



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

*Councillor Murphy, Chair*  
*Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair*  
*Councillor-at-Large Karen Colon-Hayes*  
*Councillor Jadeane Sica*  
*Councillor Christopher Simonelli*  
*Councillor Stephen Winslow*

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Tuesday, May 17, 2022

5:30 PM

City Hall, Rm#113  
215 Pleasant Street

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### Roll Call

*Also Present: Councillor O'Malley*  
*Maria Luise-Mayor's Office*  
*Charles Ranaghan-Controller*  
*Dan Grover-Treasurer*

**Present:** 5 - Councillor Barbara Murphy, Councillor Paul Condon, Karen Colon Hayes, Chris Simonelli and Stephen Winslow

**Absent:** 1 - Jadeane Sica

### Minutes to be Approved

### Business

[236-22](#)

Order: Annual appropriation for FY2023

**Sponsors:** Barbara Murphy

**Attachments:** [Proposed Budget](#)

*Councillor Murphy explained that they are meeting tonight to discuss the process and said last year they started by discussing what departments they want to bring in to the committee. They have already met with the Nate Cramer, Assessor's and Dan Grover, Treasurer's offices so they do not need to ask them to come in again. We also left it up to the Councillor's to say who they would like to bring in and also we reached out to the Department Heads to see if anyone wants to come before the committee. After the budget, we can still bring in various departments to give us updates. We do have a limited amount of time to get through the budget and vote it out. The goal would be to vote the Budget out to the floor in four weeks on June 14th and then on June 21st it would be on the docket to go before the Full Council. She mentioned Fire, Police, DPW and Schools as departments that should be brought in. Councillor Winslow mentioned when we voted on the tags and he would like to ask a question of is the tags revenue equivalent to the bags Councillor Murphy said if anyone has any specific questions they could send them to her and she could get answers for the committee Councillor Colon-Hayes asked to hear from the Board of Health and Human Services to give an update on Covid and see if there is anything they need Councillor Condon said you can extend the invitations to the smaller departments but we can't only cut we cant add to the budget we can give suggestions and ask the financial*

team to talk with the Mayor. If the smaller departments have a problem they will ask to come before us. The Financial Team cuts everything they can to trim down the budget. We could add a few things for some people that might help out.

Councillor Murphy asks Mr. Ranaghan to read the departments to the committee and if they would like to bring them in they should raise their hand

Police/Fire/School/DPW/Strategic Planning Department were what was chosen

Councillor Murphy said one of the interesting things about the budget cycle this year is we have the new committee Long Term Financial Planning & Strategy Committee and one of the departments that would of interest to her and she thinks would affect all of us would be engineering with all the streets and roads and the all the upgrades going on and lead pipes part of that is ARPA money but it would be good to hear from them as it impacts all the residents on a daily basis.

Councillor Condon said speaking of the new committee we have some serious issues to know where we are we know the Voke will be a big impact on us but he feels the most blaring thing is the parking garages which could be horrifying if something happened. He knows they are upwards of \$15 mill to fix them but we need to know if its better to knock them down and replace them or just get rid of them. It is his hope they will be able to address these issues in the new committee.

Councillor Murphy said she will try to set up these meetings and have Lisa reach out to all the department heads to see if they would like to meet with the Finance Committee by Monday we can start scheduling meetings. She also asked the committee if they had to meet off committee nights what would work for them and they decide on Mondays and late on Tuesdays.

Councillor Colon-Hayes asked if it is appropriate to ask a department head questions pertaining to their department regarding the budget which are line items or do they need to go through the Chair

Councillor Murphy said she could ask department heads questions but cautions not getting in the weeds she also explained if it is a question on the budget and not a line item she could ask Chuck now

The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the process by which they will review the proposed F/Y 23 Budget.

Ron Hogan-Chief Strategy Innovation Officer and Charles Ranaghan-CFO will attend to discuss the Proposed F/Y23 Budget.

## Other Business

### Tabled Papers

#### [210-22](#)

Order: That the appropriation enumerated below, being in the amount of \$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars), be appropriated from the Community Preservation Act Fund for the following project:

Spot Pond Brook Greenway Phase II

25% Design Project: \$25,000 from General Fund

**Sponsors:** Barbara Murphy

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Letter of Submission of Spot Pond Greenway](#)

[Spot Pond Brook Greenway Recommendation Letter 2022.04.12](#)

Motion was made by Councillor Winslow and seconded by Councillor Colon-Hayes to take Paper #210-22 off the table. All were in favor.

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor at Large**

Colon Hayes, that Paper #210-22 be recommended favorably to the City Council.  
The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Steven Winslow, seconded by Councillor Chris Simonelli, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:05 P.M. The motion carried unanimously.