



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

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 105
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Also in attendance was Council President Craig Spadafora, Councillor Paul Condon, Acting City Solicitor John McNaught, Jr., Christine Murphy of the YWCA
Meeting opened at 6:10 PM.

Meeting was clerked by Assistant City Clerk Carol Ann Desiderio.

Present: 3 - Peg Crowe, Carey McDonald and Jadeane Sica

Absent: 2 - Amanda Linehan and Chris Simonelli

Minutes to be Approved

[422-22](#)

Minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2022

A motion was made by Councillor at Large McDonald, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[238-22](#)

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

Sponsors: Peg Crowe

Attachments: [FPC draft ordinance](#)

The discussion on Paper 238-22 opened with Chair Crowe introducing Chris Murphy to speak on behalf of the City establishing a Food Policy Council. Murphy stated that after a two-year evaluation of the needs of the City the biggest area of concern is food insecurity and this policy will help to push solutions for the community. With a functioning Food Policy Council, the City will be eligible for grant funding opportunities.

Councillor McDonald expressed his pleasure of developing this area of opportunity for the City but the Council should start off with requiring fewer members and allow the panel to grow, as needed, in time but he would yield to the wishes on the Committee in this regard.

Councillor McDonald spoke on section B calling for one member of the Council to be a

representative from Bread of Life. If BOL goes out of business or changes their name, the ordinance becomes out of date. Instead he made a motion to have that seat filled by a representative from an anti-hunger organization that works on issues of food insecurity, as well as to have one member each be representatives of the senior community, the health care community, and a Malden Public School parent or guardian. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sica and was so voted 3-0.

Councillor McDonald made a motion to remove the outlined duties of the Chair, duties of the Vice Chair, and the Quorum section as unnecessary because they are already required by Robert's Rules and to remove the annual report requirements as that is not needed as part of an ordinance. This motion was seconded by Councillor Sica and was so voted 3-0.

There was further discussion on how to designate the eleven member Council between Mayoral appointees and Council appointees. Councillor Crowe said the next step would be to meet with Mayor Christenson to determine appointing authorities.

A motion was made by Councillor at Large McDonald, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Ordinance be tabled to the Rules & Ordinance Committee pending a meeting with Mayor Christenson. 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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor at Large McDonald, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.