



City of Malden

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215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

Councillor McDonald, Chair
Councillor Condon, Vice-Chair
Councillor Colon-Hayes
Councillor Spadafora
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Winslow

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room #105
215 Pleasant Street

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Roll Call

Present: 6 - Councillor Carey McDonald, Councillor Paul Condon, Karen Colon Hayes, Craig Spadafora, Ari Taylor and Stephen Winslow

Minutes to be Approved

[438-24](#)

Minutes of October 29, 2024 to be approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Committee Minutes of October 29, 2024 be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Business

[425-24](#)

Order: That the City of Malden accept the provisions of M.G.L.c. 200A s. 9A, relative to disposition of abandoned funds by city or town; notice of period during which funds may be claimed; city treasurer authorized to hear claims; appeal; disbursement

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Final Paper 425-24 City of Malden Accept MGL 200A S9A](#)

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, Paper 425-24 be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[426-24](#)

Order: That the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash for Maplewood Park Turf Rehabilitation.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Free Cash Appropriation Memorandum Nov 26, 2024](#)

[Public Comment, file 426-24 w Cost Opinion](#)

[Final Paper 426-24 Maplewood Park Turf Rehabilitation Appropriation](#)

Ron Hogan gives a brief summary of the paper to the committee. Maplewood Park is at the point where it needs to be replaced and it is a matter of how we go about doing it. Steve O'Neil, Consultant Hayner/Swanson, Inc. put together in 2022 a probable cost which would remove and replace the turf and reconfigure the field for better use. The number was a little over \$2.2mill as an estimate of construction cost plus soft costs and engineering costs. They drew that number forward and some of the increases in the last 2 plus years brought the new figure to an estimate of \$2.5mill. The committee is in favor of this project.

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be recommended favorably. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[427-24](#)

Order: That the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash for the restoration of the Salemwood School Plaza.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Free Cash Appropriation Memorandum Nov 26, 2024](#)

[Final Paper 427-24 Salemwood School Plaza Appropriation](#)

Ron explained this paper is about the relative conversation about the overall field at the Salemwood School. When the Salemwood School was built the Mayor funded and asked for together with Hayner/Swanson and the construction company

A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, Paper 427-24 be tabled. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[428-24](#)

Order: That the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash for Traffic Calming Initiatives.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Free Cash Appropriation Memorandum Nov 26, 2024](#)

[Final Paper 428-24 Traffic Calming Initiatives Appropriation](#)

Ron explained the Mayor had

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

by a unanimous vote.

[429-24](#)

Order: That the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash for road reconstruction.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Free Cash Appropriation Memorandum Nov 26, 2024](#)
[Final Paper 429-24 Road Reconstruction Appropriation](#)

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

[430-24](#)

Order: That the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000) is appropriated from available general fund free cash for Parking Garage Improvements.

Sponsors: Carey McDonald

Attachments: [Free Cash Appropriation Memorandum Nov 26, 2024](#)
[Final Paper 430-24 Parking Garage Improvements Appropriation](#)

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

The Finance Committee will invite staff from the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development to appear in committee to present an update on the status of all funding sources regarding the remediation of soil at Roosevelt Park.

Councillor McDonald invited Debbie Burke and Alex Pratt from OSPCD to give a brief update on the Roosevelt Park Project. On November 14, 2024 they gave a very comprehensive presentation on this project. Debbie Burke said they did not make a formal presentation for this evening because they don't have any new information since that meeting but there is one caveat for the project. They have written to HUD and asked if they can redefine the project that they had applied for the \$1.2mill Section 108 loan to see if it could be used for the project they have today which is the remediation of the soil within the confines of the fence. She said it would be wise to ask Dan Grover, Treasurer, Ron Hogan, Strategic Planner and Charles Ranaghan, Controller/CFO, the financial questions.

Councillor Taylor said her only question is are we going again to HUD for the \$1.2 mill if that is possible and how long do you estimate the turnaround for the answer?

Alex Pratt said we had a conversation with HUD and they were receptive to the idea and they wanted all the details. We are asking if we could narrow the scope of that loan to focus on the hazard soil remediation effort. They indicated on the phone that they think we can get to where we want to go provided it qualifies for those loans based on all sorts of Federal criteria and we wrote to them with the information on the project which shows it does. He projects hearing back from them sometime in early January or late December.

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Colon Hayes, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:53 PM. The motion carried unanimously.