



July 10, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, July 10, 2024 at 12:13 PM.

President Louijeune in the Chair. Absent, Councilor Durkan.

Father John Currie—St. Patrick's Church, St. Peter Parish, and Holy Family Parish—delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Louijeune moved to adopt the minutes from the June 26, 2024 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

1105 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) and any interest accrued thereon-received in the form of annual Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) payments and held in an interest-bearing escrow fund until designated for use by the City-for the Sullivan Square Infrastructure Project.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

1106 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$165,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Mayor's Office of Human Services' Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Human Services. The grant will fund youth sports and swim activities in partnership with Boston Public Schools.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

1107 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the development of urban space at 581 Dudley Street in the Roxbury section of the City of Boston to improve climate resiliency and provide outdoor recreation space, awarded by the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund Dudley Street (State ARPA Earmark).
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

1108 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Eight Thousand (\$38,000.00) in the form of a grant for the MHC FY24 Survey and Planning Grant Phase II, awarded by the United States Department of the Interior, passed through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, to be administered by the Office of Historic Preservation. The grant will fund Phase II of the East Boston Survey Update. The aim of Phase II is to produce new and updated inventory forms for properties in East Boston's Orient Heights area.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 1109** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Child Care Licensing Support grant, awarded by the United Way to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund stipends for individuals who have completed the Family Childcare Licensing Support Training and have opened their businesses. Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 1110** Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Three Dollars (\$786,503.00) to provide funding for a City Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on July 8, 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1111** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for a City Department for FY25 in the amount of Seven Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Three Dollars (\$786,503.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Boston Public Library Professional Staff Association. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a base wage increase of 2% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$900, and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on July 8, 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1112** Message and order for your approval an Order to reduce the FY25 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$34,331.00) to provide funding for a City Department for the FY25 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and Teamsters Local 25. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on July 8, 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1113** Message and order for a supplemental appropriation Order for a City Department for FY25 in the amount of Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$34,331.00) to cover the FY25 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the Teamsters Local 25. The terms of the contract are July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. The major provisions of the contract include a base wage increase of 2% to be given in July of each fiscal year of the contract term and flat amounts of \$500, \$250, \$900, and \$800 to be added to annual salaries in January of each fiscal year. Filed in the Office of the City Clerk on July 8, 2024. Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1114** I hereby transmit for your review the City of Boston's 2023 Annual Surveillance Report, pursuant to the Ordinance on Surveillance Oversight and Information Sharing, Boston City Code Section 16-63 (the "Ordinance"). Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 1115** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jerica Bradley as Temporary First Assistant Collector-Treasurer for a period of 60 days, effective June 29, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1116** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Tim McKenzie as Temporary Second Assistant Collector-Treasurer for a period of 60 days, effective June 29, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1117** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City on Monday July 1, 2024 from 9:00 a.m., returning Monday July 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Placed on file.
- 1118** 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 May 8, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1119** Communication was received from Timothy J. Smyth, Executive Officer of the Boston Retirement Board re: the FY25 Retiree Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") vote.
Placed on file.
- 1120** Notice was received from Governor Healey of the appointment of Mayor Wu as a member of the Advisory Commission of Local Government, for a term expiring January 15, 2025.
Placed on file.
- 1121** 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 June 26, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1122** Communication was received from Keegan Werlin LLP, re: NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, EFSB 22-03 D.P.U. 22-21, of the final decision issued by the Energy Facilities Sitting Board dated July 2, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1123** The Constable Bonds of Sleamms Petit-Maitre and Francisco Mejia having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer were received and approved under the usual terms and conditions.

Councilor Fernandes Anderson, on behalf of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Tourism and Special Events, submitted the following:

- 0903** On the message and order referred on June 5, 2024, Docket #0903, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Culture Access Fund, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund the support of the Cultural Access Pilot Program, BPS Sundays, from the Boston Foundation, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- 0904** On the message and order referred on June 5, 2024, Docket #0904, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$297,200.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhances the quality of life in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0905** On the message and order referred on June 5, 2024, Docket #0905 authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Cultural Access Fund, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund support for the Cultural Access Fund Pilot Program, helping to support the BPS Sundays initiative across several arts and cultural institutions, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0906** On the message and order referred on June 5, 2024, Docket #0906, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in the form of a grant, BPS Sundays pilot program support, awarded by Pilot House Philanthropy to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the learning and evaluation component of the BPS Sunday Pilot Program, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0303** Order for a hearing to review the rules and regulation of vehicles in relation to expansion of micro mobility access.
Remains in the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0357** Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of congestion pricing in Boston.
Remains in the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0925** An Ordinance to Adopt the Small Commercial Tax Exemption as a Local Option in the City of Boston.
Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.
- 1124** WITHDRAWN
- 1125** **Councilor Pepén, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Providing Certain Death Benefits for Pamela Thompson, the Widow of a Former Firefighter of the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 1126** **Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss resources for early childhood education and ways to ensure access to early childhood education for Boston families.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 1127 Councilor Pepén, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss alternative sidewalk options than concrete.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1128 Councilor Pepén, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss a fundamental overhaul of the Massachusetts Cannabis System.
Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure.
- 1129 Councilor Pepén, Santana, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to improve recruitment of civilian crossing guards to serve Boston families.
On motion of Councilor Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Santana and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1130 Councilor Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to implement community-safe rodent birth control to protect Boston families, companion animals, and wildlife.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 1131 Councilor Breadon, Mejia, Worrell, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to review capital planning, budgeting, and project management practices in the capital program of the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1132 Councilor Flynn, FitzGerald, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution calling for the reinstatement of the Community Syringe Redemption Program in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors FitzGerald and Murphy as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Flynn, FitzGerald and Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1133 Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of H.115 and S.49, "An Act to facilitate labor peace among the cannabis workforce."
On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1134 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution congratulating John McGahan and recognizing July 10th as John McGahan Day in the City of Boston.

On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1135 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in support of MCAS.

On motion of Councilor Murphy, the rules were suspended; the resolution was not adopted; yeas 1, nays 7 (Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell), present 3 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald), absent 2 (Durkan, Flynn).

1136 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Logan M. O'Neill is City Council, effective July 15, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1137 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Bonnie Delaune in City Council, effective July 1, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1138 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Ewura Yankah in City Council, effective July 6, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

1156 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Bayle Vines in City Council, effective July 22, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1157 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Carly Johnson in City Council, effective July 24, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1158 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees in City Council, effective June 15, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

1159 Communication was received from Councilor Durkan regarding her absence from the July 10, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Placed on file.

1160 Communication was received from Councilor Ed Flynn regarding his early departure from the July 10, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Placed on file.

1161 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: An ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, 2-8.3.

On motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the ordinance was passed.

1043 Councilor Santana called Docket #1043, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Youth Sports Fund, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be administered by Neighborhood Services. The grant will fund referee training, payments for travel expenses related to sports and purchase of sport equipment for Boston School students, from the Committee on Education.

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

On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.

10/24 Legislative Calendar July 10, 2024.

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

1139 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing US Navy Week.

1140 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Harborfest.

1141 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing St. Theresa Society.

1142 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cheers Bar and Hampshire House.

1143 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Police Officer Dudley Hill.

1144 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Whittier Street Health Center.

1145 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution in memory of Alba Zacaj.

1146 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution in memory of Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez.

1147 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jeanne DuBois.

1148 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Alta McDonald.

1149 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing DJ T. Clark.

1150 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution in memory of Russell Flynne Sr.

1151 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution in memory of Amilcar Cabral.

1152 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Nha Balila.

1153 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Cabo Verdean Community of Boston.

1154 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cabo Verdean Heritage Month.

1155 Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bikes Not Bombs.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.
Adjourned at 3:22 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of William “Crash” President, Alba Zacaj, Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez, Christian Cousins, Robert King, John Todd, and Vincenzo “Jimmy” Grasso, to meet again on Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk