



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, October 22, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/5QImZx2JdME?si=j3Q7Khkp9ToBE9C1>

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

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

After the Pledge of Allegiance, a land acknowledgement was presented at the request of Councillor At Large Carey McDonald.

We honor and acknowledge the Massachusetts, Pennacook and Pawtucket peoples, whose ancestral lands we now call home and on which we gather today. We express gratitude to the Indigenous peoples who have cared for this land for generations, predating European colonization and continuing to the present. Moving forward, we are committed to ensuring that the histories, voices and contributions of Indigenous peoples are recognized respected in the life of our city.

During Council President's personal privilege he asked for an additional moment of silence in honor of former Malden Firefighter Michael Buckley.

3. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance was Maria Luise, Lisa Cagno, Michelle Romero, Staff from OSPCD and Legal Department, as well as the newly nominated members of the Malden Youth Council.

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

Absent - Councillors: 2 - Paul Condon and Craig Spadafora

4. GUESTS, CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[403-24](#)

Staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development will appear before the City Council to provide an update on the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Attachments: [241003 OSRP + Art Presentation](#)

Ahrehon Thompson and Alex Pratt from OSPCD appeared to give presentation on the attached Power Point. The entirety of the presentation may be viewed from the 1:56 minute mark in the above noted video link.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no request for public comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Crowe to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

[382-24](#)

Minutes for the meeting of October 8, 2024

The Council Minutes were approved.

[383-24](#)

Mayoral Appointment: Robyn Mars, 83A Lisbon Street, Malden, as a member of the Cultural Council, said term to expire May 30, 2027. (Confirmation not required)

Attachments: [Mayor's Appointment Letter - Robyn Mars](#)

The Appointment was placed on file.

[384-24](#)

Mayoral Appointment: Rondel Lashley, 19 Holmes Street, Malden, as a member of the Cultural Council, said term to expire May 30, 2027. (Confirmation not required)

Attachments: [Mayor's Appointment Letter - Rondel Lashley](#)

The Appointment was placed on file.

[385-24](#)

Mayor's Reappointment: Robert Knox, 54 Davis Street, Malden as Director of Public Works, first appointed July 1 2012, term to expire July 1, 2027 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Robert Knox](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

[386-24](#)

Mayor's Reappointment: Mikeneil Paul, 100 Leisure Lane, Apt. 12, Stoneham, MA as Senior Center Program Coordinator, first appointed August 2 2021, term to expire August 2, 2027 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Mikeneil Paul](#)

The Appointment was confirmed.

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

387-24

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Malden City Council that, following a similar endorsement by the Malden School Committee, it supports the passage of Question 2 to eliminate the MCAS test high school graduation requirement. Instead, the question would replace this with a requirement that districts certify that students have satisfactorily completed coursework demonstrating mastery of the skills and knowledge required by the Commonwealth's strong, statewide standards in order to graduate. This endorsement reflects the Council's commitment to excellent schools, equity, and the mental wellbeing of our students.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan and Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Final Paper: 387-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the two be excused from a vote on this resolve citing Council Rule 18.03, stating their believe that the docketing of this paper is inappropriate.

Councillor O'Malley's concern is whether or not the Council is allowed to endorse a ballot question. Councillor Sica agreed that this paper causes a conflict.

The motion passed unanimously. The two Councillors vacated the Chamber.

Councillor Linehan noted that Clerk Desiderio contacted State Ethics as well as City Solicitor McNeil, regarding Advisory 11-1 and it was deemed not a conflict of interest for the City Council to express their opinion publicly on a ballot question.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Resolution be passed. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yea: 4 - Linehan, McDonald, Taylor and Winslow

Nay: 2 - Colon Hayes and Crowe

Abstain: 1 - Simonelli

388-24

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 9, Chapter 20, Section 030 STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE be hereby amended by adding section K. All non-owner-occupied properties with 3 units or more must install year-round rodent control measures in proximity to the trash storage area to prevent rodent activity.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow, Craig Spadafora and Ryan O'Malley

Council President Winslow handed the gavel to Councillor O'Malley so he was able to speak on behalf of this paper. He stated the City can only do so much to control the rodent population on public land but also needs the help of private land owners to disrupt the stream of food, water, and shelter from pests. Further discussion is requested with Rules & Ordinance and Board of Health regarding the proper way to control rodent population without using dangerous bait that may enter the food chain.

Councillor Simonelli would like to see the Body reach out to the State Delegation to see if

there are grant or funding opportunities to aid in what is a state-wide concern. Councillor Crowe would like to see a multi-pronged approach to public education including stronger enforcement of the trash barrel ordinance.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Ordinance be referred to the Rules & Ordinance Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[389-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 12 is hereby amended as follows:

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley, Karen Colon Hayes, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Jadeane Sica and Stephen Winslow

This paper includes six amendments to Title 12 regarding the addition of a new business use category for motor vehicle services.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Ordinance be referred to a joint public hearing of the Planning Board and Rules & Ordinance Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ENROLLED ORDINANCES

[357-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 2, Chapter 16, Section 060 COMMISSION ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY is hereby amended by striking and replacing in its entirety with the following title and text:

Sponsors: Carey McDonald, Karen Colon Hayes, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Ari Taylor and Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Current 2.16.060 Commission on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability Ordinance](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be ordained. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

[390-24](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on License to whom was referred Papers 319 and 320 Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends these petitions out favorably to the Full Council.

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

[319-24](#)

Petition: Livery Company: Tian L & Y Inc., 15 Burridge Place, Malden, 1 vehicle (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[320-24](#)

Petition: Livery Driver: Chaohua Yuan, 15 Burridge Place, Malden (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[391-24](#)

Committee Report: The Committee on Community Engagement and Inclusion make the following report: Committee recommends favorably to the Full Council all twelve candidates that were interviewed on October 9th and October 16th as members of the Malden Youth Council.

Council President Winslow used his discretion to take 391-24 out of order as there were a number of youth and family members sitting in the audience waiting for this discussion. Councillor Colon Hayes read into the record a brief history of how this Youth Council came to be. Throughout the process an outline was developed of the foundational structure of this council. Youth liaisons will attend meetings of Board and Commissions and report back real-time updates to the City Council through the CEIC Committee of going-on's with the various public bodies in the city, providing a clear understanding of community happenings. The youth will be given a list of Boards from which to choose the body they wish to follow.

The twelve nominations include Aldino Talic, Benny Mei, Devyn DiMarco, Giuliannah Dormevil, Julia Gamitto, Kidus Tsige, Ollie Dodge, Reda Benhafoun, Sara Job, Serena Lama, Sophie Tran, and Thomas Conti.

After the vote was taken the Council took a short recess for a photo opp.

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

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the twelve candidates be confirmed as nominated. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. TABLED PAPERS

[99-24](#)

Resolve: That it is the sense of the City Council that the Body would like the Community Preservation Committee to reconsider the application for historic preservation of 15 Ferry Street, the M. Ida Converse Building, (known by City Assessor's Parcel ID 075 272 211) in a modified form so as to preserve the building through an alternative location for the building.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Parcel id# 075272205 used for 15 Ferry Street relocation.](#)

[100-24 City Council agenda](#)

[CPC Letter to City Council and Mayor re 15 Ferry Street Preservation 2023.01.29](#)

[MHC to Mayor & CC 1.23.24 re 15 Ferry wAtts](#)

[MHC to Mayor CC 2.21.24 re 15 Ferry wAtts](#)

[Re 5 7 24 Public Comment](#)

[375-24](#)

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Malden City Council that car washes, which make minor changes to motor vehicles by providing cleaning services and/or accessories for motor vehicles, are most closely described by and encompassed in the definition of service stations in the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 12, Chapter 32, Section 060 (B) DEFINITIONS - ZONING

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [12.32.060 Definitions - Zoning](#)

10. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Sica that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK