



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Councillor McDonald, Chair
Councillor Colon-Hayes, Vice-Chair
Councillor Condon
Councillor Crowe
Councillor Spadafora
Councillor Winslow

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 105
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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Roll Call

Vice Chair Colon Hayes called the meeting to order at 5:39 PM. Chair McDonald is in attendance this evening via video call so Councillor Colon Hayes served as Chair and all votes will be taken by roll call.

Also in attendance were Councillors Linehan and O'Malley, Zaheer Samee, Chris Mooney, Dan Koff representing the CPC, and Lauren McGillicuddy representing St. Paul's Parish.

Present: 5 - Councillor Carey McDonald, Councillor Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe and Stephen Winslow

Absent: 1 - Craig Spadafora

Tabled Papers

[438-24](#)

Minutes of October 29, 2024 to be approved.

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

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

[120-25](#)

Minutes of December 3, 2024 to be approved.

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

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

[84-25](#)

Minutes of December 10, 2024 to be approved.

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

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

74-25

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$14,500 be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project: St. Paul's Parish Envelope Assessment Project:

Historic Preservation Reserve	\$14,500
Total Appropriation	\$14,500

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [St. Paul's Parish Envelope Recommendation Letter Feb 4 2025](#)
[Mayor's Letter of Support 2 6 2025](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Order be taken from the table. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

Councillor McDonald opened conversation on this paper with an explanation that Paper 74-25 was tabled for the purpose of giving the Solicitor's Office....

Assistant City Solicitor gave review.....

Councillor Winslow is in support of this paper. Is there another pathway where this issue could be helped. A declaratory judgment from the SJC? Could the Historical Commission apply on behalf of the church? Perhaps table the paper should be tabled pending further research.

Councillor Crowe asked if the grant could be used more appropriately if a community group submitted the application instead of the church.

Councillor McDonald: the SJC also says you can't unilaterally disallow a religious institution from applying solely based on their religious status. His recommendation on how he would proceed..... Would the church be open to remove the stained glass from the grant? Further legal scrutiny is required for any future CPC grants for religious institutions.

St. Paul's Parish is on the Historical Register for both the inside and outside structure of the church.

Councillor Condon not sure he would support this paper based on the need for consistency among various churches in the city.

Councillor O'Malley stated for the record full disclosure of his appearance of conflict of interest as a member of St. Paul's congregation. Asked how this legal review would affect non-profits. Read from Article XVIII Anti Aid Amendment.

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

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Yea: 5 - McDonald, Councillor Colon Hayes, Councillor Condon, Councillor Crowe and Councillor Winslow

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