

**REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 2, 2022**

Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall, on Monday evening, May 2, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Kazinskas called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the Roll of Members. Ten (10) Councillors were present including Councillor James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Elizabeth Kazinskas, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh. Councillor Craig Cormier was absent.

OPENING PRAYER

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the Opening Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

OPEN MEETING RECORDING & PUBLIC RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT

President Elizabeth Kazinskas announced to the assembly that the Open Meeting Recording and Public Records Announcement. Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recordings shall notify the Chair forthwith. All documents and exhibits used or referenced at the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the chair as they become part of the meeting minutes pursuant to General Law Chapter 38 Section 20.

READING & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh, to waive reading and accept the Minutes of March 7, 2022 and March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting, as printed.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS**#10655**

President Kazinskas opened the Public Hearing on a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. for permission to locate poles wire and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way:

MATTHEWS STREET - A petition by National Grid and Verizon New England Inc., Matthews Street - to install 2 Jointly Owned Poles on Matthews Street beginning at a point approximately 3,700 feet in a south direction. Install 2 Poles underneath transmission crossing.

The President called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

Will Fontaine of National Grid spoke in favor of the petition. These poles are for maintaining a clearance underneath those transmission lines which run at a very high voltage.

The President again called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

There being none, the President thrice called for persons wishing to testify in opposition.

There being none, President Kazinskas closed the Hearing at 7:34 PM.

#10656

President Kazinskas opened the Public Hearing on a petition of NATIONAL GRID for permission to locate poles wire and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures along and across the following public way:

MATTHEWS STREET - A petition by National Grid, Matthews Street – to install 5 Single Owned Poles on Matthews Street beginning at a point approximately 1400 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Route 140 and continuing approximately 20 feet in a north direction. Install 5 poles to extend line for a new service.

The President called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

Will Fontaine of National Grid spoke in favor of the petition. This pole is for a new service, and they need to get the distribution lines out there.



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Councillor James Walsh had some concerns regarding this pole petition. The Public Service Committee had a meeting to discuss this petition and National Grid chose not to send a representative to that meeting. The description of the petition order does not make sense “1400 feet westerly at the end of the center line in the intersection of route 140 and continuing **20 feet** in the northerly direction.”

Will Fontaine responded that was a “typo.”

Councillor James Walsh does not want to act upon this petition until the language of the order is corrected.

The President again called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

There being none, the President thrice called for persons wishing to testify in opposition.

There being none, President Kazinskas closed the Hearing at 7:39 PM.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS

#10664

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer the following appointment to the *Appointments Committee* for further study and report:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of **Robert Oliva** to the position of City Engineer, for term expiring April 15, 2025.

#10665

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer the following appointment to the *Appointments Committee* for further study and report:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor’s Appointment of **Michael Zlotnik** to the position of Bandstand Committee Member, for term expiring April 15, 2025.

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#10666

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Dana Heath, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer the following appointment to the *Appointments Committee* for further study and report:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of **Nevonya Smith** to the position of Youth Commission Member, for term expiring April 13, 2025.

#10667

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer the following appointment to the *Appointments Committee* for further study and report:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of **Paul Leone** to the position of Council on Aging Member, for term expiring April 13, 2025.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
COMMUNICATIONS

#10668

Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz abstained from discussion of this item due to conflict of interest.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier informed the Council that Mr. Antoniac is the owner of Zoey's Restaurant located at the golf course and has a contract with the city. He will also be working at the golf course as a groundskeeper.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Jame Boone, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to ADOPT *A Measure Relative to a Disclosure by Municipal Employee of Financial Interest in a Municipal Contract as Required by G.L.c. 268A, §20(b) for Todd Antoniac.*

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#10669

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz informed the Council that this is an annual requirement by the state to complete an audit. The Mayor notes in letter that this is the first year at least 2004 that the city's outside auditors had no findings, nor any recommendations that resulted in the drafting of a management letter.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place a COMMUNICATION on file: *A Communication from the Mayor Regarding the Completed FY2021 Outside Audit Report.*

#10670

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz informed the Council that this is outlined in the Mayor's letter of the funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These grants were dedicated to Small Business and Shuttered Venue Assistance Grants, Sign and Façade Improvement Grants and Regional Business Investment Fund.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place a COMMUNICATION on file: *A Communication from the Mayor Regarding the use of ARPA Funds.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**ORDERS****#10671**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz informed the Council that the Financial Communications Commission (FFC) placed Kaspersky Lab, the City's former anti-virus/cyber security provider, on their security risk list, due to their company's ownership having ties to the government of the Russian Federation. An additional appropriation is needed for the new cyber security for the IT Department.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and

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Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO THE INFO TECH
DEPARTMENT - CYBER SECURITY ACCOUNT

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$11,700.00) from Free Cash to the Info Tech Department – Cyber Security Account.

#10672

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz informed the Council that this appropriation is to fund the city's snow and ice line item. This is a line item that the city is allowed to deficit spend. With this appropriation, this will allow the city to purchase salt and pay for other costs related to snow removal.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO SNOW AND ICE
REMOVAL

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$335,000.00) from Free Cash to Snow and Ice Removal.

#01673

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier informed the Council that this appropriation was the match portion to close the PARC phase I design fund.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz,

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Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO THE PARC BAILEY BROOK PROJECT MATCH 1 - ACCOUNT.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars and No Cents (\$26,903.00) from Free Cash to the Parc Bailey Brook Project Match 1 – Account.

#10674

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier informed the Council that this appropriation was for the athletic court and playground for children under five (5). The neighbors have been notified and onboard with this project. This is the match portion that the city received several years ago.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO THE PARC BAILEY BROOK PROJECT MATCH 2 - ACCOUNT.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$162,900.00) from Free Cash to the Parc Bailey Brook Project Match 2 – Account.

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ECT.**#10675**

On a motion made by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to send *An Application by GameStop, Inc. #3725, for a License to deal in Second-hand Articles at 376 Timpany Blvd.* to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report.

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#10676

On a motion made by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to send *An Application by The Salvation Army – Family Store & Donation Center, for a License to deal in Second-hand Articles at 8 Union Street* to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report.

#10677

On a motion made by Councillor Karen Hardern and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to send *An Application by Gardner Coins & Cards, Inc., for a License to deal in Second-hand Articles at 18 Parker Street* to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE****#10653**

Reporting for the Appointments Committee, Councillor George Tyros informed the Council that this was a new appointment for an alternate plumbing and gas inspector. The appointee was unable to attend their last meeting, so the committee respectfully requests More Time.

There was no objection, More Time was granted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE****#10655**

Reporting for the Public Service Committee, Councillor James Walsh informed the Council that there was a Public Hearing earlier this evening. They were informed by National Grid that they will not be sending a representative to their Service meetings. The Committee requests More Time in light of the error of the next petition item #10656.

There was no objection, More Time was granted.



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#10656

Reporting for the Public Service Committee, Councillor James Walsh requests More Time until the corrected order is received.

There was no objection, More Time was granted.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Dana Heath would like to make the public aware that this is Mental Health Awareness month.

Councillor Judy Mack mentioned that there is a citywide clean up this Saturday, starting at Pearson Blvd. shopping center. It starts at 8:30 AM and hopes the public comes out and participates in cleaning up the city. It's great to show your kids community service and give back.

Councillor James Boone mentioned that he sent an email to the Mayor Saturday, asking if he could get financial information on the cost for the Police Chief and Deputy Chief to be "offline," and the cost for the interim Chief. He has not received a response.

CLOSING PRAYER

President Elizabeth Kazinskas led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Nathan Boudreau and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: June 21, 2022