

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2022**

Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, on Monday evening, January 18, 2022.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Elizabeth 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. Nine (9) Councillors were present including Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Elizabeth Kazinskas, George Tyros, and James Walsh. Councillor-elect James Boone and Councillor Ronald Cormier were 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 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 made by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted viva voce, eight (8) yeas, President Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Elizabeth Kazinskas, George Tyros, and James Walsh to waive the reading and accept the minutes as printed of November 29, 2021 Informal Meeting; November 29, 2021 Special Meeting; and December 6, 2021 Regular Meeting. Councillor Dana Heath abstained from the vote as he was not present for those meetings.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS**#10591**

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

CHURCH STREET - A petition by National Grid to install 1 Single Owned Pole on Church Street beginning at a point approximately 255' feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Marquette Street and Church Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in a north direction. Install 40'C2, Pole 9 to provide power to 116 Church Street

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

Javier Morales, a representative of National Grid spoke in favor of the pole petition. He informed the Council that the new poll will serve the housing complex that is adjacent to increase their reliability.

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS**#10593**

Reporting from the Appointments Committee, Councillor George Tyros informed the Council that the position of Executive Secretary is not confirmed by the Council as the Council confirmation is not required.

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place the following appointment on file:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of **Rachel J. Roberts** to the position of Executive Secretary, for term expiring January 3, 2023.

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#10594

Reporting from the Appointments Committee, Councillor George Tyros informed the Council that according to the City Charter, Section Six, confirmation from the City Council is not required by the City Council.

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place the following appointment on file:

A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of **John M. Flick** to the position of City Solicitor, for term expiring January 3, 2023.

#10595

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig 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 **Ethan Kolodny** to the position of Assistant City Solicitor, for term expiring January 3, 2023.

#10597

Reporting from the Appointments Committee, Councillor George Tyros informed the Council that he appreciates Fire Chief Lagoy for keeping the City Council informed with their appointments for the Fire Department.

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place the following Communication on file:

A Communication from the Fire Department Regarding Newly Appointed Firefighters, **Christopher Dauphinais** and **Jamie Henderson**.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
ORDERS

#10596

President Kazinskas stepped down from the president's seat so that she could participate in discussion and report for the Finance Committee. Councillor James Walsh took the president's chair.

Reporting from the Finance Committee, President Kazinskas informed the Council that the Gardner Municipal Golf Course had a very successful year so they had a larger amount of retained earnings than they originally had budgeted for. William Frank, the Department Head of the golf course said that there were shortages of supplies and items that needed to be replaced and phased out. He requested mowers and other items to operate the golf course. The golf course operates on an enterprise account. The funds that they collect are from operations such as member ship fees. No tax dollars are legally allowed to support its operations.

On a motion made by Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas and seconded by Councillor George Tyros, it was voted on call of the roll, eight (8) yeas, Councillors Elizabeth Kazinskas, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh; one (1) abstained, Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz; that the following Order ought to pass:

AN ORDER REQUESTING A TRANSFER FROM GOLF SURPLUS/RETAINED EARNINGS TO GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURES.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby transfer the sum of Two Hundred One Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$200,000.00) from Golf Surplus/Retained Earnings to Golf Course Equipment Expenditures.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
SAFETY COMMITTEE

#10590

Reporting for the Public Safety Committee, Councillor Craig Cormier informed the Council that the applicant was in good standing with the Police Department, Building Commissioner and taxes.



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On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor Karen Hardern, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to Grant a *License to Buy & Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles, Class 2 for Brian's Auto Sales, located at 549 W Broadway.*

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE**#10591**

Reporting for the Public Service Committee, Councillor James Walsh informed the Council that the committee met on this petition and a representative from National Grid was also present. The pole will provide service to the building known as the "high rise", a senior living complex located on Church Street.

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to Grant the following Order:

Church Street - A petition by National Grid to install 1 Single Owned Pole on Church Street beginning at a point approximately 255' feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Marquette Street and Church Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in a north direction. Install 40'C2, Pole 9 to provide power to 116 Church Street

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Dana Heath would like to thank his fellow Councillors for their kind words at the last meeting and accepting him with open arms. He appreciates the support he has received.

Councillor Craig Cormier would like to congratulate the two new firefighters and welcome them to the force and thank you for their service.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau would like to remind the residents of parking ban announcements on Facebook, Code Red and all the social media outlets. He would also like to thank the DPW employees for doing a great job during the last couple snowstorms.

Councillor James Walsh mentioned that the Public Service Committee met for the first-time last Thursday. They were introduced to a number of the management team and graciously received by them. He and the Director of Public Works invites the Council to a tour of the



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facility. You would be surprised at how much work, effort and facilities that needs to be done to operate the city's water, and waste disposal.

President Elizabeth Kazinskas would like to acknowledge an award Mayor Nicholson received from the Massachusetts Municipal Association for the Innovation Award. The reward was related to the interactive map that was put together by the GIS coordinator. She also mentioned that the National Guard who have been assisting the Heywood Hospital with service.

CLOSING PRAYER

President Kazinskas led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Nathan Boudreau and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: *February 22, 2022*