



**March 12, 2025**

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher J. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 12:04 PM.

President Louijeune in the chair. All Councilors present.

Sister Pat Andrews, Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 5, 2025 meeting.  
Motion prevailed.

---

**0641** Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars (\$38,148,052.00) from Fiscal Year 2025 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.

**0642** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Fifty-Nine Cents (\$382,163.59) in form of a grant, for the Carry-In Wagner Peyser Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs.

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

**0643** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$140,000.000) in the form of a grant, for the Uncornered Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, passed through the Economic Development & Industrial Corporation of Boston to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund coaching, mentorship, and other workforce development training opportunities for at-risk, violence-involved youth and reentering citizens.

Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

- 0644** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Lending Library for Almont Playground/Mattapan, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the implementation, operation and replenishment of a community recreation lending library in the Hunt Almont playground in the Mattapan section of the City of Boston. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0645** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Lending Library for the Moakley Park/South Boston, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the implementation, operation and replenishment of a community recreation lending library in the Moakley Park in the South Boston section of the City of Boston. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0646** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Lending Library for Ringer Park/Allston, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the implementation, operation and replenishment of a community recreation lending library in Ringer Park in the Allston section of the City of Boston. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0647** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Lending Library for, the East Boston Greenway/East Boston awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the implementation, operation and replenishment of a community recreation lending library at the East Boston Greenway in the East Boston section of the City of Boston. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 0648** Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to enter into a contract for a period of up to ten years for the services of an operator for the City's public bike share program, Bluebikes. The contract term would begin in 2026. The City Council's permission to enter into a contract of this type for a period of more than three years is required by section 12 of Chapter 30B of the General Laws. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0649** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Stanley McLaren as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 15, 2028. Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0650** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kirsten Hoffman as a Member of the Monument Square Landmark District Study Committee. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 0651** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F re: vehicles owned, leased, or otherwise utilized by the City of Boston, filed on Docket #0490, passed by the City Council on February 12, 2025.  
Placed on file.
- 0652** Communication was received from Clare Kelly, Director of Intergovernmental Relations regarding a written statement for reference of the Mayor's testimony at the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing in Washington D.C.  
Placed on file.
- 0653** 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 February 26, 2025.  
Placed on file.
- 0654** Communication was received from Councilor Santana regarding second call for urgent action to sustain the BPS Parent Mentor Program operated by St. Stephen's Youth Programs.  
Placed on file.
- 0137** Ordinance regarding employee safety within Boston's oil terminals.  
Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Murphy, on behalf of the Committee on Strong Women, Families & Communities, submitted the following:

- 0393** On the message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents (\$2,563,236.28) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 State Elder Lunch Program Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, at a rate of \$7.39 per meal for up to 358,679 meals, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0414** Order for a hearing to audit the implementation and effectiveness of the 2014 Boston Trust Act.  
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0128** Communication was received from Police Commissioner Michael A. Cox in accordance with Section 3 of the Boston Trust Act regarding civil immigration detainer results for calendar year 2024.  
Remains in the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0407** Message and order for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers.  
Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Weber, on behalf of the Committee on Labor, Workforce and Economic Development submitted the following:

- 0397** On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0397, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Two Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Two Cents (\$702,244.22) in the form of a grant, for the REDEA Program for Field CY24 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of unemployment insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0398** On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0398, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Six Dollars and Fifty-Seven Cents (\$626,466.57) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-in WIOA Dislocated Workers Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0401** On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0401, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$254,921.00) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Youth Activities Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program that focuses primarily on out-of-school youth, between ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0403** On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0403, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$109,271.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Worker Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individualized career services and training services, for dislocated workers to rejoin the workforce as early as possible and overcome barriers to employment, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- 0404** On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0404, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Four Thousand Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$94,089.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Admin Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of unemployment insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments and application assistance for training and education resources and programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0449** On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0449, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$2,294,289.00) in the form of a grant for the WIOA Youth Program Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a comprehensive youth employment program to serve eligible youth, ages 14-24, who face barriers to education, training, and employment, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0450** On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0450, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$1,761,212.70) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Adult Activities, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund services to help job seekers access employment, education, skills training, apprenticeships and support services, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0451** On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0451, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seventy-Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$1,076,177.00) in the form of a grant, for the Wagner Peyser Program, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund the individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for, training and education resources and programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- 0452** On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0452, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$983,445.30) in the form of a grant, for the WIOA Dislocated Workers Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund a program to help dislocated workers get back to work as quickly as possible and overcome barriers to employment, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0455** On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0455, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Carry-In Regional Planning Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund regional planning efforts to address the creation of regional pipeline programming for high demand industries and occupations in alignment with regional planning priorities, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0655** **Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution declaring Boston a sanctuary city for transgender persons and all members of the LGBTQIA2s+ community.  
On motion of Councilors Mejia and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, nays 1 (Flynn).
- 0656** **Councilor Mejia, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution declaring March 12, 2025 as "School Social Worker Appreciation Day" in the City of Boston.  
On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Fernandes Anderson as original co-sponsors.  
On motion of Councilors Mejia, Louijeune and Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0657** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Durkan offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Denise Mame Gately in City Council, effective March 18, 2024.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0589** Councilor Coletta Zapata called Docket #0589, message and order for your approval a revised home rule petition to the General Court entitled "Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Creation of a Branch of the Boston Public Library (BPL) within an Affordable Housing Development in the Dorchester Section of the City of Boston," from the Committee on Government Operations.  
No objection being heard, the matter was properly before the body.  
On motion of Councilor Coletta Zapata, the petition was passed.

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

- 0683** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees in City Council, effective March 15, 2025.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0684** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Julian Viviescas Mejia in City Council, effective March 15, 2025.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0685** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Julian Viviescas Mejia in City Council, effective March 22, 2025.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0686** Communication was received from Councilor Durkan re: Boston Zoning Code Text Amendment Application No. 530.  
Placed on file.

**12/25** Legislative Calendar for March 12, 2025.

The Chair moved adoption of the Consent Agenda containing the following items:

- 0658** **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Yvon "Tiboule" Tersilas.
- 0659** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Elaine M. Cloherty.
- 0660** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.
- 0661** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tufts University.
- 0662** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maria Giazzi Blasi.
- 0663** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kyle Holmes.
- 0664** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jimmy Allen.
- 0665** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing David Pogorelc.
- 0666** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Chee Kong Tong.
- 0667** **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Zina Izejobi.
- 0668** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jomairy Peña.
- 0669** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Castle Square Tenants Association.
- 0670** **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alanna Devlin Ball.

- 0671** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Randy J. Greeley.
- 0672** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Prince Hall Freemasonry.
- 0673** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Fletcher "Flash" Wiley.
- 0674** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Taishan Communtiy Association.
- 0675** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the South Boston Citizens' Association.
- 0676** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Save Chinatown No Arena Coalition.
- 0677** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Brian Ahern.
- 0678** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing South Boston Allied War Veterans Council.
- 0679** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Michael Aldred.
- 0680** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Brian Yanovitch.
- 0681** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese Progressive Association.
- 0682** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Asian Americans United.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:15 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Mark Feeney, Hazel Nell Dukes, Astrid Joseph, Shane Slayman, Dean Conway and Hillary Fahey, to meet again on Wednesday, March 19, 2024, at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk