivery or adding some bike parking if constituents will be using bikes for transportation. Councillor O'Malley says it is not our intent to look for solutions of what we are looking for with more bike parking or look for a way to get things we are looking for with social distancing. Councillor Linehan says to clarify what she is saying is what the administration and MassDot projections are showing is that they don't anticipate we will return to commuting with pre-Covid patterns and she feels through Citizen Engagement we should see what the community is looking for with social distancing and think about what the State is saying what we want to change now to lay the groundwork but there is no agenda or a covert way of making it happen it should be community lead but if we are setting up a task force we need to look at the garages that may not be used to capacity but this is not a way to get a plan through a Covid reopening plan.

Councillor O'Malley said one of the challenges we face in Malden is our old structure and we have various public bodies with responsibilities that are overlapping such as Public Property Committee of the City Council, Public Works Commission and the Traffic Commission each body has some jurisdiction on Public Property in a different realm and he asked if there is a ven diagram or something to help us figure out who we need to involve we know we need Directors like DPW, Police and Fire but we want to make sure we include the proper bodies for this and asked Solicitor Fallon if she has any suggestions of who to go to for stuff.

Solicitor Fallon said one of the things she wanted to alert them to is that the outline is fantastic and they may be raising issues that should be considered by the team working on all of these facets, and Councillor O'Malley is right that a lot of this will be dictated by the Governor's team. And he has his own

advisory committee for certain features of this, and some of this will be dictated by the City Emergency Management Team that has been working around the clock, and paying attention to every news directive and order; Phase One just came through, and Two, Three, and Four will follow. She says a lot will be dictated by what the Governor tells us; what can and can't happen, based on his Executive Orders. Kevin Duffy is working with businesses and the Chamber of Commerce Director and what it looks like for their reopening. Eric Rubin is working with the School Department, and what it looks like for the School reopening. The Liquor Board is looking at sidewalk cafes, and relaxation of restrictions was being looked at by the ABCC. Some items will be taken up by the Board of Health. Traffic Commission will look at the changes in roadways or reductions with speed limits, and some of this has to go to the State because they are state roads. Some of this will be taken up with the business community, and the Mayor is already working with the Business Development and Liquor Board. This is a great format with some things that may not have been considered yet, and carrying this to the team working on a lot of this is important, because they don't know what issues constituents are reaching out to the Councillors about. In Solicitor Fallon's Department, they are attending weekly calls, not just with the municipal attorneys around the state, but also doing a weekly Solicitors meeting with surrounding communities, to discuss their plans for reopening; no one has a plan yet, on something simple such as graduations, or plans to open municipal offices. She sees important features that may not be being considered, but wants them to be aware the City Team is working on a lot of these on a regular basis, and it will depend on what the City can and cannot do. Phase One was essentially a reiteration of the self containment regulations, masks, six feet away and social distancing. To answer the Councillor's question, she said there is no diagram, but there are multiple Departments, Directors and a couple of Commissions that will be involved in this and thinks looking to the people who are already working on this, because they have City staff working on independent pieces of this, and an Emergency Management Team that is phenomenal, working with the Mayor's Office on a lot of this, as well as the daily things that people are working on. Motion to adjourn the Public Safety Committee was made by Councillor DeMaria seconded by Councillor O'Malley.

*Adapting and Managing the Public Realm  
During the COVID-19 Pandemic*

*1. Segments of the Public Realm*

*A. Parks*

*1. Passive*

*2. Playgrounds*

*3. Athletic Facilities*

*4. Pocket Parks/Deltas*

*B. Gardens*

*C. Sidewalks*

*1. Along Major Streets with Bus Routes*

- a. Bus Stops/Shelters*
- b. Other Major Streets*
- 2. Along Neighborhood Streets*
- 3. Streets*
- 4. Community Buildings*
- 5. Schools & Schoolyards*
- 2. Functions of the Segments*
- 3. Impacts on Functionality During Pandemic*
- 4. Prioritizing Segments for Adaptations and Management*
- 5. Guidelines for Balancing Function versus Social Distancing*
- A. Engaging City Departments*
- B. Citizens Engagement*

## **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Deborah DeMaria, seconded by Ryan O'Malley, that the Public Safety meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Amanda Linehan, seconded by Stephen Winslow, that the Public Property meeting was adjourned at 9:02 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.**