



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

*Council President Craig Spadafora*  
*Councillor at Large Karen Colon-Hayes*  
*Councillor Paul Condon*  
*Councillor Peg Crowe*  
*Councillor Amanda Linehan*  
*Councillor at Large Carey McDonald*  
*Councillor Barbara Murphy*  
*Councillor Ryan O'Malley*  
*Councillor Jadeane Sica*  
*Councillor Chris Simonelli*  
*Councillor Stephen Winslow*

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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
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### Committee of the Whole

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Council President Spadafora called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.*

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

#### 3. ROLL CALL

**Present - Councillors:** 9 - Carey McDonald, Chris Simonelli, Jadeane Sica, Karen Colon Hayes, Ryan O'Malley, Craig Spadafora, Peg Crowe, Paul Condon and Stephen Winslow  
**Absent - Councillors:** 2 - Barbara Murphy and Amanda Linehan

#### 4. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

*Councillor O'Malley made a motion to suspend rules, that the Council would be able to take up the proceeding business items during Committee of the Whole, seconded by Councillor McDonald, motion passed by a vote of 9-0.*

[423-22](#)

Resolve: That it is the sense of the City Council to approve the following amendments, as recommended, for the Home Rule Petition submitted to the Legislature by the City of Malden, now known as Bill H.4793 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATION OF CERTAIN BILINGUAL BALLOTS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN

**Sponsors:** Craig Spadafora

*Council President Spadafora introduced this paper as a bit of house keeping on the home rule petition previously sent to the State for the transliteration of ballots. The original document asked for the act to take effect as soon as it was passed but now with thousands of absentee, early, and vote by mail ballots already in circulation for the November 8th General Election, it would be very complicated, if not impossible, to immediately put transliterated ballots into use if this petition were to be granted within the*

*next few weeks. This document simply changes the deadline to reflect January 2023 as the beginning date of using such ballots instead of instituting them immediately.*

**A motion was made by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Resolution be passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

#### 424-22

Order: That the City Council meet with legal counsel in executive session in regard to Jack Owens et al v. City of Malden, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as such discussion in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the City's litigating position, and to admit Maria Luise, Special Assistant to the Mayor. (Roll Call Required)

**Sponsors:** Stephen Winslow

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order to meet with legal council in Executive Session be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, O'Malley, Spadafora, Crowe, Condon and Winslow

#### 425-22

Order: That the City Council meet with legal counsel in executive session in regard to the matter of Benevolent Botanicals v. City of Malden, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as such discussion in open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the City's litigating position and to admit Maria Luise, Special Assistant to the Mayor. (Roll Call Required)

**Sponsors:** Karen Colon Hayes

**A motion was made by Councillor at Large Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order to meet with legal council in Executive Session be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 8 - McDonald, Simonelli, Colon Hayes, O'Malley, Spadafora, Crowe, Condon and Winslow

**Nay:** 1 - Sica

*Council President Spadafora announced that the public body will reconvene in open session after Executive Session ends solely for the purpose or adjournment.*

## **5. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Condon, seconded by Councillor at Large McDonald, that the meeting be adjourned.**

**The motion carried by a 6-0 vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:29.**

**GREGORY LUCEY, CITY CLERK**