



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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
Council President Craig Spadafora
Councillor Stephen Winslow

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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1. CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was held remotely and all votes were recorded by roll call vote.

The meeting came to order at 7:01 P.M.

Council President Spadafora wished the Council a Happy New Year and thanked the council for their confidence in him by electing him President and he is looking forward to working with everyone and getting things accomplished. He also recognized outgoing President Anderson for all he did while on the Council. Council President Spadafora touched on the Committee assignments that will be announced tonight and the difficulties putting the assignments together.

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

3. ROLL CALL

Also present was City Solicitor Kate Fallon.

Present - Councillors: 10 - Barbara Murphy, Carey McDonald, Chris Simonelli, Jadeane Sica, Karen Colon Hayes, Ryan O'Malley, Stephen Winslow, Craig Spadafora, Peg Crowe and Amanda Linehan

4. GUESTS, CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[2-22](#)

Yinh Kiefer will speak on "Porch Fest" activity to city council.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [20220113_Porch Fest 2022](#)

Councillor Linehan introduced resident Yinh Kiefer on the community initiative Porch Fest. Ms. Kiefer gave a slide presentation on Porch Fest which would highlight all the talented performers and artists in Malden by having performances on people's porches and in their yards. It would bring out the performers and the community to enjoy the events. Some other communities (Somerville, Melrose) have hosted porch fests and have been successful. The contact email for Porch Fest is maldenporchfest@gmail.com.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments must be limited to 2 minutes per speaker and must be pertaining to only what is docketed on the evening's City Council Agenda.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[3-22](#)

Minutes of the Meeting of December 21, 2021.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Council Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 11 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, O'Malley, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

[7-22](#)

Minutes of meeting of January 3, 2022.

A motion was made by Councillor Condon, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Council Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 11 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, O'Malley, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

7. APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

[4-22](#)

Council Re-Appointment: Kathryn M. Fallon, City Solicitor; term to expire March 1, 2025.

Sponsors: Chris Simonelli

Councillor Simonelli, the sponsor of the reappointment told the council that Atty. Fallon is well known to the Council and has been City Solicitor since 2007 and the first and only female City Solicitor. Attorney Fallon worked with the Council on many legal issues over the years so the council knows her well and it was Councillor Simonelli's motion to bypass the reappointment being sent to the Personnel and Appointments Committee and be voted out on the floor tonight. Councillor Simonelli also stated that one of his last acts from his previous stint as Councillor was to support Attorney Fallon when she was first appointed in 2007. The motion was seconded by Councillor Condon.

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Appointment be appointed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 10 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

8. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

9. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

[587-21](#)

Order: That the City Clerk notify and warn the inhabitants of the City of Malden who are qualified to vote in the Special Election to vote at the Malden Senior Community Center Auditorium, 7 Washington Street, Malden, MA TUESDAY, TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. for the following purpose; (see attached).

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [NEMT Official Election Warrant](#)

There was some discussion around absentee ballots and early voting. Clerk Lucey told the Council that on this Election we would be back how elections were previous held, with no vote by mail because the State Legislature did not extend the Covid Voting Rules so they expired on December 15th.

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

Yea: 11 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, O'Malley, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

[5-22](#)

Order: That the council approve the City Council Meeting Schedule for 2022.

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [Council Calendar 2022 Final](#)

When going over the schedule, Councillor Winslow questioned having a meeting on October 4th which is Yom Kippur. Council President Spadafora asked Councillor Condon with all of the years he has served on the Council if he remembered ever not having a

meeting because Yom Kippur fell on a Tuesday, Councillor Condon said no he did not remember that taking place. Councillor President Spadafora said there are many religious holidays throughout the year. Councillor O'Malley made a motion to not meet October 4th, the motion was seconded by Councillor Linehan. Council President Spadafora asked that the motion be changed to table for two weeks. Council O'Malley changed his motion to table for two weeks and that motion was seconded by Councillor Linehan.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Order be tabled to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 11 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, O'Malley, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

10. COMMUNICATIONS

[6-22](#) Council Committees for 2022 to be assigned.

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [City Council 2022 Committees.Final.](#)
[City Council 2022 Add Hoc Committees.Final.Revised.](#)

Council President Spadafora had Clerk Lucey read the committee assignments for 2022.

Council President Spadafora said he had disbanded some Ad Hoc Committees because they were no longer needed (Traffic Mitigation, Housing Review-MAPC, Malden Hospital Site Development), the DPW Committee was eliminated because it had not met since 2018 and the Council had the ability to call the DPW before the council for any issues or information and the Citizens Engagement Committee was eliminated. Councillor Spadafora added Long Term Planning and Strategy, Resiliency and Sustainability Committee, Age Friendly Committee, The Intercultural Competency and Awareness Committee and Committee on Technology Policy.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. TABLED PAPERS

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13. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councillor Crowe requested a moment of silence for Carolyn Keohane, the mother of MTEC Director Cathy McMullin.

Councillor Sica requested a moment of silence for Vinnie Straccia who was part of the singing group North Shore Acapella and well known to her family and the Malden community.

Council President Spadafora requested a moment of silence for Richie Cremona who lived in Edgeworth until moving to Wakefield but still was part of the Malden community

and active in the city staying involved in St. Roccas and the ITAMS Club. Richie was best known for his restaurant he had called Cremones on Pearl Street. Councillor Condon also spoke saying Richie was not just his first cousin but another brother having grown up in a two family house with Richie's family in the Edgeworth section.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Yea: 11 - Murphy, McDonald, Simonelli, Sica, Colon Hayes, Condon, O'Malley, Winslow, Spadafora, Crowe and Linehan

GREGORY LUCEY, CITY CLERK