



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

*Councillor Neal Anderson, Councillor David Camell, Councillor Paul Condon, Councillor Peg Crowe, Councillor Deborah DeMaria, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Councillor Barbara Murphy, Councillor Ryan O'Malley, Council President Jadeane Sica, Councillor Craig Spadafora, Councillor Stephen Winslow*

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Wednesday, July 29, 2020

6:00 PM

REMOTE MEETING

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **3. ROLL CALL**

**Present - Councillors:** 11 - Neal Anderson, David Camell, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Deborah DeMaria, Amanda Linehan, Barbara Murphy, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica, Craig Spadafora and Stephen Winslow

### **4. BUSINESS**

The City Council will meet to interview the following three (3) candidates for the position of Assessor.

1. John Amirault 6:00 P.M.
2. Fequiere Lucien 6:30 P.M.
3. Nathaniel Cramer 7:00 P.M.

*There were three finalist applicants before the Council for the position of Assessors. 1) John Amirault 2) Fequiere Lucien 3) Nathaniel Cramer to be interviewed.*

*Mr. Amirault was the first candidate interviewed. Mr. Amirault gave a background of his professional experience that would be an asset if successful on being appointed Assessor. Mr. Amirault fielded questions from all eleven councillors regarding his managerial skills, knowledge of Excel and computer assessing software, policy and procedures, his ability on analyzing data, experiences managing staff, real life experiences regarding diversity and outside work interests. Mr. Amirault told the council that early on in his career he recognized that analyzing data was a weakness for him so he worked to make it a strength which he now feels he has, Mr. Amirault stated his Malden roots and wanting to be involved in his community was the reason for applying and his real estate and appraising background made the Assessors position a good fit for both him and the city. He would rely on the current staff to get him up to speed with the office and when asked if he would continue his business if chosen, he told the*

*council, ethics is very important and he does not plan to do any private work on properties in Malden.*

*Mr. Lucien was the second candidate to be interviewed and although was on as a participant during Mr. Amirault's interview, he was no longer on zoom when the council was set to conduct his interview. Mr. Chiccuarelli reached out by text and a phone call that went straight to voice mail to Mr. Lucien. The council waited ten minutes before moving to the third candidate. Mr. Lucien responded to Mr. Chiccuarelli by text later on in the evening that he was having audio issues with Zoom.*

*Mr. Cramer was the third and final candidate. He was asked similar questions as Mr. Amirault. Mr. Cramer stressed his current position as Assessor in Newbury, real estate /property management background and six years working for the Massachusetts DOR as a Certification Field Advisor as assets for Malden's Assessors position. When asked by Councillor Anderson why did he apply to what appears a lateral move, Mr. Cramer stated he was enticed by the activity with building and growth happening in Malden where Newbury's activity with the Assessors Department was far less. Mr. Cramer was asked about his knowledge regarding the Board of Appeals because the Malden Assessor is chair, Mr. Cramer told the council that he was on the Stoneham Board of Appeals for three years and although he did not run the meetings he was very familiar with the Board of Appeal process. When asked about doing work at his outside business, he answered the work is mostly nights and weekends and wouldn't interfere with city hall hours. Mr. Cramer said he would not conduct any private work in Malden. Mr. Cramer said he has excellent skills with Excel and uses it constantly to analyze data and that his a big fan of professional education for himself as well as the assessor's staff.*

*The interviews ended at 7:54 PM*

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

Council Appointment: Assessor term to expire March 1, 2021.

*Councillor Camell made a motion to appoint Nathaniel Cramer for the position of Malden Assessor, Councilor Condon seconded the motion.*

*Councillors discussed the process and the appreciation of Mr. Amirault for applying. Councillors Anderson, Linehan and Spadafora, all voiced their support for Mr. Cramer and their disappointment that they were unable to interview Mr. Lucien.*

*Councillor Camell amended his motion to appoint Nathaniel Cramer for Malden Assessor completing the current term expiring March 1, 2021 and have the Council President and Human Resource Director negotiate the salary. Councillor Anderson seconded the motion. The motion carried by 11-0 and a roll call vote.*

*(y)- Anderson, Camell, Condon, Crowe, DeMaria, Linehan, Murphy, O'Malley, Spadafora, Winslow, Sica.*

## **6. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

*Councillor Spadafora requested a moment of silence for Barbara Sullivan who was retired but a long time employee of the city. Councillor Crowe requested a moment of silence for Paul Abare, retired Asst Principal of Ferryway who passed away suddenly while on vacation with his family.*

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, that the council be recessed to the call of the chair. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**The meeting recessed at 8:14 PM.**

**Yea:** 11 - Anderson, Camell, Condon, Crowe, DeMaria, Linehan, Murphy, O'Malley, Sica, Spadafora and Winslow

**GREGORY LUCEY, CITY CLERK**