



September 22, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on September 21, 2021 at 12:06 P.M.

President Pro Tempore O'Malley in the Chair. Absent Councilor Janey.

Reverend Wayne Daley, Charles Street A.M.E. Church delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Pro Tempore O'Malley moved to adopt the minutes from the September 15, 2021 meeting.

Motion prevailed.

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- [0994](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Twelve Dollars (\$1,603,112.00) in the form a grant for the American Rescue Plan Act, Title III-B awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed though the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Supportive Services for older adults in Boston, for the period 4/1/21 through 6/30/22. Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.
- [0995](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Four Hundred Six Thousand Three Hundred Thirty One Dollars (\$1,406,331.00) in the form of a grant, for the American Rescue Plan Act-Title III-C Nutrition program, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in Boston, for the period 4/1/21 through 6/30/22. Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.
- [0996](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Twenty Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$423,170.00) in the form of a grant for the American Rescue Plan Act- Title III-A, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund administration cost for planning and implementation by the Age Strong Commission, from 4/1/2021 to 9/14/2021. Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.

[0997](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$394,133.00) in the form of a grant for the American Rescue Plan Act, Title III-E, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Family Caregiver Services for older adults in Boston, for the period 4/1/2021 through 6/30/22.

Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.

[0998](#) Councilor Edwards called Docket #0998, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Forty Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$345,678.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Fair Housing Assistance Program, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development to be administered by the Department of Fair Housing and Equity. The grant will fund processing and training cost related to housing discrimination complaints received by the Boston Fair Housing & Equity Commission, from the Committee of the Housing & Community Development.

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

On motion of Councilor Edwards; the order was passed.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

[0999](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$157,522.00) in the form of a grant, for the American Rescue Plan Act, Title III-D, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, for the period 4/1/21 through 6/30/22.

Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.

[1000](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five Dollars (\$141,865.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY21 Title III: Expanding access to COVID-19 Vaccines via Aging Networks, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund direct services to combat vaccine hesitancy, support vaccine equity efforts, and provide transportation stipends, vouchers and or other related services.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed;

[1001](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expand the amount of One Hundred Forty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$140,121.00) in the form of a grant, for the American Rescue Plan Act, Title III-D, awarded by the U.S. Department of Human Health and Services, passed though the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund preventative health services for older adults in Boston, for the period 4/1/21 through 6/30/22.

Referred to the Committee on Boston's COVID-19 Recovery.

[1002](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty Four Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$84,918.00) in the form of a grant for the FY21 Port Security, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund BPD Harbor Patrol Unit vessels and equipment.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed;

[1003](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Three Dollars (\$15,763.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY21 Title III: Expanding Access to COVID-19 Vaccines via Aging Networks, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, passed through the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs, to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund staff time to implement expanded vaccine access services to older adults.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed;

[1004](#) Communication was received from the City Clerk of the Agreement Between the City of Boston and 140 Clarendon LL Limited Partnership Pursuant to Chapter 121A, Section 6A of the Massachusetts General Laws. Placed on file.

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

[0775](#) On the ordinance, referred on June 16, 2021 Docket #0755, Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Sections 7-2.1 and 7.2.2, Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure (BERDO), the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the ordinance was passed in a new draft; yeas 12.

Councilor Baker in the Chair.

[0398](#) Order for a hearing on the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston. President Pro Tempore O'Malley in the Chair.

Remains in the Committee on Small Business and Workforce Development.

[0562](#) Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Providing Certain Retirement Benefits for the Widow of a Former Firefighter in the City of Boston.

Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Edwards, on behalf of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, submitted the following:

[0953](#) On the message and order, referred September 15, 2021 Docket 0953, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Commonwealth Builder Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund the creation of workforce homeownership housing units and the long-term availability of those units to eligible moderate-income households, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- [0955](#) On the message and order, referred on September 25, 2021 Docket #0955, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Allston-Brighton Homeowner Fund, awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund programming to foster affordable homeownership and homeowner stability in Allston Brighton, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass in a new draft.
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- [0859](#) On the petition, referred on July 21, 2021 Docket #0859, a Special Law re: An Act directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for police officers for Daniel Flores, the committee submitted a report recommending the petition ought to pass. The report was accepted; the petition was passed.
- [1005](#) **Councilor Edwards, Bok, Breadon, Arroyo, Baker, Campbell, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, Mejia, O'Malley and Wu offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Relative to Boston and Non-Criminal Disposition of Fines.
On motion of Councilors Edwards and Bok, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Breadon as a co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- [1006](#) **Councilor Arroyo, Mejia, Baker, Campbell, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, O'Malley, Wu, Bok and Breadon offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing September as Suicide Prevention and Action Month in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilors Arroyo and Mejia the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- [1007](#) **Councilor Mejia, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Campbell, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, O'Malley and Wu offered the following:** Resolution Calling on Congress to Affirm Reproductive Freedom and Pass the Women's Health Protections Act.
On motion of Councilor Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late-file matter would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matter was added.

- [1009](#) **Councilor Edwards, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Campbell, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, Mejia, O'Malley and Wu offered the following:** Order for a hearing on Boston Public Schools Bus Transportation Reliability
Referred to the Committee on Education.

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

- [1008](#) **Councilor O'Malley offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kathryn Niforos.

Adjourned at 1:15 p.m. on motion of President Pro Tempore O'Malley, in memory of everyone impacted by the coronavirus, Mary Bridget Magee and Patricia Calderone to meet again on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom and on YouTube.

Attest:

Maureen Feeney
City Clerk,