



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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Tuesday, June 21, 2016

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

### 3. ROLL CALL

**Present - Councillors:** 10 - Neal Anderson, Peg Crowe, Paul Condon, Deborah DeMaria, Neil C. Kinnon, John P. Matheson, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica, Craig Spadafora and Barbara Murphy

**Absent - Councillors:** 1 - David D'Arcangelo

### 4. GUESTS, CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[306-16](#) Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2016.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica that the Council Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[307-16](#) Minutes of the meeting of June 14, 2016.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica that the Council Minutes be approved.  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### 6. APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS

### 7. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

[308-16](#) Petition: National Grid to install approximately 30' underground electric conduit on Exchange St from existing manhole 461 to 126 Pleasant St.  
(HEARING REQUIRED)

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley that the Petition be granted with the following conditions: that the street/sidewalk be restored to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works; and that Engineering be notified when Dig Safe is called. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[259-16](#) Petition: National Grid & Verizon have filed a joint petition to install (1) JO Pole in the centerline of the intersection of Medford and Green St.

## (HEARING REQUIRED)

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe that the Petition be taken from the table. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe that the Petition be granted with the following conditions: with the following conditions: that the street/sidewalk be restored to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works; and that Engineering be notified when Dig Safe is called. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[309-16](#)

Taxi Driver: Carlos A. Gufierrez, 75 Condor St. East Boston (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[310-16](#)

Self-Service Gas Station: Gibbs Oil Company Limited Partnership, 728 Main St. (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[311-16](#)

Self-Service Gas Station: Snap Mart dba Petrola, 245 Main St. (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**8. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**[312-16](#)

Order: That the Mayor be authorized to apply for a Section 108 loan from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[313-16](#)

Order: That \$15,000 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to Human Resources Salaries

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that financial rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[314-16](#)

Order: That \$1,000.00 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to IT Salaries

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that financial rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion

carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[315-16](#)

Order: That \$2000.00 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to Senior Center Salaries

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that financial rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[316-16](#)

Order: That \$100,000 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to Treasurer Tax Title

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that financial rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[317-16](#)

Order: That \$20,000 be transferred from Library Salaries to Library Utilities

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that financial rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[318-16](#)

Resolve: That the state legislative delegation work to prevent toll collection in both directions on the Tobin Bridge

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Resolution be passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 9 - Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

**Nay:** 1 - Anderson

[319-16](#)

Resolve: That the Traffic Commission install a "Yield to Pedestrians" sign

on Ferry St. between Clayton and Holyoke streets

**Sponsors:** Neal Anderson

A motion was made by Councillor Anderson that the Resolution be passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS**

[320-16](#)

Communication from the Mayor relative to the FY2017 budget

Dear Council:

I write in response to those items you requested as modifications to the proposed budget. In the spirit of working together, I have amended the budget to include the following modifications voted on at last week's City Council meeting:

**1. Addition of \$7,776 - Grant Funded Nurse**

We are all hopeful that the grant will be renewed to allow us to retain this position. Therefore, funding this important role short-term while we await word on the grant is both prudent and reasonable.

**2. Addition of \$25,000 - City Clerk Salaries**

With Karen Anderson's impending retirement, providing for the opportunity to cross train her replacement makes sense to ensure a smooth transition. We would only add that should Karen's replacement be hired from within that we try to take advantage of that as much as possible to minimize the actual use of these additional funds.

**3. Movement of \$51,000 from HR Salaries to HR Operating**

We understand the concern with filling this position as an employee versus utilizing outside contractors as we currently do. I am comfortable moving forward with retaining these services the same way we have in the past except that it be managed within HR.

**4. Movement of \$83,799.41 from Permits Inspections and Planning Services (PIPS) Salaries to Mayor's Salaries**

We had proposed moving Kevin Duffy to the PIPs department because we felt that bringing together what he does with what PIPs does would improve the customer experience and provide needed depth within PIPs. However, we understand from the dialogue that there was a desire to learn more before agreeing to such a move and as such we agree with moving the funds

back to the Mayor's Office for the time being.

In order to account for the two initiatives that involve additional funding, the following updates have been made to the budget:

- The Snow and Ice deficit account was updated to reflect a more accurate figure resulting in a savings of \$29,975.
- The Revenue reserve was reduced by \$2,801.

Additionally, you had requested that we consider funding a part-time wire inspector. This change, unlike the others, would represent a permanent addition to our expense structure. Prior to moving forward with such a request, we believe it's prudent that we wait until we have our certified free cash from the state. At that time, should the net free cash increase by more than expected then we will further consider this request. In the meantime, we will instruct Director Chris Webb to prepare some metrics showing the electrical permit and inspection numbers over the past several years as compared to comparable communities. With the benefit of this updated information we can then revisit this topic.

Finally, the attached budget reflects the changes outlined above as well as the following updates previously voted on by the City Council:

- Reduction of Fire OT by \$175,000, moving the same amount to Revenue reserve;
- Reduction of Police OT by \$175,000, moving the same amount to Revenue reserve;
- Reduction of Mayor's Salaries by \$41,899.71, moving the same amount to Revenue reserve;
- Reduction of Police Admin Salaries by \$39,852.50, moving the same amount to Revenue reserve;
- Reduction of Police IT Expenses by \$20,000, moving the same amount to Revenue reserve; and,
- Reduction of Mitigation Revenue by \$278,573.77, reducing Revenue reserve by the same amount.

It is our hope that with these changes the City Council is able to pass the budget as further amended. We commend you on the work done during this process that allowed each department to be heard while at the same time remaining committed to helping us get to a balanced budget. There is no doubt that more difficult decisions lie ahead but my hope is that by working together we can put this city on firm footing for the future.

Sincerely,  
**GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor**

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[289-16](#)

Annual Appropriation Order for FY2017 (Resubmission)

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be taken from the table. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be amended as follows:

1.Reduce Mayor's Office Salaries:	\$ 41,899.71
Reduce Police Administrative Salaries:	\$ 39,852.50
Reduce Police IT Expenses:	\$ 20,000.00
Increase Revenue Reserve:	\$101,752.21

2.Reduce Police Overtime:	\$175,000.00
Increase Revenue Reserve:	\$175,000.00

3.Reduce Fire Overtime:	\$175,000.00
Add to Revenue Reserve:	\$175,000.00

4.Reduce revenue estimates  
 by deleting from Council Mitigation: \$278,573.77  
 Reduce Revenue Reserve: \$278,573.77;  
 Provided that, subject to the approval of each recipient, the first \$278,573.77 received in Council mitigation in FY2017 shall be allocated to Revenue Reserve

5.Rename Account #0010-421-5300 (Bike to the Sea Maintenance) "Bike to the Sea Maintenance and Tree Planting"

6.Increase Board of Health Salaries:	\$ 7,776.00
Increase City Clerk Salaries:	\$ 25,000.00
Reduce Snow & Ice Deficit Account	\$ 29,975.00
Reduce Revenue Reserve:	\$ 2,801.00

7. Increase Human Resources Prof. Serv:	\$ 51,000.00
Reduce Human Resources Salaries:	\$ 51,000.00

8.Increase Mayor's Salaries:	\$ 83,799.41
Reduce PIPS Salaries:	\$ 83,799.41

**Yea:** 9 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

**Nay:** 1 - O'Malley

A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yea:** 9 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

**Nay:** 1 - O'Malley

## **10. CLAIMS**

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### [321-16](#)

Committee Report: Finance (Paper #290 That \$10,000.00 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to Cemetery Operating Account)

The Standing Committee on Finance, to whom was referred Paper #290 Series of 2016, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends that this paper be reported out favorably with the following amendment: That the amount of the transfer be increased to \$20,000 and that the additional \$10,000 be transferred to Cemetery Overtime Account.

Councillor Kinnon for the Committee

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### [290-16](#)

Order: That \$10,000 be transferred from Revenue Reserve to the Cemetery Operating Account

**Sponsors:** Neil C. Kinnon

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be amended to increase the amount of the transfer to \$20,000 and that the additional \$10,000 be transferred to Cemetery Overtime Account**

**A motion was made by Councillor Kinnon that the Order be adopted as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

### [322-16](#)

Committee Report: Appointments (Paper #302 Mayor's Appointment of Emery Haskell as Fire Commissioner)

The Standing Committee on Appointments, to whom was referred Paper #302 Series of 2016, having considered the same, make the following report: Committee recommends that this appointment be confirmed.

Councillor Crowe for the Committee

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

### [302-16](#)

Mayor's Appointment: Emery Haskell, 129 Wallace Street, Malden as Fire Commissioner (Term Exp: 3/1/18)

**A motion was made by Councillor Crowe that the Appointment be confirmed. The**

**motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Anderson, Crowe, Condon, DeMaria, Kinnon, Matheson, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Murphy

[323-16](#)

Resolve: That the Police Commissioner designate employees of LAZ Parking as parking enforcement officers

Resolved: That it is the sense of the City Council that the Police Commissioner designate employees of LAZ Parking as parking enforcement officers to enforce parking restrictions at city parking lots managed by LAZ and that all such revenue be collected on behalf of the city.

**Sponsors:** Paul Condon

**A motion was made by Councillor Condon that rules be suspended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Councillor Condon that the Resolution be passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**12. TABLED PAPERS****13. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE****14. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 8:12 p.m., a motion was made by Councillor Matheson that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**KAREN ANDERSON, CITY CLERK**