



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, January 30, 2024

6:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 113
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Chair Linehan called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Also in attendance was Maria Luise, Chuck Ranaghan, Zaheer Samee and Councillors Colon Hayes, Condon, McDonald, Taylor, and Winslow.

Present: 4 - Councillor Amanda Linehan, Councillor Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley and Chris Simonelli

Absent: 1 - Jadeane Sica

Minutes to be Approved

[31-24](#)

Minutes for the meeting of January 23, 2024

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

Business

[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](#)

Controller Ranaghan began an introduction of this paper to adjust the cost of living for non-union employees, which includes 59 employees from numerous departments. This COLA is retroactive to July 1, 2023. Departments effected by these changes include Treasurer, Building, Clerk, Water, OSPCD, Controller, IT, Engineering, Mayor, DPW, Legal, Council, Library, Human Resources, Teen Center, and Parking.

Ranaghan went on to explain that amendments to the salary structure usually are accompanied by financial papers for a transfer from Salary Reserve but this one is not. The city is currently working out salary negotiations with Local 25 representing approximately 60 other employees. Once that is complete, a condensed financial paper will be presented to Council to do all the transfers at once.

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

Unfinished Business

[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

[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](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the Ordinance be taken from the table. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

Councillor McDonald opened dialogue on this paper stating the current cost of a temporary license to sell Christmas trees is far too expensive at \$1,000 up front with a \$250 refund after the lot has been vacated and left in proper condition. Without a Christmas tree license in the city, businesses could still make sales under the Business Certificate process and he therefore feels there is no need for this particular license to

remain part of MCC 6.16.040.

Councillor Crowe made a motion to amend the paper striking "or Christmas trees" from Section A on behalf of the sponsor who is off committee. Councillor McDonald had stated in a previous meeting that omission from the original paper was simply an oversight.

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

Other Business

Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Crowe, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.**