



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Crowe, Chair
Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Sica
Councillor Spadafora
Councillor Winslow

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 108
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Vice-Chair Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Also in attendance were Acting City Solicitor McNeil, Councillors Condon, Colon Hayes, McDonald, O'Malley, and one member of the public representing Lodgen Court.

Present: 3 - Councillor Amanda Linehan, Jadeane Sica and Stephen Winslow

Absent: 2 - Councillor Peg Crowe and Craig Spadafora

Minutes to be Approved

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Minutes for the meeting of October 10, 2023

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

Business

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Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 12.32.060 DEFINITIONS - ZONING is hereby amended by adding under Paragraph B: Retail Car Wash: An establishment operating a facility that provides motor vehicle washing, vacuuming, or cleaning service to the public using either automatic, manual, or self-service methods. A Retail Car Wash establishment does not include establishments that perform vehicle washing, vacuum, and cleaning services in association with Vehicle Sales or Rental facilities or as a courtesy by Motor Vehicle Repair Shops to vehicles being repaired.

Be it further ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.12.010 HOURS OF OPERATION; IN GENERAL is hereby amended by adding under Paragraph A: Retail Car Wash 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow, Craig Spadafora, Amanda Linehan and Paul Condon

Councillor Winslow explained that reports of noise complaints have already begun coming in on the new car wash on Broadway after only being open for a month. The residents of Lodgen Court are hearing the sound of fans all the way from across the parking lot.

Edith, a resident of the neighborhood, was in attendance and spoke about how this

noise has become a quality-of-life issue for her. She works from home, so the car wash noise has affected her work life as well.

Other Councillors expressed opinions that this Paper is unfair to other car washes and detail shops throughout the city that have never had any noise complaints and to the residents who do tasks of this type after work, on their way home, or in emergency situations when unexpected messes have happened in their vehicles in the evening.

MCC has a noise ordinance in 10.04.020 B. There was a request to measure the decibels of this noise to see if it is truly a violation. The real underlying issue of this paper is not the hours of business but sound. Councillor Winslow stated he was in favor of tabling this Paper until he was able to get further information about other businesses in the area, their noise levels, possible alternative solutions, sound barriers, and decibel levels.

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Ordinance be tabled to the Rules & Ordinance Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Tabled Papers

[331-23](#)

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Malden that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 2, Chapter .20, Section .020 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARY CLASSIFICATION PLAN is hereby amended by inserting the following language underneath the salary chart:

The Human Resources Department shall maintain a job description for each elected official position, in alignment with the duties specified in the City Charter.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Clerk Desiderio reported to the Committee a project she had been working on with the Division of Banks Office for the State of Massachusetts regarding the pawnbroker interest rate as outlined in MCC 6.08.080 D(2). The Committee stated they would submit a paper to update the ordinance.

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.**