



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

Council President Stephen Winslow
Councillor at Large Karen Colon-Hayes
Councillor Paul Condon
Councillor Peg Crowe
Councillor Amanda Linehan
Councillor at Large Carey McDonald
Councillor Ryan O'Malley
Councillor Jadeane Sica
Councillor Chris Simonelli
Councillor at Large Craig Spadafora
Councillor Ari Taylor

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Winslow called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

3. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance was Michelle Romero and Zaheer Samee.

Present - Councillors: 9 - Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica, Ari Taylor and Stephen Winslow

Absent - Councillors: 2 - Chris Simonelli and Craig Spadafora

4. GUESTS, CITIZEN ACHIEVEMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

William 'Bill' Bowdridge, owner of Big Daddy Doggie Day Care, Inc. of 10 Maplewood Street, will be presented with a citation from the Council honoring his actions to save the Mastiff, now known as Big Momma, after she was left abandoned at Trafton Park.

On behalf of the Council, Councillor at Large Colon Hayes presented Mr. Bowdridge and Big Momma with the citation and took a few minutes for a photo op before continuing with the remainder of the meeting.

*Animal Control Officer Kevin Alkins spoke to the Council on an alarming trend wherein people abandon animals on the street instead of surrendering them responsibly to organizations such as the MSPCA.
Anyone who has an animal they are no longer able to care for are urged to contact*

Animal Control at the Malden Police Department at 781-397-7171 to obtain further assistance.

Representatives from Friends of the Malden Public Library will appear before the Council to present their annual calendar of events and to update the City on projects the organization is working on to support the Library in realizing its mission to serve the community.

Mary Ellen O'Meara, President of the Friends of the Malden Library presented to the Council on their calendar of events for the upcoming year. A PowerPoint of this presentation is attached to the history of Paper 129 and the recording of Ms. O'Meara's talk may be viewed in its entirety beginning at the 10:10 mark of the following link: <https://buff.ly/3ToeLP5>

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Friends of the Malden Public Library presentation to the City Council, February 27, 2024

Attachments: [Friends presentation City Council February 2024](#)
[Video of Friends Presentation](#)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two people were in attendance for Public Comment and an additional two sent emails to the Clerk to be read into the record.

School Committee Member Jennifer Spadafora of 37 Prospect Street spoke in opposition of Paper 98-24, stating the funding it would take to acquire, move, upkeep, and maintain the M. Ida Converse Building at 15 Ferry Street would be more responsibly spent on a very large projected deficit in the School Department budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Daniel Koff of 53 Glen Street spoke in favor of Paper 99-24, reading from a letter of the Community Preservation Committee which states the committee would be in favor of reconsidering an application for historic preservation of the M. Ida Converse Building at 15 Ferry Street. The letter is attached to the history of Papers 98, 99, and 100. Emails from Chris Kosta and James Sumner were read into the record, both collectively in opposition of Papers 98, 99, and 100 Series of 2024. Both emails are attached to the history of said papers.

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Public Comment Sign-in Sheet February 27, 2024

Attachments: [Public Comment Sign-in Sheet February 27, 2024](#)

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councillor Sica , seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

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Minutes for the meeting of January 30, 2024

This Council Minutes was approved

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Minutes for the meeting of February 6, 2024

This Council Minutes was approved

[72-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Michelle Romero, 34 Greystone Road, Malden, as City Planner, hired June 24, 2002, and initially appointed February 13, 2018, said term to expire on February 13, 2027, and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Michelle Romero Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[73-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Catherine Price, 30 Tufts Street, Malden, as member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, having served since January 31, 2020, said term to expire January 31, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Catherine Price Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[74-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Roxanne Reddington-Wilde, 35 Baincroft Road, Malden, as member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, having served since January 31, 2020, said term to expire January 31, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Roxanne Reddington-Wilde Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[75-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Brian Slater, 195 Beech Avenue, Melrose, MA, as member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, having served since January 31, 2020, said term to expire January 31, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Brian Slater Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[76-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Angie Liou, 35 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, MA, as member of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board, having served since January 31, 2020, said term to expire January 31, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Angie Liou Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[105-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Anthony Chiccuarelli, 22 Wesmur Road, Malden, as Human Resources Director, hired November 16, 2015, said term to expire on March 1, 2027, and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Anthony Chiccuarelli Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[106-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Chukwuka Ezewuzie, 122 Belmont Street, Malden, as member of the Disability Commission, having served since March 15, 2021, said term to expire March 15, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Chukwuka Ezewuzie Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[107-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Emery L. Haskell, 129 Wallace Street, Malden, as Fire Commissioner, having served since June 6, 2016, said term to expire March 1, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Emery Haskell Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[109-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Erica Lotz, 57 Newman Road, Malden, as a member of the Public Works Commission, having served since March 1, 2012, said term to expire March 1, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Erica Lotz Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[110-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Tovah Miller, 46 Converse Avenue, Malden, as a member of the Disability Commission, having served since October 26, 2021, said term to expire March 15, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Tovah Miller Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[111-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Adam Sherwin, 31 Greenwood Street, Malden, as the legal member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, having served since May 23, 2018, said term to expire March 1, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Adam Sherwin Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[112-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Stephanie Stone, 19 Pine Street, Malden, as an associate member of the Planning Board, having served since May 23, 2022, said term to expire March 1, 2029, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Stephanie Stone Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[113-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Kathleen Young, 70 Essex Street, Malden, as a member of

the Registrars of Voters Board, having served since February 7, 2017, said term to expire March 31, 2027, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Kathleen Young Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[114-24](#)

Council Reappointment: Nathaniel Cramer, 33 Pine Street, Stoneham, MA as Assessor, hired August 31, 2020, term to expire March 1, 2027 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Nathaniel Cramer - Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[115-24](#)

Council Reappointment: Carol Ann Desiderio, 440 Lebanon Street, Malden, MA as City Clerk, hired January 5, 2023, term to expire February 28, 2027 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Carol Ann Desiderio - Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[116-24](#)

Council Reappointment: Daniel Grover, 22A Wigglesworth Street, Malden, MA as Treasurer/Collector, hired March 3, 2021, term to expire December 31, 2026 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Daniel Grover - Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[117-24](#)

Council Reappointment: Charles Ranaghan, 140 Oakland Street, Malden, MA as CFO/Controller, hired January 18, 2010, term to expire December 31, 2026 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Charles Ranaghan - Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[118-24](#)

Council Reappointment: William Settemio, 4 Wellington Street, Malden, MA as member of the Cemetery Board of Trustees, hired October 6, 2009, term to expire March 1, 2029 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [William Settemio - Reappointment Letter](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[77-24](#)

Mayoral Appointment: Andrew Scarano, 21 Magnolia Street, Malden, as member of the Public Works Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Bill Coleman, said term to expire March 1, 2026 and to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Andrew Scarano Appointment Letter](#)
[Public Works Comm-Pers Appts 31924](#)

This Appointment was confirmed

[78-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Ryan Bragg, 27 Slayton Way, Roxbury, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[79-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Louis Ciulla, 235 Revere Street #503, Revere, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[80-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: John Danca, 34 Highland Court, Malden, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

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Petition: Taxi Driver: Albert E. Frost, III, 679 Broadway #2L, Chelsea, MA (New)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[82-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Christopher Jackson, 24 Surfside Road, Lynn, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[83-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Stephen A. Lauber, 4 Blake Court, Everett, MA (New)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[84-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Dominique Long, 198 Tremont Street #119, Boston, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[85-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: James Phelan, 5 Island Hill Avenue #212, Malden, MA (New)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[86-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Donald F. Porter, 17 Silverleaf Way, Peabody, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[87-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Michael Rapaglia, 9 Richardson Street, Malden, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[88-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: William L. Sweet, 117 Medford Street, Malden (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[89-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Valentin Tchaly, 30 Washington Street, Brighton, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[90-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Driver: Carlos F. Vargas, 290 Mishawum Road #2039, Woburn, MA (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[91-24](#)

Petition: Livery: MGR Transportation LLC, 228 Pearl Street, Malden, 1 vehicle (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[92-24](#)

Petition: Livery Driver: Amarjit Singh, 228 Pearl Street, Malden (Renewal)

This Petition was referred to the License Committee.

[93-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 2.24.030 PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, TRAFFIC, WATER, SEWER AND CEMETERY SALARY SCHEDULE be hereby amended to reflect the following compensation levels to be effective July 1, 2023.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [DPW Salary Chart FY2024](#)

[Final Paper: 93-24](#)

This Ordinance was referred to a joint session of the Rules & Ordinance and Finance Committee.

[94-24](#)

Order: That the sum of One Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) is transferred from Salary Reserve to DPW Salaries.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Final Paper: 94-24](#)

This Order was referred to a joint session of the Rules & Ordinance and Finance Committee.

[119-24](#)

Communication: Per the requirements of MCC 2.04.030 the Malden Housing Authority respectfully submits their board approved FY2024 Annual Report.

Attachments: [Malden Housing Authority FY2024 Annual Report](#)

This Communication was received and filed

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS

[108-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Patrick Hayes, 105 Wyoming Avenue, Malden, as a member of the Planning Board, having served since August 7, 2012, said term to expire March 1, 2029, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [Patrick Hayes Reappointment Letter](#)

Councillor Colon Hayes requested to be recused from this vote as she is a family member to Mr. Patrick Hayes. Upon a unanimous vote in the affirmative by the Body, Councillor Colon Hayes exited the Chamber for the remainder of this order of business.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that Councillor Colon Hayes may recuse herself from the vote on Paper 108-24. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 8 - Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

Excused: 1 - Colon Hayes

7. MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

95-24

Order: That the City Clerk notify and warn the inhabitants of the City of Malden who are qualified to vote in the Presidential Primary to vote at their respective wards and precincts on Tuesday, the Fifth day of March, 2024 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the purpose of casting their votes in the Primary for the candidates of political parties for said offices.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Final Paper: 95-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Condon, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

120-24

Order: That the City submit to the Massachusetts Legislature for passage the following Home Rule Petition AN ACT REGARDING THE MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF MALDEN

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow, Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica, Chris Simonelli, Craig Spadafora and Ari Taylor

Attachments: [Home Rule Petition for Police Age Limit](#)

[Final Paper: 120-24](#)

[Signed and Certified Home Rule Petition](#)

Council President Winslow spoke on behalf of this paper stating the desire to lift the age limit on new police recruits in Malden to increase the recruiting pool as the Police Department currently has staffing needs they are not able to fill. The upper age limit in Malden, at 31 years of age, is lower than most surrounding cities; this home rule petition would lift that cap.

Councillor McDonald stated he has no objections to the Paper but in general, when speaking of people by pronouns, it is better to use gender neutral pronouns. Instead of writing 'his/her' in official city documents Councillor McDonald would rather use the terms 'they/them' as a rule of thumb.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

[98-24](#)

Order: Whereas, 15 Ferry Street, the M. Ida Converse Building, is one of the last existing buildings created through the philanthropy of the Converse Family; and Whereas, the Historic Commission will be holding a public hearing on the proposed demolition of said building at their meeting of Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM;

Now, Therefore, Be It Ordered that the City Council negotiate with the owner of 15 Ferry Street to acquire the building and land located at 15 Ferry Street (known by City Assessor's Parcel ID 075 272 211) for historic preservation through gift, purchase, land swap, or other transfer.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Parcel id# 075272205 used for 15 Ferry Street relocation.](#)

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[CPC Letter to City Council and Mayor re 15 Ferry Street](#)

[Preservation 2023.01.29](#)

[MHC to Mayor CC 2.21.24 re 15 Ferry wAtts](#)

[MHC to Mayor & CC 1.23.24 re 15 Ferry wAtts](#)

Councillor O'Malley opened conversation on this Paper by thanking City Planner Michelle Romero and the Historical Commission for their public hearing of February 15, 2024 and their ongoing efforts to save the 15 Ferry Street building from demolition. He further stated that although upcoming budget constraints are a concern for the City, the building would not have to be purchased as it has been gifted to the City; the cost to relocate the building likely will come from the Community Preservation Committee and not the School Department or General Fund. The CPC has indicated their willingness to reconsider the expenditure of funds based on a resubmitted application as the scope of this project has changed considerably since the original application was denied. Councillor O'Malley is of the belief that preserving city history is an essential expense. The biggest challenge at this point is finding an appropriate new location for relocation.

Councillor McDonald, Chair of Finance, thinks the preservation of 15 Ferry Street is worthy of consideration but does not want to make such a big decision without first discussing the implications of ordering the Council into the proposed negotiation. This paper should be sent to the Public Property Committee. Councillor Colon Hayes stated the building is structurally in better shape than she first realized and would support further discussion in the Public Property Committee.

Councillor Crowe reminded the Body of Mr. Hogan's presentation a couple weeks back of upcoming proposed capital projects that are estimated to total \$70+ million and Mr. Rubin's presentation to the Finance Committee on the cost of maintaining currently owned public buildings with the K-8 schools in need of new roofs. Although she is in favor of preserving Malden's historical buildings, Councillor Crowe also inquired of the Body which of these expenses would they wish to forego in lieu of paying for the upkeep and maintenance of 15 Ferry Street? She is not opposed to having this conversation in Public Properties but if the City hasn't been able to find a solution to this problem in the past five years, it is unlikely to come up with one now. Councillor Condon is in agreement that no order for negotiation should be passed unless and until the Body is made aware of cost and intended use for this building.

Councillor Winslow had hoped the creation of the CPC and demolition delay ordinance would serve to save Malden's historical buildings. The City must work in partnership with

businesses and community groups that will help with projects such as this. It is frustrating not to have a solution or resources to address this after five years but he believes this is worthy of further discussion.

Councillor O'Malley made a plea to the general public who are interested in working for the preservation of 15 Ferry Street to please get involved and now would be the time to do so.

A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, that the Order be referred to the Public Property Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

99-24

Resolve: That it is the sense of the City Council that the Body would like the Community Preservation Committee to reconsider the application for historic preservation of 15 Ferry Street, the M. Ida Converse Building, (known by City Assessor's Parcel ID 075 272 211) in a modified form so as to preserve the building through an alternative location for the building.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Parcel id# 075272205 used for 15 Ferry Street relocation.](#)

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[MHC to Mayor CC 2.21.24 re 15 Ferry wAtts](#)

The decision to table Paper 99-24 until Papers 98 & 100-24 may be discussed in further detail within the Public Property Committee, was based on a larger conversation that opened with Paper 98-24, which is detailed in the history notes of that paper.

A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Resolution be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

100-24

Order: That the City Council investigate utilizing a portion of the Ferry Street Parking Lot (known by City Assessor's Parcel ID 075 272 205) to relocate and preserve 15 Ferry Street, the M. Ida Converse Building, (known by City Assessor's Parcel ID 075 272 211).

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Parcel id# 075272205 used for 15 Ferry Street relocation.](#)

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The decision to refer Paper 100-24 for discussion in further detail within the Public Property Committee, was based on a larger conversation that opened with Paper 98-24, which is detailed in the history notes of that paper.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Order be referred to the Public Property Committee. The motion carried

by a unanimous vote.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

121-24

Communication: Malden Historical Commission re: 15 Ferry Street - M. Ida Converse Building/Malden Industrial Aid Association Building

Attachments: [MHC to Mayor CC 2.21.24 RE:15 Ferry wAtts](#)

This communication was taken out of order and read into the record as a pre-cursor to the conversation to follow on Councillor O'Malley's Papers 98, 99, and 100 Series of 2024.

A motion was made by Councillor O'Malley, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

101-24

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Rules & Ordinance to whom was referred Paper 460 Series of 2023 and Papers 10, 46, 47 Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends Paper 10-24, to update non-union salary schedules, out favorably to the Full Council by unanimous vote.

Committee further recommends Papers 460-23, 46-24, and 47-24 out favorably to the Full Council, as amended in committee.

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

460-23

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 6.16.040 REGULATION OF SALE OF FLOWERS, FLOWERING PLANTS AND CHRISTMAS TREES is hereby amended by striking "AND CHRISTMAS TREES" from the title. Be it further amended by striking Section C in its entirety and renaming Section D "Section C".

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Proposed Christmas Tree License Ordinance Amendment](#)
[Final Paper: 460-23](#)

This ordinance amendment is simply to eliminate the costly license fee that is currently required to sell Christmas trees. It in no way bans the selling of said trees. Surrounding cities and towns do not have similar \$1,000 Christmas tree license fees. Having it in Malden only appears to discourage the selling of trees during the holiday season and seems unnecessary.

Councillor McDonald read into the record an email from the Solicitor's Office clearly stating that the proposed amendment does not ban the sale of Christmas trees, it only removes the required \$1,000 license fee.

A motion was made by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Ordinance be enrolled as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous

vote.

[10-24](#)

Be it hereby ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) be amended by updating Title 2, Chapter 20, Sections 030, 040, 050, and 060 as is related to non-union employee compensation, by adding a 3% cost of living adjustment effective 07/01/2023 to the Officer, Specialist, Clerical, and Unclassified salary schedules.

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Non Union Salary Ord 2.20.030 Officer Jan 2024](#)
[Non Union Salary Ord 2.20.040 Specialist Jan 2024](#)
[Non Union Salary Ord 2.20.050 Clerks Jan 2024](#)
[Non Union Salary Ord 2.20.060 Unclassified Jan 2024](#)
[Final Paper: 10-24](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Ordinance be enrolled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[46-24](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) Title 2, Chapter 16, Section 100 B. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION be hereby amended to address the composition of said Commission by the following:

Sponsors: Amanda Linehan

Attachments: [Current Ordinance- Human Rights MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Proposed Revisions to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Committee Amendments to MCC 2.16.100 B](#)
[Final Paper: 46-24](#)

The need to change this ordinance stems from the difficulty of filling seats on the Human Rights and Fair Housing Commission because the criteria as written in its current form are too specific. Making quorum has become a problem to the point that meetings have had to be cancelled due to lack of membership.

An additional amendment was made to add language to reflect the demographics of the community.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be enrolled as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Council be rules suspended for the purpose of Ordaining the Paper. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the Ordinance be ordained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

[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](#)
[Final Paper: 47-24](#)

As Councillor Spadafora was absent of this meeting, Councillor Linehan acknowledged his work on bringing forth this ordinance amendment to give the Legal Department more flexibility in settling claims against the city, when the City is at fault, without requiring the public to bring suit in a court of law. The current limit is set at \$500. This amendment raises that limit to \$25,000 to keep pace with inflation. It further allows for 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. Settlements of higher amounts may also be settled out of court with the approval of the City Council. By law, the maximum liability for negligent claims against the City per claimant is \$100,000.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor McDonald, that the Ordinance be enrolled as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Council rules be suspended for the purpose of Ordaining. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be ordained. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

[102-24](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Personnel/Appointments to whom was referred Paper #51 Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends this appointment out favorably to the Full Council.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[51-24](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: John P. King, 67 Upham Street, Malden, as member of the Board of Appeal, having served since April 4, 2000, said term to expire May 1, 2026, to commence upon confirmation by the City Council.

Attachments: [John King Reappointment Letter](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Appointment be confirmed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 9 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Taylor and Winslow

[122-24](#)

The Standing Committee on License, to whom was referred Papers 21, 22, 43, 44, 45 of Series of 2024, having considered the same make the following report:
Committee recommends these petitions out favorably to the Full Council, with the notation that Papers 43 and 44 are granted with conditions.

Sponsors: Jadeane Sica

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Committee Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[21-24](#)

Petition: Livery Company: JML Luxury, 500 Broadway Apt. 5150, Malden, 1 vehicle (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[22-24](#)

Petition: Livery Driver: Joel M. Lopez, 500 Broadway Apt. 5150, Malden, MA (New)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[43-24](#)

Petition: Class II: Uni Auto Center, Inc. 369 Salem Street, Malden, 20 cars (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted with conditions. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[44-24](#)

Petition: Class II: Nick's Foreign Car Center LLC, 121 Beach Street, Malden, 15 cars (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted with conditions. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[45-24](#)

Petition: Taxi Cab: Malden Transportation, Inc. 290 Eastern Avenue, Malden, 9 cabs (Renewal)

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that the Petition be granted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 8:54.

CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK