



**March 15, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday March 15, 2023 at 12:09 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. All Councilors present.

Sister Pat Andrews, C.S.J., Sisters of St. Joseph, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Flynn moved to adopt the minutes from the March 8, 2023 meeting.  
Motion prevailed.

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- 0574** Message and order for an appropriation order in the amount of Forty Million Six Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$40,676,455.00) from Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee (“CPC”). Referred to the Committee on Community Preservation Act.
- 0575** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$340,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Strengthening Child Care Programs, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund sub-grants to strengthen child care programs based on the needs of providers. Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0576** Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for the P.A. Shaw Elementary School and the Charles H. Taylor Elementary School pursuant to M.G.L Chapter. 70B, Section 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within each of the school facilities that prevent them from delivering their desired educational program. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0577** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F relative to the BPS Transportation follow up, (Docket #0464), passed by the Council on March 1, 2023.  
Placed on file.
- 0578** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F Relative to the BPS Sexual Assault and Sexual Misconduct, (Docket #0507), passed by the Council on March 1, 2023.  
Placed on file.
- 0579** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to the Boston Public Health Commission (Docket #0418), passed by the City Council on February 15, 2023.  
Placed on file.

**0580** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of March 1, 2023.  
Placed on file.

**0581** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of March 8, 2023.  
Placed on file.

**0582** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Residency Compliance Commission regarding the Updated Annual Report (January thru December 2021).  
Placed on file.

**0583** Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The First Church in Roxbury, 160 Roxbury Street, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after April 5, 2023 if not acted upon).

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

Councilor Arroyo, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

**0319** On the notice, referred on January 25, 2023, Docket #0319, received from the Mayor of the appointment of Vivian Leonard as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission, the committee submitted a report recommending that the notice ought to be placed on file.  
The report was accepted; the notice was placed on file.

**0320** On the notice, referred on January 25, 2023, Docket #0320, received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Sammy Nabulsi as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission, the committee submitted a report recommending that the notice ought to be placed on file.  
The report was accepted; the notice was placed on file.

**0321** On the notice, referred on January 25, 2023, Docket #0321, received from the Mayor of the re-appointment of Vivien Li as a member of the Municipal Lobbying Compliance Commission, the committee submitted a report recommending that the notice ought to be placed on file.  
The report was accepted; the notice was placed on file.

**0137** Ordinance Establishing Protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.  
Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Arroyo, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

**0369** On the message and order, referred on February 8, 2023 Docket #0369, for your approval an acceptance of Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Relative to Cost-of-Living Adjustments for Retirees, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 13.

**0249** Order for a hearing to discuss the Impact of Inequitable Housing Code Enforcement of Boston's Proactive Rental Inspection Program.  
Remains in the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

**0147** Order for a hearing to establish a climate change and environmental justice curriculum in Boston Public Schools.  
Remains in the Committee on Education.

**0584 Councilor Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An act directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Ariel Rodriguez.

On motion of Councilor Arroyo, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed.

**0585 Councilor Mejia, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to create more transparency into reporting and accessibility into addressing the drug overdose crises in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery.

**0586 Councilor Flynn, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to inform veterans about the resources available to them through the PACT Act.

Councilor Breadon in the Chair.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

**0587 Councilor Mejia, Coletta, Louijeune, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara and Worrell offered the following:**

Resolution opposing the Eversource substation on the Chelsea Creek Waterfront in East Boston.

President Flynn in the Chair.

On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Coletta and Louijeune as co-sponsors.

On motion of Councilors Mejia, Coletta and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11, nays 2 (Baker, Murphy).

**0588 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joseph Gravellese in City Council, effective March 18, 2022.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0589 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Cindy Dieujuste, Hodan Hashi, Jesse Purvis and Emily Polston in City Council, effective March 11, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, five late file matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matters were added:

**0600 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Arshneel Kaur and Steven Murane in City Council, effective March 18, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

**0601 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Bok offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employees Kennedy Avery, Anthony Baez and Jacob Werner in City Council, effective March 11, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 0602** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Dulce M. Bernal-Sandoval and Mille Rivera in City Council, effective March 18, 2023.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0603** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Baker offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Amanda Curley, Malaki Hernandez, Patricia McCormack, Joseph M. McEachern, Amanda O'Connor and Julie Ryan in City Council, effective March 11, 2023.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0604** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Caitlin Stapleton in City Council, effective March 25, 2023.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0119** Councilor Murphy called Docket #0199, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$235,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Food, Fuel and Shelter grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund the City's effort to expand its mobile outreach to connect people more equitably and effectively to housing, treatment and other services, from the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness and Recovery.  
No objection being heard, the matter was before the body. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order was passed.

The Chair moved adoption of a Consent Agenda containing the following matters:

- 0590** **Councilor Breadon and Flaherty offered the following:** Resolution congratulating the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston on their 150th anniversary.
- 0591** **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Patrick Ellis on his promotion to City of Boston Deputy Chief and Fire Marshall.
- 0592** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in recognition of Denny Chen.
- 0593** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing Brian Hayes.
- 0594** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joe Tay.
- 0595** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ed Carlson.
- 0596** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Yung Chui Yu.
- 0597** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kotaro Suzuki and the Japanese Consulate.
- 0598** **Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Louis Barnes.
- 0599** **Councilor Bok offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Anne Louise Connolly.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late-filed matter would be added to the Consent Agenda.

No objection being heard, the following matter was added:

**0605 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Robert Francis Hannan Sr.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 1:49 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, in memory of Robert Francis Hannan, Ann Louise Connolly, Margaret "Peggy" Ronan and Gloria Mottley, to meet again on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Attested:

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk