



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

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

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

6:15 PM

215 Pleasant Street - Room 105 Lg. Conf. Rm.
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Also present City Solicitor Kate Fallon, City Planner Michelle Romero.

Meeting started at 6:29 P.M.

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

Absent: 1 - David Camell

Minutes to be Approved

[301-21](#)

Minutes of the Meeting June 16, 2021.

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[331-21](#)

Minutes of the Meeting of June 22, 2021.

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, that the Committee Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

Other Business

[313-21](#)

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the City of Malden Ordinances section 2.16 "Board, Commissions, and Committees" be amended to require remote participation by members of the public for all public meetings by inserting a new section 2.16.001 "Remote participation required."

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley, Deborah DeMaria and Amanda Linehan

Councillor O'Malley the sponsor of the paper spoke on the benefits of the paper especially for the elderly and disabled who have better access to meetings with a remote option.

City Planner Michelle Romero came to give testimony on the Planning Board and Historical Commission's experience from the Board perspective with a hybrid model for meetings. Ms. Romero stated that the Planning Board required all board members to come in person once that was allowed. The reason, that way all members would hear the

same thing at the same time. Once the State of Emergency was lifted, the Planning Board required all petitioners to come in person as well. The Planning Board wanted to see the petitioners, they had to make the meeting because of the difficulty of having a hybrid meeting. Ms. Romero stated she saw no spike in resident participation when zoom was available.

Councillor Winslow said in some ways we have to do it to be ADA compliant but the paper needs more work.. Councillor Crowe stated she was generally supportive of the paper but there is detail that needs to be flushed out and the committee would be unable to draft something tonight. Councillor Condon was concerned when there are multiple committee meetings going on at one time. Councillor Condon said all the meetings are being filmed now.

City Solicitor Fallon believes the law will be revamped and what Councillor O'Malley is proposing, the law will catch up to it. Attorney Fallon suggested that other Boards and Commissions should decide themselves how their meetings will be held.

The amendment was to change the wording in the last line to : "can participate remotely".

A motion was made by Councilor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Crowe, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Tabled Papers

[283-21](#)

Order: That the City of Malden submit to the Massachusetts Legislature for passage in substantially the following form: (See Attached).

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Vice Chair Crowe, that the Order be tabled to the call of the chair. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[277-21](#)

Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2021.

Councillor O'Malley made a motion to untable paper #277-21, seconded by Councillor Crowe, it was so voted by voice vote; Crowe (y), O'Malley (y), Winslow (y), Spadafora (y)

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the meeting be recessed to the call of the chair. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting recessed at 7:06 P.M.