



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Charter Review Committee

*Councillor Winslow, Chair*  
*Councillor Linehan, Vice Chair*  
*Councillor Spadafora*  
*Carol Ann Desiderio, Ex-Officio*  
*Ron Hogan, Ex-Officio*

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Tuesday, December 3, 2024

6:30 PM

City Hall, Room #105  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

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### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Stephen Winslow, Amanda Linehan, Craig Spadafora, Carol Ann Desiderio and Ron Hogan

Also Present: Councillors Condon, Colon Hayes, Crowe, McDonald  
Alicia McNeil-Solicitor  
Chris Mooney-Assist Solicitor  
Maria Luise-Mayor's Office

Councillor Winslow called the meeting to order at 6:53 PM.

### Minutes to be Approved

### Business

#### Tabled Papers

##### [418-24](#)

Communication: The Mayor's Office and Council President request that the Charter Review Committee meet to review a proposal to draft a Home Rule petition to modify the City Charter and develop City Ordinance amendments necessary to: (1) remove certain City Charter language concerning the Public Works and Stadium Commissions and enact an ordinance establishing a Parks and Recreation Commission, (2) remove City Charter language establishing the Public Works Commission and Public Works and Engineering Departments and enact an ordinance establishing authorities and responsibilities for such Commission and Departments, (3) remove City Charter language concerning the Police and Fire Departments and enact an ordinance establishing authorities and responsibilities for such Departments, and (4) to remove City Charter language regarding the Traffic Commission and to establish a Transportation Commission by ordinance.

**Attachments:** [2024CharterFocusedChanges](#)

[Home Rule Petition Amendment Draft 1.2025 - Repeal of sections 16, 20, 21, 23A, C, D](#)

[Public Comment Charter & Ordinance Changes 418-24 443-24](#)

[Charter Change Public Hearing Notice](#)

[Home Rule Petition Amendment April 9 edits](#)

[Home Rule Petition Companion Letter](#)

*Councillor Winslow explained that this Paper was tabled after last weeks meeting to review all the information discussed. He asked if anyone has any further questions. He had a conversation with the Mayor's Office and City Clerk Desiderio about how to move forward. The thought was to first ask the Solicitor's office to draft a Home Rule Petition then send it back to the Council to pass. The second part would be to send the paper which would be docketed to the Rules and Ordinance Committee for discussion. This will get the ball rolling to actually have a Home Rule Petition and Rules and Ordinance will probably take it up in the Spring. Ron Hogan said it still will be a long road. The motion to report to the Full council on Paper #418-24 the recommendations discussed. The thought is the City Council and the Mayor's work on the Home Rule Petition may go quicker and the Home Rule Petition will be held up with the Legislature and in the meantime we can be working in parallel on the ordinance and refining those Home Rules. Carol Ann said in past Charter Review Committees we talked about you can only do so much with the Charter before you have to put it on the ballot to get a vote. Councillor Winslow said as long as we do not change the terms or conditions for elected officials then the Home Rule Petition can be adopted by the City Council signed by the Mayor and then approved by the Legislature.*

**A motion was made to take Paper #418-24 off the table by Councillor Linehan and seconded by Councillor Spadafora. All were in favor.**

**A motion was made by Linehan, seconded by Spadafora, that the Communication be recommended favorably as amended to read: Committee recommends the Council ask the Solicitor's Office to draft a Home Rule Petition consistent with the memo presented with Paper 418-24 for the Council's review and consideration. The Committee further recommends the Council to refer Paper 443-24 to the Rules and Ordinance Committee to consider setting forth proposed ordinance changes consistent with the memo presented with Paper 418-24.**

**26-23**

The Charter Review Committee will meet to discuss long-term planning and continue to work on reviewing the MALDEN Charter.

**Attachments:** [Hogan Handout Charter Review Committee 11023](#)

[Charter Review Handout 41823](#)

[Draft Charter SPW Version 5.16.2023](#)

[Malden Draft Admin Ordinance Apr 23 v1](#)

**Other Business****Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Spadafora that this meeting be adjourned at 7:03 PM. The motion carried unanimously.**