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July 8, 2022

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, July 12, 2022
Time: 4:00 P.M.
Location: City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall

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I. Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2022, Meeting.

II. Appointments:

10735 – A Measure Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of Lorin Walter to the position of Sergeant, for permanent. *(In the City Council and Referred to Appointments Committee 7/5/2022).*

10736 - A Measure Confirming the Mayor’s Re-Appointment of Paulette Burns to the position of the Board of Assessors, for term expiring July 1, 2025. *(In the City Council and Referred to Appointments Committee 7/5/2022).*

III. New Business

IV. Adjournment

NOTICE: The listing of Agenda items are those reasonably anticipated by the Chairman which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

CITY COUNCIL OF GARDNER

George C. Tyros

GEORGE C. TYROS

Chair, Appointments Committee

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 12, 2022

The Appointment Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Council George C. Tyros at 4 p.m. Appointment Committee Members Councilor's James Walsh and Judy Mack were present. Also present was Mayor Nicholson, Roland Jean, Building Commissioner and Assistant City Clerk Faith Glover.

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I. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and Seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2022, with some changes.

II. Appointments:

10631 Casey Bradshaw to the position of Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector, for a term expiring March 9, 2025. *(In the City council and referred to Appointments Committee 3/21/2022).*

Casey Bradshaw: (New-Appointment)

Casey Bradshaw was not able to appear. Building Commissioner, Roland Jean, has known Casey for 20 years and reported that Casey will work out very well.

Mayor's Statement:

Mr. Bradshaw is the current full time Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Orange. He has all his certifications from the Commonwealth and has been performing work in this field for quite some time. This is an as needed position but per the Commonwealth's Building Code, must still have an active appointment to have the authority to issue citations or inspection certifications. This came following the resignation of or previous Alternate Inspector Edward Tonet. This appointment comes at the recommendation of Commission Jean who would be the Department Head overseeing this work. This is an hourly paid, Unbenefited position.

Councilor Walsh: What is the frequency that Casey would fill in, just vacations and emergencies?

Roland: Yes, that is correct.

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and Seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, it was voted to recommend that the City Council confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Casey Bradshaw to the position of Alternate Plumbing & Gas Inspector for a term expiring March 9, 2025.

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10664 - Robert Oliva to the position of city Engineer for a term expiring April 15, 2025.

(In the City council and referred to Appointments Committee 5/2/2022).

Robert Oliva: (new appointment)

Robert is a resident of Gardner and is very happy to be back working in Gardner. Civil Degree from UMAS Lowell University. Had been working in the private sector for about 24 years, he has worked on large and small projects and feels he brings experience with him.

Mayor's statement:

Mr. Robert Oliva has been doing an excellent job during his probationary period and I am very happy with his work. He has previously worked in the private sector in the Civil Engineering Field before he came to work for the city as the Assistant Director of Public Works some time ago. He left two years ago to become the Director of Public Works in the town of Lunenburg, and then when this position opened, he applied, interviewed, and was selected for the position. A great addition here at City Hall.

Councilor James Walsh: I am impressed with the experience and jobs that you have had Robert. However, it doesn't appear that you have a professional engineer licensure. Would the duties be diminished by reason of that lack of licensure?

Robert: I do not have a professional engineer license, but I believe that my experience will serve me well.

Councilor James: I am sure that your interaction with the prior engineer during your time as an Assistant Department Public Works Director gives you a sense of what the requirements are.

Robert: Yes, absolutely.

Councilor James: very good!

Councilor Judy Mack: Because regulations change all the time, as an engineer are you required to do certain professional development classes to keep up with regulations?

Robert: Keeping up with new regulation is part of the job.

Mayor: There is a line item in the budget for professional services.

Robert: There are seminars, and webinar series that I will look for.

Motion on Recommendation:

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, for the appointment, it was voted to recommend that the City Council confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Robert Oliva to the position of City Engineer, for a term expiring April 15, 2025.

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10665 Michael Zlotnik to the position of Bandstand Committee Member, for a term expiring April 15, 2025. (*In the City Council and Referred to Appointments Committee 5/2/2022*).

Michael Zlotnik: (Re-Appointment)

Michael was not able to attend the meeting.

Mayor's statement:

Mr. Zlotnik has been the chair of the Bandstand committee for several years working to put together the concerts in the park series on an annual basis. Michael helps in getting sponsorships from business to grow the program. He works with the Department of Public Works, and they are very happy working with him. He is looking to continue in this volunteer position.

Councilors James and Judy: Very happy with the work that Mr. Zlotnik is doing for concerts in the park program. Judy would like to thank Mike as well as the entire bandstand committee for the work they do.

Motion on Recommendation:

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, since this is a re-appointment, it was voted to recommend that the City Council confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Michael Zlotnik to the position of Bandstand Committee Member for a term expiring April 15, 2025.

10666 Nevonya Smith to the position of Youth Commission Member for a term expiring April 13, 2025. (*In the City Council and Referred to Appointments Committee 5/2/2022*).

Nevonya (Von) Smith: (New Appointment)

Nevonya was not able to attend the meeting.

Mayor's statement:

Nevonya has been very involved in the soccer community in the North Central Mass Region. He has done a lot of work helping to recruit young players to live a healthy lifestyle and stay active. This is an uncompensated position. Nevonya is a coach in Athol Schools and is interested in getting involved with the Gardner youth since he moved to Gardner. This comes at the recommendation of Mr. Dan Fort as newly assigned chair of that committee. Nevonya seems to be interested in looking at other programs for the youth as well. The mayor said that there could be two more members added to the roster for a total of five.

Councilor Walsh: I am glad that Nevonya is interested in helping with other aspects of activities not just sports for the community at large.

Councilor Mack: I would like to thank the mayor for his commitment to keeping the youth program very active. I feel that it is important to have a full membership that are involved with the youth of the city, this is a great step forward.

Motion on Recommendation

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, it was voted to recommend that the City Council confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Nevonya (Von) Smith to the position of Youth Commission Member for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

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10667 Paul Leone to the position of Council on Aging Member for a term expiring April 13, 2025. *(In the City Council and Referred to Appointments Committee 5/2/2022).*

Paul Leone: (Re-Appointment)

Paul moved to Sapphire Park here in Gardner in 2015. Before that he was a reporter and lived in Washington and in New York. He was a teacher for college level students. Paul joined the Council on Aging Committee two years ago as an associate member to see how he could help.

Mayor's statement:

Mr. Leone has been a member of the Council on Aging for two terms now. He previously served as an associate member of the COA. Director Ellis has been very happy with interactions they have had while working with each other and has enthusiastically recommended his appointment.

Councilor Walsh: I am happy and want to welcome Paul to Gardner.

Motion on Recommendation:

On a motion by Councilor Judy Mack and seconded by Councilor James Walsh, since this is a re-appointment, it was voted to recommend that the City Council confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Paul Leone to the position of Council on Aging Member for a term expiring April 13, 2025.

III. New Business:

The mayor reported that Deputy Chief James Trifiro will be retiring on May 27, 2022. In the interim the Lieutenant will be overseeing until the Philip Kearns, is sworn in as acting Chief for a 60-day appointment. The lieutenant will maintain regular wages.

Councilor James Walsh: Will there be a temporary Deputy Chief?

Mayor: Not at this time, we will see how it goes.

On a motion by Councilor James Walsh and seconded by Councilor Judy Mack, all agree to adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:25 pm.



City of Gardner - Executive Department
Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

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June 27, 2022

Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President
And City Councilors
Gardner City Hall, Rm 121
95 Pleasant Street
Gardner, MA 01440

RE: Appointment of Lorin Walter – Police Sergeant

Dear Madam President and Councilors,

I hereby submit the appointment of Mr. Lorin Walter for the position of Police Sergeant.

Sgt. Walter was first hired by the City as a patrol officer on March 12, 2012 and was originally promoted to the position of sergeant on January 20, 2019 by former Mayor Mark Hawke.

Sgt. Walter had resigned from this position in the Summer of 2021, but is now looking to return to working for the Gardner Police Department.

Whereas this is currently still as Civil Service Position, Sgt. Walter still has the ability to return to his previous position, as it was only filled with an Acting Sergeant and no permanent replacement was appointed.

As required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth, since this appointment is for an Officer who is protected through a collective bargaining agreement, this is a permanent appointment and not one that expires.

Therefore as required by Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Gardner, I appoint Lorin Walter to the position of Police Sergeant, and I certify that in my opinion he is a person specially fitted by education, training or experience to perform the duties of said office, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Nicholson
Mayor, City of Gardner

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CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I appoint Lorin Walter, to the position of Sergeant, of the Gardner Police Department
and I certify that in my opinion he is a person specially fitted by education, training, or experience
to perform the duties of said office and that I make the appointment solely in the interests of the City.



Michael J. Nicholson Mayor

Confirmed by City Council: _____

Titi Siriphan City Clerk

Expires: Permanent

Worcester, ss., _____ 2022

Then personally appeared the above named Lorin Walter and made oath that he would bear
true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and
would support the Constitution and laws thereof.

Before me,

City Clerk

Chapter 303 Acts of 1975
and
Chapter 409 Acts of 1983

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Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

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Hon. Elizabeth J. Kazinskas, Council President
And City Councilors
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95 Pleasant St
Gardner, MA 01440

RE: Re-appointment of Paulette Burns, Member, Board of Assessors

Dear Madam President and Councilors,

I hereby submit the re-appointment of Mrs. Paulette Burns as a member of the Board of Assessors.

Mrs. Burns has served on the Board of Assessors since March 1, 2004, and has served the City quite well in her time as a member.

She also comes at the recommendation of the City's Assessor, Christine Kumar, who also serves as the Board's Chair.

Therefore as required by Section 7 of the Charter of the City of Gardner, I appoint Paulette Burns to the position of Member, Board of Assessors, and I certify that in my opinion he is a person specially fitted by education, training or experience to perform the duties of said office, and that I make the appointment solely in the interest of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Nicholson
Mayor, City of Gardner

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CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT

I appoint Paulette Burns to the position of Member, Board of Assessors, and I certify

that in my opinion he/she is a person specially fitted by education, training, or experience to perform the duties of said office, and that I make the appointment solely in the interests of the City.



Michael J. Nicholson Mayor

Confirmed by City Council _____

Titi Siriphan City Clerk

Expires: July 1, 2025

Worcester, ss., _____

Then personally appeared the above named Paulette Burns and made oath that he/she would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Member, Board of Assessors according to law and the best of his/her abilities.

Before me,

City Clerk

Chapter 303 Acts of 1975
and
Chapter 409 Acts of 1983

Received _____