



# City of Malden

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

*Chairperson Craig Spadafora  
Vice Chair Peg Crowe  
Ryan O'Malley  
David Camell  
Stephen Winslow*

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Tuesday, March 30, 2021

5:30 PM

REMOTE VIRTUAL MEETING

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### 146-21

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## Roll Call

*Also in attendance Asst. City Solicitor John McNaught, MRA Executive Director Deb Burke, Ron Hogan.*

**Present:** 4 - Craig Spadafora, Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley and Stephen Winslow

**Absent:** 1 - David Camell

## Minutes to be Approved

### 147-21

Minutes of the Meeting of March 16, 2021.

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 4 - Chairperson Spadafora, Vice Chair Crowe, O'Malley and Winslow

## Business

### 121-21

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the Revised Ordinances of 2020 be amended to create a Department of Planning and Economic Development.

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley, Amanda Linehan, Jadeane Sica and Craig Spadafora

*MRA Executive Director Burke asked to make an opening statement. Ms. Burke came to the realization that the MRA was not operating on a sustainable model so she approached the mayor last July regarding the financial issues. The mayor was very supportive and asked her to start meeting with Ron Hogan which they did starting in January 2021. Director Burke feels the proposal is in the best interests of the MRA and if a merger does not take place, the MRA would need to have continuous layoffs (there were 2 last year) and the MRA would need to start selling off MRA properties to meet their obligations. The revenues do not meet their obligations. Councillor Winslow asked about the financial obligations the city would need to take on in the merger, Director Burke said that would get flushed out at a future Finance Meeting. Director Burke said Karen Bushee the controller of the MRA has been meeting with CFO Chuck Ranaghan on what the financial aspects of the merger would look like. Councillor Winslow sees the merger as beyond a Department of Planning and Economic Development and should be strategic planning as well.*

*Councillor Linehan spoke to the salary structure of the MRA employees coming over to the city and the need to retain staff. Councillor Linehan would like to see energy and*

*environmental planning as well as we need to think strategically about the planning piece.*

*Mr. Hogan told the committee there are 3 ordinances that need to be passed:*

- 1) A new department and what would be the function of the department*
- 2) Add the current salary structure of the MRA to the City salary structure*
- 3) Amend the Parking Department to include the off street parking sites of the MRA*

*Mr. Hogan spoke to the health and pension costs of the MRA and Director Burke spoke to that the MRA is currently finalizing a bank loan to repair the garages and the City would need to take that over in a merger.*

*Councillor DeMaria questioned if the proposal should be in Finance first before Ordinance because of the financial impact. Mr. Hogan answered that the Ordinances need to be in place for the mayor to be able to fund the department in next fiscal years budget.*

*Councillor Linehan wanted to hear more about the grant manager. Councillor Winslow would like to see a change in the name to reflect the resiliency and energy efforts.*

*Mr. Hogan stated the discussion has been healthy and he will reach out to Councillor Winslow off line regarding changing the name.*

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

**Yea:** 4 - Chairperson Spadafora, Vice Chair Crowe, O'Malley and Winslow

### [122-21](#)

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the Revised Ordinances of 2020 be amended by updating Section 2.24.050 of the Police Superior Officers Salary Schedule per attached.

**Sponsors:** Craig Spadafora

*Ron Hogan gave an overview of the contract that was negotiated and approved by the union. Councillor O'Malley asked about having a longer contract that 3 years. The approval of the contract will only be for two years because of time that has already passed since the expiration of the last contract. Mr. Hogan answered that 3 years is the standard contract length and not uncommon that the contract gets agreed upon well into the new time period.*

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be recommended favorably. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 4 - Chairperson Spadafora, Vice Chair Crowe, O'Malley and Winslow

## Other Business

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.**

**Yea:** 4 - Chairperson Spadafora, Vice Chair Crowe, O'Malley and Winslow