



September 13, 2023

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 12:005 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. Absent, Councilor Fernandes Anderson.

Pastor Davie Hernandez, Restoration City Church, 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 August 30, 2023 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

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- 1434** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars, (\$4,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 services.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1435** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$1,620,752.00) in the form of a grant for the State FY24 Council on Aging formula allocation, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund social and health care services for 115,768 older adults in the City of Boston at \$14 per person, according to 2020 Census data from UMass Boston Donahue Institute.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 1436** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY21 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.
On motion of Councilor Flaherty; the rules were suspended the order failed on passage; yeas 5, nays 7(Arroyo, Coletta, Durkan, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell), Absent 1(Fernandes Anderson).

- 1437** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.
On motion of Councilor Flaherty; the order failed to pass; yeas 5, nays 7(Arroyo, Coletta, Durkan, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell), Absent 1(Fernandes Anderson)
- 1438** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund upgrading, expanding, and integrating technology and protocols related to anti-terrorism, anti-crime, anti-gang and emergency response.
On motion of Councilor Flaherty; the rules were suspended the order failed on passage; yeas 5, nays 7(Arroyo, Coletta, Durkan, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell), Absent 1(Fernandes Anderson).
- 1439** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$283,000.00) in the form of grant for the Mass Gaming-Pao Art Center, awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund programming for seniors in the Chinatown neighborhood of Boston.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1440** Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of Hotel Buckminster, 635 - 645 Beacon Street, Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after September 24, 2023 if not acted upon).
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1441** Communication was received from City Council President Flynn regarding updated City Council committee assignments.
Placed on file.
- 1442** Notice was received from John Karoff regarding his resignation as Commissioner from the Fort Point Landmark District Commission, effective September 14, 2023.
Placed on file.
- 1443** Communication was received from the City Clerk regarding the 2022 - 2023 University Accountability-Statistical Report.
Placed on file.
- 1444** Communication from Councilor Flaherty regarding the Satanic Temple lawsuit against the City of Boston.
Placed on file.
- 1445** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City from Tuesday August 29, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. returning Friday, September 1, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
Placed on file.

Councilor Baker on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, submitted the following:

- 0104** On the message and order, referred on September 28, 2022, Docket #0104, for the confirmation of the appointment of Alaa Mukahhal as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeal for a term expiring May 1, 2024, submitted a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed.
The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed.
- 1283** On the message and order, referred August 9, 2023, Docket #1283, for the confirmation of the appointment of Raheem Shepard as a member of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board, for a term expiring August 15, 2028, submitted a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed in a new draft.
The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed in a new draft.
- 1285** On the message and order, referred August 9, 2023, Docket #1285, for the confirmation of the appointment of Priscilla Rojas as a member of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board, for a term expiring September 17, 2026, submitted a report recommending the appointment ought to be confirmed in a new draft.
The report was accepted; the appointment was confirmed in a new draft.
- 1446** **Councilor Arroyo, Mejia, Lara, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance Preventing Wage Theft in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilors Arroyo and Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Lara as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 1447** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution Calling for a State of Emergency at the Intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 1448** **Councilor Mejia, Lara, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Latino Heritage Month in the City of Boston from September 15 to October 15.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Lara and Arroyo as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Mejia, Lara and Arroyo, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted
- 1449** **Councilor Durkan, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees during the Covid-19 pandemic and beyond.
Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.
- 1450** **Councilor Murphy, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the humanitarian crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

[1451](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Matthew Martinelli in City Council, effective September 14, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

[1452](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Anushree Sahay in City Council, effective September 15, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

[1453](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Bruce Broisman in City Council, effective September 23, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

[1454](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Louijuene offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Lucy Humphrey and Isabel Slater in City Council, effective September 23, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

[1472](#) Councilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Marina DiBiasio in City Council, effective September 13, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

[1473](#) **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the City of Boston Redistricting Lawsuit.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

[1199](#) Councilor Breadon called Docket #1199, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$50,279.84) in the form of a grant VBS-Horiggan Stock Donations awarded by John Horiggan, passed through the City of Boston Trust fund, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund various expenses at the Veronica B. Smith Senior Center in Brighton, from the Committee of Strong Women, Families and Communities.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Breadon, the order was passed.

[1276](#) Councilor Breadon called Docket #1276, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$351,515.52) in the form of a grant for the FY23 State Elder Lunch Program, 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 311,112 meals, from the Committee of Strong Women, Families and Communities.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Breadon, the order was passed.

1190 Councilor Arroyo called Docket #1190, message and order for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled “Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Related to Creation of the Boston Public Library (BPL) within an Affordable Housing Development in the Dorchester Section of the City of Boston, from the Committee of Government Operations.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Arroyo, the order was passed.

13/23 Legislative Calendar for September 13, 2023.

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

1455 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of Richard "Dick" G. Marques.

1456 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of Dr. Susan Love.

1457 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of Brian Francis Clougher.

1458 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rita Alvarado.

1459 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Montreuil Chrispin.

1460 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Marie Immacula Semé.

1461 Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution congratulating Yvette "Mimi" Hanley.

1462 Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing 6 people for their support of the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.

1463 Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Comites Boston.

1464 Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anthony Pino.

1465 Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Sandra Downing.

1466 Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing James R. Parker Jr.

1467 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lily Huang for her hard work.

1468 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution congratulating Nicholas Arsenault as part of Boston University's Class of 2023.

1469 Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution in memory of Janice Williams

1470 Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing 22 people for participating in Runway for Mom Boston 2023.

1471 Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing the 2023 World Open Martial Arts Championship (WOMAC).

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 1:32 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, and in memory of Janice Williams, Elaine F. Anzilotti, Carlos Sierra Tejada, David King, Richardson Innocent and Jean-Charles Innocent, to meet again on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk