



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Personnel/Appointments Committee

Councillor Winslow, Chair
Councillor Colon Hayes, Vice Chair
Councillor Crowe
Councillor Linehan
Councillor Spadafora

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

7:05 PM

CityHall, Room #105
215 Pleasant Street

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Councillor Stephen Winslow, Councillor Karen Colon Hayes, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan and Craig Spadafora

Also Present: Councillors McDonald and O'Malley
Maria Luise-Mayor's Office
Zaheer Samee-Assistant Solicitor

Councillor Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:53 PM.

Minutes to be Approved

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Minutes of May 28, 2024 to be approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Committee Minutes of May 28, 2024 be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

The committee will meet to interview the following candidate for the vacant seat on the CPC:

Kim Brookes.

Kim Brookes explained she was excited when she saw the position opened and she read more about what the CPC does. It ties together three things she is interested in Historic Preservation, housing accessibility and affordability and open space and green space for the community. She is a girls soccer coach at Malden High School and this next season will be her last. She wants to be involved in what's going on in Malden and she likes that it called Community Preservation. She is passionate about affordable housing but not up to speed with it. She feels she has been keenly in touch with open spaces and parks playing soccer in Malden. She spent six years as a professional archivist and got a masters in public history. She is interested in historical monuments. She feels comfortable in historic preservation and open/green space. Kim said if she did not agree with a project she would bring it up with the committee and she would want to work together with a group of people towards a common goal. She was on the Board of Malden Youth Soccer. She would like to talk it through and listen to what people were saying. She was thinking about how the CPC could advertise more to get the word out. She said she doesn't have a solution for it but she has done publicity with soccer and in her job and she looks forward to looking how to do that better. She said she would assess a project

Following business on the agenda, the Committee will discuss the candidates under consideration for the vacant seat on the CPC and move forward with recommendation on a candidate. Following discussion, votes may be taken on the Committee's recommendation on appointment to the vacant seat.

Motion to report Sam Watters out favorably to the Full Council was made by

The committee has a discussion on the candidates under consideration for the vacancy on the CPC and will make a recommendation on appointment to the vacancy. They narrowed it down to two candidates each and then the majority voted for Sam Watters.

Motion to report Sam Watters out favorably to the Full Council was made by Councillor Colon Hayes and seconded by Councillor Spadafora. All were in favor.

251-24

Mayoral Appointment: Hilda Torres, 24 Fleming Road, Malden, as a member of the Malden Redevelopment Authority Board, said term to expire May 1, 2029, and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Appointment Letter - Hilda Torres](#)

Hilda is a Malden resident and is a business owner in Malden. She said she is also the President of the Malden Charter. The committee thanked Hilda for serving on this board. She said she is excited to serve and will not disappoint them.

A motion was made by Councillor Crowe, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

170-24

Mayoral Appointment: Maria D'Esposito, 81 Floral Avenue, Malden, as an associate member of the Board of Appeal, said term to expire March 1, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Mayor's Appointment Letter: Maria Desposito](#)

Maria was born in Everett and lived there for two months and has been in Malden ever since. She has gotten involved in little things going on in Malden and looks forward to learning more about the rules of the Board of Appeal and hopes to move up from an alternate next term. She was told you have to go out and look at the properties and she is ok with that. She has been working for Bank of America for 30 years and she is presently in a position which pays more with less stress. She reads legal documents for the bank and is doing real estate loans.

A motion was made by Councillor Spadafora, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

266-24

Council Appointment: Brittany Torelli, 11 Reserve Street, Malden, as a member of the Police Community Advisory Council, said term to commence upon her confirmation by the City Council and to expire May 30, 2025. (Confirmation required)

Attachments: [Brittany Torelli Appointment Letter](#)

Council McDonald explained this is a brand new committee: Police Community Advisory Council. It is made up of 7 members: 3 Mayoral Appointments, 2 Council Appointments and they received 15 resumes. There was a lot of interest and these were two of the outstanding candidates and he asked them to introduce themselves. As soon as the appointments are made he will work with the Mayor's office to make sure this group gets off to a great start.

Brittany stated for the record the Burlington Address listed on her resume is her business address. She is a Malden resident and lives at 11 Reserve Street, Malden, MA. She is a Mental Health Councillor and has a private practice in Burlington. She is interested in this Council because she feels she has something to offer with mental health if there are people in crisis. Frequently Police are the immediate call and if there is anything to be done to help improving that relationship She would be interested in helping and being part of this whole process. She has settled in Malden and hopes it is her forever home and also get involved in the community.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a

unanimous vote.

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Council Appointment: Chloe Cheung, 45 Loomis Street, Unit 119, Malden, as a member of the Police Community Advisory Council, said term to commence upon her confirmation by the City Council and to expire May 30, 2025. (Confirmation required)

Attachments: [Chloe Cheung Appointment Letter](#)

Chloe said she is Chinese and a chunk of Malden has a significant population. She lives in Malden and she lived in the projects in low income housing. She attended Malden High School went to college in Providence and came back. She has a lot of diversity experience. She is an actuary in the Insurance industry. She applied because she wanted to get involved in her community and cares very deeply about how the City is growing and what direction it is going. She doesn't have much Police experience but is enthusiastic to learn and is hoping to provide that by giving input to the Council.

Councillor Colon Hayes thanks the candidates for applying. She wanted to speak to the mental health and diversity and being able to understand our culture and the people here being on this Police Council are both extremely important and said she is happy to meet them and happy they were selected to be on this committee.

Councillor Spadafora also thanked both the candidates for volunteering. They are both overqualified with a PHd and an actuary on this Council. He said with Brittany's mental health background it is important where a lot of the Police calls are not violent but crisis or medical and having someone with her expertise in that field even as a resource helping to talk and train the Police is great. From Chloe's perspective being an immigrant growing up in this country certainly your qualifications will be very helpful. He is happy seeing two great candidates to help and improve and sometimes changing things and make it conducive to what we want to see.

Councillor Winslow thanked Councillor McDonald for moving this forward. He feels with the background and experience of the candidates is about giving community perspective both their professional and personal experiences will help give the advise that we need.

Councillor Crowe agrees this is fantastic and they are both over qualified. The Police are very open to the mental health component. They do have a clinician that works with them. She also said with the diversity where Chloe has come from and her experiences will bring depth into the discussions.

Councillor Linehan said it is amazing to see this grow and that these candidates are willing to give their time.

A motion was made by Councillor Spadafora, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Appointment be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Adjournment

Motion was made by Councillor Spadafora, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:42 PM. The motion carried unanimously.