



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Winslow, Chair
Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Crowe
Councillor O'Malley
Councillor Taylor

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

6:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Chair Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

Also in attendance was Alicia McNeil.

Present: 4 - Councillor Stephen Winslow, Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley and Ari Taylor

Absent: 1 - Councillor Amanda Linehan

Business

249-25

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Malden that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) is hereby amended by adding Title 2, Chapter 04, Section 040

REMOTE PARTICIPATION:

All boards, commissions, and multi-member public bodies shall provide for remote participation by the public at meetings and hearings. Individual boards, commissions, or multi-member public bodies may develop their own rules for remote participation by their own members.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

28-25

Order: That Section 3.00 ORDER OF BUSINESS subsection 3.01 of the 2023 City Council Rule Book be amended by inserting 'Land Acknowledgement' as item 3 and renumbering the subsequent items.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [2023 City Council Rule Book](#)

Councillor McDonald opened discussion by stating the Council is still in the early stages of fully understanding the history of Malden in its relationship with the original indigenous residents of the area. Land acknowledgements are becoming common in other cities and public bodies. The Community Engagement Committee took up this subject at a recent meeting but did not have a lot of attendance. Nevertheless, Councillor McDonald would like to see the Council adopt this as a permanent part of the weekly agenda, but would additionally like to find substantial ways to uphold the voices of Malden's indigenous

people in real time.

Councillor McDonald suggested reviewing Massachusetts Indigenous Legislative Agenda for a starting point of action items that would be a meaningful demonstration of support.

Councillor O'Malley agrees that more community engagement is necessary over and above the CEIC, possibly even a public hearing. He expressed he has received comments from people who said the land acknowledgement tends to sound performative. Councillor O'Malley suggested, for example, looking up local landmarks and streets to learn their original names and hanging signs to acknowledge that history, as a way to make the land acknowledgement be something more than performative.

Councillor McDonald noted the land acknowledgement is no more or less performative than the tribute we give to service members at the beginning of every Council meeting. The land acknowledgement is only one step, not meant to be the only nor the final action. They further noted their view that there is a difference between a performative activity and a ceremonial ritual acknowledgement.

Councillor O'Malley moved to table until the CEIC can do further community engagement in terms of what does the Community think we should be doing when it comes to honoring Native Americans?

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Order be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

29-25

Order: That Section 5.00 NON-MEMBERS' RIGHT TO FLOOR, subsection 5.04 of the 2023 City Council Rule Book be amended by inserting the following:

- In the last sentence, after 'name': ", street and city or"
- In the last sentence, strike the word 'public' and replace with 'legislative'.

Be it further amended that subsection 5.05 of the 2023 City Council Rule Book be amended by inserting the following:

- After 'name': ", street and city or"
- After the first sentence "Upon request, the City Clerk may privately verify a speaker's address in lieu of it being part of the legislative record."

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [2023 City Council Rule Book](#)

[Final Paper 29-25 City Council Rule Book - 5.04 and 5.05](#)

[Non-members Rights to Floor](#)

This paper is in direct response to multiple requests received by Councillor McDonald around people's discomfort with publishing their personal residence as part of the permanent Council record. For those who are concerned about their safety but still wish to participate can have their addresses verified in advance through the Clerk's office.

Clerk Desiderio commented that everybody who lives in the City of Malden, unless they are a public safety official, has their names and address as a part of the public record already, that information is not held as private per state law. The original point of having people sign in with name and address on the record was to show our residents have skin in the game when they come before their council. Years ago when having the discussion to add Public Comment to the Council agenda part of the debate revolved around, people have to identify themselves. To clarify, the language of Paper 29-25 doesn't say the person speaking at Public Comment gets to remain anonymous, but rather they must speak their name and street OR address.

A motion was made to amend the paper to indicate the commenter may identify themselves by stating their name and street and city or address. As well as amending public record to read legislative record.

A motion was made by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order be amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Order be recommended favorably as amended to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[30-25](#)

Order: That Section 34.00 (RESERVED) of the 2023 City Council Rule Book be

amended by renaming the section 'PHRASING OF MOTIONS'

Be it further amended by adding a new subsection 34.01 by inserting the following:

"All motions regarding actions of the City Council must be phrased as positive relative to the status quo and may not be phrased in the negative. This section shall not prevent the Council from enacting any order in its power."

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [2023 City Council Rule Book](#)

Tabled Papers

[288-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 12 Chapter 20 Section 010 PARKING, LOADING, AND SCREENING REGULATIONS - Table of Off-street Parking and Loading Regulations is hereby amended by striking the values from the "Minimum Number of Parking Spaces" column for the corresponding "Use" rows and inserting in their place the following values:

Dwelling single family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling single family with two kitchens: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling two family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling three and four family: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling town or row house: 0.5 per bedroom

Dwelling, cohousing: 0.5 per bedroom

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Current Ordinance 12.20.010](#)
[Purpose of Amendments to 12.12.090 and 12.20.010](#)

[215-25](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.20.010 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS is hereby amended as follows:

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Proposal](#)
[Application](#)
[No Knock Proposal - v2 - Winslow edits](#)
[No Knock Proposal - v3 - All Proposed Edits](#)
[Final Paper 215-25 Do Not Knock Ordinance](#)

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.**

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