



Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the February 2, 2022 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

Assigned for Further Action

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for City of Boston employees. (Docket #0156)

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: relative to to the Best Western Roundhouse Hotel. (Docket #0157)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

³*Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:*

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2022 MATTERS IN COMMITTEE

Committee	Docket#	Sponsor	Docket Description	Date Referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0160	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston (the "City") to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant (the "Grant Payment"), awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, to be administered by the City's Chief Financial Officer/Collector-Treasurer. The Grant Payment is made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund in the Treasury of the United States established by Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.	1 /26/2022		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0194	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding a review of COVID-19 recovery funds.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0196	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding municipal broadband for the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0202	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the BCYF Jackson Mann Community Center and services in Allston-Brighton.	1 /26/2022		
Civil Rights & Immigrant Advancement	0197	Mejia	Order for a hearing addressing civil rights in the creation of sanctuary safe spaces in Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0198	Mejia	Order for a hearing addressing sexual assault and harassment in Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		
Education	0199	Mejia	Order for a hearing on state receivership for Boston Public Schools.	1 /26/2022		

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Education	0201	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Jackson/Mann and Horace Mann BPS school communities.	1 /26/2022		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency, & Parks	0195	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding a city-level Conservation Corps for Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Government Accountability, Transparency, &	0200	Mejia	Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towards surveillance equipment	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0185	Mejia	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Granting the City of Boston the Authority to Provide Legal Voting Rights in Municipal Elections for City of Boston Residents Aged 16 and 17 Years Old.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0186	Arroyo	Petition for a Special Act re: An Act Providing Certain Retirement Benefits for the Widow of a Former Firefighter of the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0187	Arroyo	Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0188	Arroyo	Ordinance preventing wage theft in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Government Operations	0189	Arroyo	Ordinance establishing protections for the City of Boston Tree Canopy.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0190	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding increasing public housing in the City of Boston.	1 /26/2022		
Housing & Community Development	0193	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding reducing barriers to securing rental housing in Boston.	1 /26/2022		

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Housing & Community Development	0204	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding homeownership assistance including for first-generation homebuyers.	1 /26/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0191	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding zoning relief for affordable projects.	1 /26/2022		
Planning, Development & Transportation	0192	Bok	Order for a hearing regarding using planning and land-use tools for public good.	1 /26/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0159	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Four Million One Hundred Fifty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Eighty Five Cents (\$24,154,518.85) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY2020 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund training for a class of 85 recruits at the BFD Training Academy and reimbursement for their salaries for 36 months.	1 /26/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0161	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY 2021 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund three positions (Coordinator, Criminologist, and Victim Advocate) overtime, travel and sub-awards and training.	1 /26/2022	2/1/2022	

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0162	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$527,586.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY21 Connected and Protect, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The grant will fund clinician-directed project coordinator, community partnerships for translation and outreach and staff cost for Section 12 activities carried out by the Boston Emergency Services Team in partnership with the BPD Street Outreach Unit.	1 /26/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0163	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$491,316.00) in the form of a grant, for First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Cooperative Agreement, awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund a collaborative effort between the Boston Fire Department First Responders, The Mayor's Office of Recovery Services, the Boston Public Health Commission and community-based organizations to improve the City's response to opioid overdoses. Year 4 of a 4 year grant.	1 /26/2022		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0164	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Thirteen Dollars (\$272,013.00) in the form of a grant for FY2021 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies and continuing education expenses.	1 /26/2022		

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Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0166	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Federal FY21 Violence Against Women Act Stop grant, awarded by the United State Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Civilian Violence Advocate who provides services for victims in Jamaica Plain, East Boston, Charlestown and overtime for all Domestic Violence Advocates.	1 /26/2022		
Strong Women, Families & Communities	0165	Mayor	Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the No Kid Hungry grant, awarded by Share Our Strength to be administered by the New Urban Mechanics. The grant will fund a Fellowship to pilot solutions for increased access to healthy food for children and families that experience economic insecurity and food insecurity.	1 /26/2022		
Ways & Means	0158	Mayor	Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00). The current conditions in the municipal bond market appears to be favorable for the City to potentially realize significant saving in debt service costs by refunding certain of its outstanding general obligation bonds.	1 /26/2022		