

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2021
TIME: 8:00 PM

IN CITY COUNCIL
ABSENT
LOCATION: CITY HALL, 140 MAIN STREET, 2ND FLOOR

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This meeting of the City Council will be held virtually on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 8:00 PM with Councilors attending in person and/or remotely. **NO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL BE PERMITTED.** This meeting will be televised on WMCT-TV (Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon/Fios Channel 34) or you can view the meeting using the link under the Meeting Videos tab on the city website (www.marlborough-ma.gov).

1. Minutes, City Council Meeting, February 22, 2021.
2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on the Application for Sign Special Permit, from Serrato Signs, LLC on behalf of Starbucks (St. Mary's Credit Union), 133 South Bolton Street, Order No. 21-1008199B.

**** TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE CALL 1-617-433-9462 AND ENTER THE CONFERENCE ID 131 928 171 #. ****

3. From Council President Ossing having Mayor Vigeant, provide an update to the City Council regarding COVID-19.
4. Communication from the Mayor, re: Resolution to MA Department of Public Health to hold a Public Hearing and an independent cost analysis in relation to Mass General Brigham proposed expansion.
5. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$17,300.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council awarded to the Cultural Council to fund grants for programming and cultural experiences.
6. Communication from the Mayor, re: Transfer Request in the amount of \$243,000.00 from PEG fund to IT to fund various upgrades to equipment and software programs.
7. Communication from the Mayor, re: Proposed Amendment to Code of the City of Marlborough, Chapter 510 "Sewers" §2(D) "Use of Public Sewers" as submitted by the Mayor.
8. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Christine Purple as Human Resources Director for a 3-year term effective day after Council confirmation.
9. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Robert Gustafson to the Retirement Board for a 3-year term effective on date of Council confirmation, replacing David Keene whose term expired on January 31, 2021.
10. Communication from Town of Berlin, Zoning Board of Appeals, re: Notice of Decision on Special Permit and Site Plan approval for retail marijuana establishment, 64 Banner Road, Berlin, MA.

Electronic devices, including laptops, cell phones, pagers, and PDAs must be turned off or put in silent mode upon entering the City Council Chamber, and any person violating this rule shall be asked to leave the chamber. Express authorization to utilize such devices may be granted by the President for recordkeeping purposes.

11. Communication from National Grid, re: Vegetation Maintenance Notification.
12. Communication from various residents and business owners in support of the Application for Special Permit to build a multifamily residential project in the Business District to be known as Walcott Heritage Farms, 339 Boston Post Road East (McGee Farm), Order No. 20-1007995J
13. Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) School Committee, January 26, 2021 & February 9, 2021.
 - b) Commission on Disabilities, December 1, 2020.
 - c) Conservation Commission, January 21, 2021.
 - d) Cultural Council, February 2, 2021.
 - e) Historical Commission, January 21, 2021.
 - f) Planning Board, February 8, 2021.
 - g) Traffic Commission, January 27, 2021.
 - h) Zoning Board of Appeals, February 9, 2021.
14. CLAIMS:
 - a) Eric Natoli, 38 Gregoire Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).
 - b) Freida Silva, 72 Millham Street, residential mailbox claim (2a).
 - c) Larry Vifquain, 85 Johansen Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

15. Resolution of City Council in support of installation of a traffic signal by the MA Department of Transportation on Route 20 at the site of the proposed development at 339 Boston Post Road and Village Drive.Submitted by Councilor Robey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

From Finance Committee

16. **Order No. 21-1008183: Transfer in the amount of \$1,504,785.40 from Undesignated Fund (Free Cash) to OPEB Trust pursuant to the financial policy of the City.**

Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Tunnera, seconded by Chair, to recommend approval of the transfer. Chair Irish called the Roll: Motion carried 5-0.

17. **Order No. 21-1008184: Transfer in the amount of \$1,504,785.40 from Undesignated Fund (Free Cash) to Undesignated Stabilization pursuant to the financial policy of the City.**

Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Tunnera, seconded by Chair, to recommend approval of the transfer. Chair Irish called the Roll: Motion carried 5-0.

18. **Order No. 21-1008186: Transfer in the amount of \$39,447.00 from various departments for FY21 which moves funds from and to accounts noted in the spreadsheet included with the request.**

Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Tunnera, seconded by Chair, to recommend approval of the transfer. Chair Irish called the Roll: Motion carried 5-0.

19. **Order No. 21-1008195A: Proposed amendment to Ch.125 Personnel of the City Code to add a stipend for members of the Conservation Commission, \$150.00 Conservation Commission Meeting Attended.**

Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve. LEGAL AD WAS ORDERED ADVERTISED AT THE FEBRUARY 22, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. ADVERTISEMENT WAS PUBLISHED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021, ACTION CANNOT BE TAKEN UNTIL THE MARCH 22, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO COMPLY WITH THE 10-DAY PERIOD.

20. **Order No. 21-1008195B: Transfer in the amount of \$3,150.00 to fund Conservation Commission Members, \$150.00 per meeting stipend, through June 30, 2021.**

Recommendation of the Finance Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Oram, seconded Chair, to recommend approval of the transfer. Chair Irish called the Roll: Motion carried 5-0.

From Personnel Committee

21. **Order No. 21-1008196: Reappointment of James Griffin to the Board of Health for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in February 2024.**

Recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Landers, seconded by Chair, to recommend reappointment of James Griffin as requested. Chair Dumais called the Roll: Motion carried 3-0.

22. **Order No. 21-1008197: Appointment of Phillip Short to the Board of Health for a three-year term to expire the first Monday in February 2024.**

Recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Doucette, seconded by Chair, to recommend appointment of Phillip Short as requested. Chair Dumais called the Roll: Motion carried 3-0.

23. **Order No. 21-1008178: Appointment of Jonathan Steinberg to the Board of Assessors for a three-year term from date of City Council confirmation.**

Recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Doucette, seconded by Chair, to recommend appointment of Jonathan Steinberg as requested. Chair Dumais called the Roll: Motion carried 3-0.

24. **Order No. 21-1008179: Appointment of Shanissa Sampson to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a three-year term from date of City Council confirmation.**

Recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Doucette, seconded by Chair, to recommend appointment of Shanissa Sampson as requested. Chair Dumais called the Roll: Motion carried 3-0.

25. **Order No. 21-1008177: Appointment of Krista Holmi as Chief Procurement Officer for a three-year term from date of City Council confirmation.**

Recommendation of the Personnel Committee is to approve. Motion by Councilor Doucette, seconded by Chair, to recommend appointment of Krista Holmi as requested. Chair Dumais called the Roll: Motion carried 3-0.

From Veterans Affairs Committee

26. **Order No. 21-1008182: Communication from Mayor Vigeant requesting renewal of intermunicipal agreement between the City of Marlborough and the Town of Sudbury for Veterans services, pursuant to MGL c.40, §4A and MGL c.115, §10 agreement in proper form as prepared by Solicitor Grossfield.**

Recommendation of the Veterans Affairs Committee is to approve. Mayor Vigeant addressed the renewal. There was unanimous agreement that the City of Marlborough and the Town of Sudbury continue to be satisfied with the intermunicipal agreement and services rendered to veterans from both communities.

Motion by Councilor Oram, seconded by Councilor Perlman to recommend approval of the renewal of the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Sudbury.

Chair Navin called the Roll: Oram, Perlman, Navin in favor. Motion carried 3-0.