



October 04, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 12:09 P.M.

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

Bishop William E. Dickerson, Greater Love Tabernacle 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 September 27, 2023 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

1539 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Three Dollars (\$1,983,833.00) in the form of a grant, for the Shelter & Services Program 23, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund services to non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody to provide shelter, food, transportation, acute medical care, personal hygiene supplies, and case management services, and to provide funding to non-federal entities to increase their capacity to shelter non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody, including renovations and modifications to existing facilities.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

1540 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$1,124,566.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP) Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund and support pre and post-arrest diversion of substance users to treatment in the area of Mass and Cass.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

1541 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Eighty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$481,919.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant-Local Allocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund a Domestic Violence Management Analyst at the Family Justice Center, a Hub & Center of Responsibility Coordinator, and a Technology Coordinator for multiple data collection, reporting and records management systems.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 1542** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Six Dollars and Nine Cents (\$446,406.09) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 telecommunications staff. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1543** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand (\$330,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 EEA Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program awarded by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund Ready Boston's findings through further assessment and exploration of three design alternatives for flood risk reduction on Bennington Street in Boston and Fredericks Park, Belle Isle Avenue, and Montfern Avenue in Revere. The project team aims to complete a feasibility assessment and schematic design of these alternatives to identify a preferred coastal resilience solution to advance further design that will protect Boston and Revere from coastal flooding while providing a myriad of co-benefits, including storm water management, urban heat island reduction, recreational enhancement, and the health and longevity of Belle Isle Marsh. The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1544** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$70,172.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Reallocation, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund Annual Boston Address Verification procedures mandated by the Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1545** Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to the City of Boston Redistricting Lawsuit, passed by the City Council on September 13, 2023. Placed on file.
- 1546** Communication was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair, of the Board of Election, for your approval of a report requesting and recommending early voting for the November 7, 2023 Municipal Election. The rules were suspended; the communication was passed.
- 1547** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Mary Skelton Roberts as a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Board of Directors for a term expiring on September 26, 2027. Placed on file.

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

- 1188** The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on June 28, 2023, Docket #1188, Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XII, Section 12-19, Immigrant Advancement for Public Health and Welfare, submits a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft. The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.

Councilor Flaherty on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice, submitted the following:

- 1376** On the message and order, referred on August 30, 2023, Docket #1376, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for Securing the Cities continuation grants, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 12.
- 1476** On the message and order, referred on September 20, 2023, Docket #1476, 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 FY20 Boston Regional Intelligence Center Earmark, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 7, nays 5 (Arroyo, Louijeune, Lara, Mejia and Worrell).
- 1477** On the message and order, referred on September 20, 2023, Docket #1477, 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 committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 7, nays 5 (Arroyo, Louijeune, Lara, Mejia and Worrell).
- 1478** On the message and order, referred on September 20, 2023, Docket #1478, 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 committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 7, nays 5 (Arroyo, Louijeune, Lara, Mejia and Worrell).
- 1479** On the message and order, referred on September 20, 2023, Docket #1479, 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 committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 7, nays 5 (Arroyo, Louijeune, Lara, Mejia and Worrell).

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

- 1300** On the message and ordinance, referred on August 9, 2023, Docket #1300, Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter XII, Section 12-20, Latino and Caribbean Affairs for Public Health and Welfare, 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.

Councilor Coletta, on behalf of the Committee on Arts and Culture submitted the following:

1197 On the message and order, referred on July 19, 2023, Docket #1197, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Transforming Boston grant, awarded by the Andrew E. Mellon Foundation to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund the support of community and curatorial partnerships, new temporary commemorative installations, and related public art programs, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.

1548 **Councilor Durkan, Worrell, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Elliott Laffer.

On motion of Councilor Durkan, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

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:

1571 Notice was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson of her absence from the October 4, 2023 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.

1572 **Councilor Flynn, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing October 11th, 2023 as Hispanidad Flag Day in the City of Boston.

On motion of Councilor Flynn and the Council as a whole, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

/4/2023 Legislative Calendar for October 4, 2023.

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

1549 **Councilor Baker offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Neponset Animal Hospital.

1550 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Ronald Dunn.

1551 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Caitlin Kuhlman.

1552 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing three people for building an inclusive community of joy in East Boston.

1553 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Murphy MacDonald.

1554 **Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ciara Williams.

1555 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 24, 2023 to be AHEPA Athens Chapter #24 Day in the City of Boston.

1556 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing October 10th. 2023 as El Grito de Yara Heritage Day in the City of Boston.

1557 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Lilo Vilaplana.

- 1558 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Oldren Romero.
- 1559 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Genoveva Canabal.
- 1560 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Irasema Otero.
- 1561 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Greater Boston Chinese American Community.
- 1562 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Anne G. Michalik.
- 1563 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alex García.
- 1564 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Stacy Hazeth.
- 1565 Councilor Arroyo offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Natasha Moore.
- 1566 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joseph Bohlke
- 1567 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** A resolution recognizing 3 people for their service to Boston Rhythm Riders.
- 1568 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 5 people in tribute to their loved one who passed away from cancer.
- 1569 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 4 people for their leadership service at Boston Rhythm Riders.
- 1570 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 10 people at Boston Rhythm Riders.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:24 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, and in memory of Caitlin Kuhlman, Maria DiBerardin-DiLibero, Bill Goode, Billy Callahan, Ann Michalik, Juana Celestino-Paredes, Margaret Romaine, John Yessayan, George Lee, Zoleka Mandela, Nancy E. Mickiewicz, Russ Francis, Diane Feinstein and Tim Wakefield to meet again on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk