



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

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

3. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance were members of the OSPCD staff, Building Department, Engineering, Maria Luise, Ron Hogan, and Zaheer Samee.

Present - Councillors: 9 - Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Ryan O'Malley, Chris Simonelli, Ari Taylor and Stephen Winslow

Absent - Councillors: 2 - Jadeane Sica and Craig Spadafora

4. GUESTS, CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In accordance with Paper 311-23, City Engineer Yem Lip and Transportation Planner Jack Witthaus will appear before the Council to present an update on the signalization on the Centre Street Bus Lane Pilot Project and will also report on the City's Complete Streets Program.

Transportation Planner Jack Witthaus and City Engineer Yem Lip each gave their own presentation to the Council with handouts, which are attached to the history of Paper 311-23 for public review. After each presentation, Council President Winslow opened the floor to questions from the Body.

Mr. Witthaus was asked to expand on ways he is doing outreach to city residents for the planning of the next phase of the Complete Streets Plan and traffic calming strategies being used. A summary of past outreach efforts are highlighted on the city website,

including live events and open meetings with the public. Other extensive outreach is not being done at this time as he is working toward an April deadline for phase two of the Mass DOT Complete Streets Plan, which allows Malden to be eligible for funding in May. Traffic calming focuses on cut through traffic in the neighborhoods and using the proper aid to solve a particular issue at hand. He is currently researching ways to do this more efficiently. Councillor Crowe noted it is key to bring prioritization plans to the public for input and vetting. Mr. Witthaus agreed he does not want to move forward with Complete Streets Plan without such outreach. In addition to the first funding cycle in May, there is a second cycle in October so there is time to properly vet a plan without missing out on a funding opportunity.

City Engineer Yem Lip outlined that in May 2022 the MOU between the City and the MBTA was signed by Mayor, Centre Street line striping done. In August 2023 signals were updated, between September and November light timing was adjusted. Councillor Simonelli questioned Mr. Lip how the line striping was allowed to be done prior to the updating of the signal lights, which was the cause of the bad timing and traffic back ups along the Route 60 corridor. It was explained that there were two grants the city was eligible for and one of them had a sunset date, the secondary grant to fund the fixing of the signals came later so the lane striping was done first not to lose the grant money. Mr. Lip, Maria Luise, Councillors Crowe and Spadafora met with the MBTA several times to discuss the problem with the lights. Mr. Lip stated the Engineering Department was asked to implement the project and the Council approved the decision to move forward putting the striping before the timing of the light signals. Councillor Crowe confirmed the team met with MBTA almost every week but by then the bus lanes had already been painted prior to the signalization of the lights.

Councillor Condon stated the timing of the lights has helped the traffic on Route 60 but the real reason for the reduction of traffic is due to drivers taking alternative routes into the neighborhoods. This project is another example of the State dangling grant money to the city and rushing a vote without preparing properly for the task. He feels the MOU should not be renewed when it expires.

Councillor O'Malley inquired if the transit signal prioritization has been completed regarding bus and emergency vehicle coordination. It has not as of yet; more improvements to come as the project is perfected and traffic data continues to be produced.

The Council requested a follow up on the Centre Street Bus Lane Project before November.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Five members of the public spoke at this evening's Public Comment regarding the bus & bike lanes, the new project planned for Fitzgerald Park, and the Converse Building at 15 Ferry Street. The Council also received one written comment and a neighborhood petition, both of which are attached to the history of Paper 13-24.

[167-24](#)

Public Comment Sign-in Sheet January 30, 2024

Attachments: [Public Comment Sign-in Sheet January 30, 2024](#)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[32-24](#) Minutes for the meeting of January 9, 2024

The Council Minutes were approved.

[33-24](#) Minutes for the meeting of January 16, 2024

The Council Minutes were approved.

[34-24](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Diego Barricelli, 33 Glen Street, Malden, as member of the Public Works Commission, having served since May 6, 2014, said term to expire March 1, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Diego Barricelli Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

[35-24](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Paul Buckley, 115 Emerald Street, Malden, as member of the Conservation Commission, having served since March 14, 2011, said term to expire October 1, 2025, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.
(Confirmation required)

Attachments: [Paul Buckley Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

[36-24](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Matthew Burne, 80 Cross Street, Malden, as member of the Conservation Commission, having served since March 12, 2020, said term to expire October 1, 2025, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Matthew Burne Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

[37-24](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Shanti Chilukuri, 30 Franklin Street, Unit 123, Malden, as member of the Disability Commission, having served since March 15, 2021, said term to expire March 15, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Shanti Cilukuri Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

[38-24](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Tewedaj Gebreselassie, 36 Dartmouth Street, Apt. 308, Malden, as member of the Planning Board, having served since February 13, 2017, said term to expire March 1, 2028, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Tewedaj Gebreselassie Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.[39-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Kenny N. Mazonson, 206 Bryant Street, Apt. 4, Malden, as member of the Conservation Commission, having served since March 14, 2011, said term to expire October 1, 2025, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Kenny Mazonson Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.[40-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Nichole Mossalam, 64 Essex Street, Unit 1, Malden, as member of the Disability Commission, having served since September 20, 2018, said term to expire September 20, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Nichole Mossalam Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.[41-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Albert Spadafora, 453R Highland Avenue, Malden, as member of the Malden Redevelopment Authority Board, having served since March 23, 2015, said term to expire May 1, 2028, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Albert Spadafora Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.[42-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Jean Voltaire, 500 Broadway, Unit 2114, Malden, as member of the Registrars of Voters Board, having served since August 29, 2017, said term to expire March 31, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Jean Voltaire Reappointment Letter](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.[43-24](#)

Petition: Class II: Uni Auto Center, Inc. 369 Salem Street, Malden, 20 cars (Renewal)

The Petition was referred to the License Committee.[44-24](#)

Petition: Class II: Nick's Foreign Car Center LLC, 121 Beach Street, Malden, 15 cars (Renewal)

The Petition was referred to the License Committee.[45-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Cab: Malden Transportation, Inc. 290 Eastern Avenue, Malden, 9 cabs (Renewal)

The Petition was referred to the License Committee.[46-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 2, Chapter 16, Section 100 B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION

be hereby amended to address the composition of said Commission by the following:

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [Current Ordinance- Human Rights MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Proposed Revisions to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Committee Amendments to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Final Paper: 46-24](#)

The Ordinance was referred to the Rules & Ordinance Committee.

[47-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 3, Chapter 08, Section 050 CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY FOR DAMAGES TO BE DISPOSED OF BY THE CITY SOLICITOR be hereby amended by the following:

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora and Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [Current Ordinance- MCC 3.08.050 Claims Ordinance](#)
[Proposed Revisions to MCC 3.08.050 Claims Ordinance](#)
[Mayor's Ordinance Proposal Letter 1 29 24](#)
[Final Paper: 47-24](#)

The Ordinance was referred to the Rules & Ordinance Committee.

[48-24](#)

Communication: Division of Banks re: approval of City of Malden pawnbroker interest rate

Attachments: [Division of Banks Decision Letter Re: City of Malden Pawnbroker Interest Rate](#)

The Communication was received and filed.

[49-24](#)

Communication: Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities re: Malden-District Compliance Application for MBTA Communities under Section 3A of the Zoning Act

Attachments: [Malden RTC Acknowledgement Letter](#)

The Communication was received and filed.

7. APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

[50-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Charles Ioven, 42 Appleton Street, Malden, as member of the Planning Board, having served since November 12, 1985, said term to expire March 1, 2028, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Charles Ioven Reappointment Letter](#)
[FW_Agenda Item# 50-24](#)
[Agenda Item# 50-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor O'Malley,

that the Appointment be referred to the Personnel/Appointments Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[51-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: John P. King, 67 Upham Street, Malden, as member of the Board of Appeal, having served since April 4, 2000, said term to expire May 1, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [John King Reappointment Letter](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Appointment be referred to the Personnel/Appointments Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

Council will hold public hearing on National Grid petition to install new pole.

[52-24](#)

Petition: Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. Plan No. 30772366 - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Broadway (Route 99) beginning at a point approximately 70 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Broadway (Route 99) and Mingo St. Installing a new Pole #2924-50
(Hearing Required)

Attachments: [Intersection of Mingo St & Broadway](#)

[Abutters of 342-344 Broadway](#)

[Hearing Notice Intersection of Mingo St and Broadway](#)

Jose Luis Azurdia presented this petition on behalf of National Grid, electric side. This petition is to install a new pole between two existing National Grid poles to accommodate the installation of a feeder monitor device, that will help to monitor and flag electrical disruptions or irregularities of the primary lines in the area via the Maplewood substation on Broadway.

Council President Winslow spoke in support of this petition. There was no further discussion.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted with conditions that (1) the Engineer be called when Dig Safe is notified and (2) the streets and sidewalks be restored to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

[53-24](#)

Order: That the City Council review the usage of the vacant property on Goodwin Avenue known by City Assessor's Parcel 091 776 612 and make a recommendation as to its future usage and feasibility as a community garden.

Sponsors: Ari Taylor

A motion was made by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that

the Order be referred to the Public Property Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[54-24](#)

Order: That the Community Engagement and Inclusion Committee (CEIC) work with the Director of the Board of Health to hold a public workshop with residents to discuss impacts of excessive noise throughout the city. The CEIC is further ordered to report back to the full City Council with recommendations on how to better regulate noise from certain industrial uses, including but not limited to car wash dryers and large heating and air conditioning units.

Sponsors: Karen Colon Hayes and Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 54-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

[55-24](#)

Communication: Legal Department respectfully submits to the Council written response to OML complaint regarding alleged violation of January 2, 2024, for review and ratification

Attachments: [OML Complaint Jan 22 2024](#)

[City Council Meeting Notice 2 Jan 2024](#)

[City Council Meeting 1 2 2024 Agenda](#)

[Response to DeLacey Jan 22 2024 \(re OML Jan 2-2024 meeting\)](#)

[Final Paper: 55-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Communication be referred to the Legal Department to respond on behalf of the Body. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[56-24](#)

Communication: Malden Historical Commission re: 15 Ferry Street - M. Ida Converse Building/Malden Industrial Aid Association Building

Attachments: [Malden Historical Commission Communication RE: 15 Ferry Street](#)

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

As the Ward Councillor for the location of 15 Ferry Street, Councillor O'Malley opened dialogue on this paper with a request to refer to Executive Session to discuss any legal actions the City may have available to save the M. Ida Converse Building. To the E.S. he wishes to invite the Building Commissioner, City Planner, Director of OSPCD, and Special Assistant to the Mayor Maria Luise. This request will be cleared through the City Solicitor to confirm the Council has a justifiable reason for entering Executive Session according to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21.

Attorney Roberto DiMarco of 350 Main Street, Malden representing the owner of 15 Ferry Street was allowed to address the Council on this matter. Attorney DiMarco stated his client has fully cooperated with the Historical Commission throughout this process despite the building not being within Commission's jurisdiction for years. He outlined in great detail the ways his client tried in vein to work out the funding needed to move this building. The major problem at this point is less about funding and more to do with the fact the public in general is not happy with the planned placement location of Holden Street.

Attorney DiMarco explained they met with an architecture firm to research if there was a way to incorporate the original building into the design of any new building and they were told this was not a possibility. Economically and structurally saving the building in this way is not possible.

After dealing with this building for seven years, now the Council is contemplating putting another delay in place from this project moving forward. Attorney DiMarco stated his client is out of options and must be allowed to proceed without delay. Additionally he said that just because the demolition permit is granted, does not mean the building will immediately be destroyed but he was very clear that it could happen sooner than later depending on the situation at hand.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Communication be referred to the Legal Department for approval of the request to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[57-24](#)

Communication: The Board of Registrars of Voters respectfully submits to the City Council the Board's recommendation for papers necessary to the upcoming 2024 Presidential election cycle, numbered as 58, 59, and 60 Series of 2024, that the Council orders early voting hours, polling locations, and the authority for the Chief of Police or his designee to assign precinct officers.

Attachments: [57-24 Final Paper Registrars of Voters Communication](#)

Council President Winslow invited Clerk Desiderio to speak on Papers 58, 59, 60 of 2024 on behalf of the Board of Registrars of Voters. It was explained that the following three papers are administratively necessary on an annual basis regarding the construction of election preparation.

The only update Clerk Desiderio presented that was not already written into the papers was that the Clerk's Office will be experimenting with Mobile Early Voting. This is the first time mobile early voting has been offered in Malden and it will be done three times throughout the 2024 election cycle, as a means of reaching out to underserved parts of the community. The first Mobile Early Voting will take place on Friday, February 23 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Bridge Recovery Center at 239 Commercial Street.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[58-24](#)

Ordered: That the City Council adopt in-person Early Voting for the 2024 election cycle, and to designate the City Clerk's Office, 215 Pleasant Street, Room 220 as the central early voting polling location during the dates and times to be determined as voted on by the Board of Registrars of Voters, which are as follows:

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 58-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[59-24](#)

Ordered: That the City Council designate the polling locations for the entirety of the 2024 election cycle as follows:

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 59-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[60-24](#)

Ordered: That the City detail a minimum of one officer for each polling building, to be determined by the Chief of Police and the City Clerk, or their respective designees.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 60-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

[61-24](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Rules & Ordinance to whom was referred Paper 23 Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends this paper out favorably to the Full Council as amended, by striking 'December 31, 2025' and replacing it with 'January 31, 2026'.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[23-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 2.08.040 ENUMERATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTED OFFICERS; TERMS AND DUTIES is hereby amended by striking "1 yr." under Term for Clerk of Committees and inserting "2 yrs." in its place.

Be it further ordered that the current term expiration date for Lisa Cagno be extended to December 31, 2025 and henceforth coincide with the Biennial Session of the City Council.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley, Paul Condon and Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 23-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Ordinance be amended in accordance with the Rules and Ordinance

Committee report. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Ordinance be enrolled as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that Council Rules be suspended for the purpose of Ordaining. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Ordinance be ordained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[62-24](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Finance to whom was referred Papers 11, 12, 14, and 15 Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends these papers out favorably to the Full Council. Additionally, the Committee recommends Paper 13 Series of 2024 out favorably as amended to the Full Council pending the CPC's receipt of the final project design.

A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[11-24](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$983,000 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: Malden River Works: \$983,000 from Budgeted Reserve.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [MRW Phase1 Construction Recommendation Letter](#)
[Letter of Support CPC Submissions 1 4 2024](#)
[Final Paper: 11-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[12-24](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$730,000 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: Malden Hospital Open Space Acquisition: \$730,000 from Budgeted Reserve.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Malden Hospital - Open Space Acquisition Recommendation Letter](#)
[Letter of Support CPC Submissions 1 4 2024](#)
[Final Paper: 12-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[13-24](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$175,000 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: Fitzgerald Park: \$87,500 from Open Space Reserve and \$87,500 from Budgeted Reserve.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Fitzgerald Park Phase II Construction Recommendation Letter](#)
[Letter of Support CPC Submissions 1 4 2024](#)
[Public Comment, 1 30 24 Paper 13-24 "CPA Appropriation to FitzGerald Park Project"](#)
[FitzGerald Park Petition \(Responses\)](#)
[Final Paper: 13-24](#)

Councillor Simonelli removed himself from the Chamber during this vote, in breach of Council Rules 18.01 and 19.01. Council President Winslow asked for and received a two-thirds majority vote by the Body to bypass Council Rule 18.01 and commenced with the roll call vote on the paper.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Order be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Taylor and Winslow

[14-24](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$67,360 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: Linden Rink Construction: \$67,360 from Open Space Reserve.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Linden Rink Construction Recommendation Letter](#)
[Letter of Support CPC Submissions 1 4 2024](#)
[Final Paper: 14-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor and Winslow

[15-24](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$151,650 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: Oak Grove Community Center Design: \$151,650 from Historic Preservation Reserve.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Oak Grove Community Center Design Recommendation Letter](#)
[Letter of Support CPC Submissions 1 4 2024](#)
[Final Paper: 15-24](#)

Councillor Simonelli removed himself from the Chamber during this vote, in breach of Council Rules 18.01 and 19.01. Council President Winslow asked for and received a two-thirds majority vote by the Body to bypass Council Rule 18.01 and commenced with the roll call vote on the paper.

The purpose of this appropriation is to fund the design phase for updates to the Oak Grove Community Center.

Councillor O'Malley stated his support for this project but also noted his concern that improvements to this building should be done so in a way that will not damage any of the trees on the property.

Dan Koff representing the CPC was allowed to address the Council on this project. He stated a mandate to save all trees on the property would impact the design of the building because the front steps will have to be realigned to be brought up to code and that may necessitate the removal of a tree or two. Knowing the point of the design process is to explore all concerns and alternatives, Mr. Koff asked the Council not to mandate one particular outcome over another.

Councillor Crowe suggested the use of the words, 'to make all practicable efforts'. Councillor O'Malley made a motion to amend the paper to add a condition that the design make every practicable effort to preserve trees on the property and that the City would include a public engagement process for the design.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Order be amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Taylor and Winslow

Councillor Simonelli removed himself from the Chamber during this vote, in breach of Council Rules 18.01 and 19.01. Council President Winslow asked for and received a two-thirds majority vote by the Body to bypass Council Rule 18.01 and commenced with the roll call vote on the paper.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Order be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Taylor and Winslow

12. TABLED PAPERS

13. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

14. ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 PM.**

CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK