



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Linehan, Chair
Councillor Crowe, Vice-Chair
Councillor O'Malley
Councillor Sica
Councillor Simonelli

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 105
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Chair Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Also in attendance were Councillors Condon, McDonald, Spadafora, Taylor, and Winslow; Alicia McNeil, Maria Luise, Charles Ranaghan.

Present: 3 - Councillor Amanda Linehan, Councillor Peg Crowe and Ryan O'Malley

Absent: 2 - Jadeane Sica and Chris Simonelli

Business

[47-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 3, Chapter 08, Section 050 CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY FOR DAMAGES TO BE DISPOSED OF BY THE CITY SOLICITOR be hereby amended by the following:

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora and Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [Current Ordinance- MCC 3.08.050 Claims Ordinance](#)
[Proposed Revisions to MCC 3.08.050 Claims Ordinance](#)
[Mayor's Ordinance Proposal Letter 1 29 24](#)

Chair Linehan opened discussion by turning the meeting over to Councillor Spadafora to introduce the paper, as he sponsored it. The purpose of increasing the amount outlined in this ordinance from \$500 to \$25,000 is to keep pace with inflation. Claims for reimbursement of damages in today's dollars are significantly higher than \$500 and the higher threshold will allow the Solicitor greater negotiating power to settle valid claims without causing the city's residents to initiate a court case. Councillor Spadafora argued that \$25,000 seems like a very large increase but it is not an unreasonable range considering the cost of goods and services to fix damaged property. Controller Ranaghan added the \$25,000 number came about through several conversations considering amounts ranging from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Solicitor McNeil is comfortable with \$25,000, stating any claims higher than that should go through the process of court action.

Councillor Crowe made a motion to amend the paper by adding, "Claims exceeding \$25,000 but not more than \$50,000 may be settled by the City Solicitor subject to the approval of the Committee on Finance."

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

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be recommended favorably as amended to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Tabled Papers

[382-22](#)

Be it ordained that Section 11.24.010 PLACEMENT OF POLES, WIRES AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG OR ON PUBLIC WAYS be amended in the following manner (See attachment)

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [Double Pole Ordinance](#)

[459-23](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.08.110 VEHICLES FOR HIRE; GENERAL REQUIREMENTS is hereby amended by the following:

-In Section D.1: striking 'office' and replace with residence

-In Section D.2: after 'City of Malden and' strike 'shall include adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles' and replace with 'are allowed one parking permit per household. Any additional vehicles over that one requires adequate off-street parking for all licensed vehicles.'

-Sections D.3 and D.4: strike in their entirety

-In Section F.1.b: strike '1.5"' by 1.5"' and replace with '2" by 2."'

Sponsors: Jadeane Sica

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Crowe that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.