



**September 25, 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, September 25, 2024 at 12:18 P.M.

President Louijeune in the Chair. Absent, Councilor Worrell.

Pastor Dieufort Jean "Keke" Fleurissant, True Alliance Center, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag

President Louijeune moved to adopt the minutes from the September 18, 2024 meeting.  
Motion Prevailed.

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**1430** Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,225,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Pauline Agassiz Shaw-Charles H. Taylor Elementary School, Mattapan, MA 02126. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

**1431** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Nine Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$1,983,872.00) in the form of a grant, for the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the Digitizing of Boston's Curbs via Machine Learning: Promoting Transparency, Workforce Development, and Equitable Green Policy Project.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.

**1432** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Police Reform and Equitable Justice Grant Program, awarded by the Target Corporation to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the Youth and Police Initiative (YPI), which provides police with the skills and tools necessary to understand and deal with troubled youth and gives troubled youth new ways to understand, perceive and deal with police authority.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 1433** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Four Dollars (\$167,104.00) in the form of a grant, from the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund the acquisition and installation of 4 Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) electric vehicle stations at four Boston Municipal Parking Lots.  
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1434** Message and order 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 for the BPS Sundays pilot support grant, awarded by the Boston Foundation to be administered by the Office of Arts & Culture. The grant will fund the BPS Sundays Cultural Museum Access Pilot Program.  
Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism & Special Events.
- 1435** Communication was received by the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the South End Urban Renewal Area, Project No. Mass. R-56, with respect to Parcel 35, and so-called Parcels 35A and 35B."  
Placed on file.
- 1436** 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 July 10, 2024.  
Placed on file.
- 1437** 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 August 7, 2024.  
Placed on file.
- 1438** 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 September 11, 2024.  
Placed on file.
- 1439** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John Romano as Co-Chair of the Boston - AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO Housing Trust Fund, for a term expiring on January 10, 2025.  
Placed on file.
- 1440** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Alice Brown as an Ex-Officio Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust.  
Placed on file.
- 1441** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Henry Vitale as an Ex-Officio Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust.  
Placed on file.
- 1442** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Robert Consalvo as a member of the Neighborhood Housing Trust.  
Placed on file.
- 1443** Notice was received from the Auditing Department providing the Fiscal Year 2025 Payroll Allotment Schedules for all City Departments.  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Councilor Santana, on behalf of the Committee on Education, submitted the following:

**0651** Order for a hearing to discuss the need that all our youngest children in the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program are receiving their special education services.

Remains in the Committee on Education.

Councilor Murphy, on behalf of the Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities, submitted the following:

**0907** On the message and order, referred on June 5, 2024, Docket #0907, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) in the form of a grant, Childhood Obesity Prevention and Environmental Health Sustainability, awarded by the United States Conference of Mayors to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood Development. The grant will fund and support programs that engage community members and promote or stimulate behavior change in Childhood Obesity Prevention and environmental health and sustainability, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

**1106** On the message and order, referred on July 10, 2024, Docket #1106, 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, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

**1109** On the message and order, referred on July 10, 2024, Docket #1109, 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, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

**1172** On the message and order, referred on August 7, 2024, Docket #1172, 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 Senior's Save Program grant, awarded by the Boston Charitable Trust Fund to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the heating system replacement program for eligible senior citizen homeowners in Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed

- 1176** On the message and order, referred on August 7, 2024, Docket #1176, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$11,600.00) in the form of a grant for the Escrow-Mitigation Activities, awarded to the City of Boston to be administered by the Boston Center for Youth and Families. The grant will fund to pay contractors for mitigation activities, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 1276** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1276, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Two Dollars (\$2,232,152.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-C Nutrition Services 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 the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund nutrition services for older adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1278** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1278, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$1,736,520.00) in the form of a grant for the State FY25 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 \$15 dollars per person, according to the 2020 Census data for UMass Boston Donahue Institute, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1279** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1279, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$1,038,243.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-B Supportive Services, 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 home-based support services for older adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.

- 1280** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1280, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$530,999.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-E Family Caregiver Support 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 the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund Caregivers Services for older Adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1281** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1281, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Hundred Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three Dollars (\$461,143.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-A Administration grant 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 costs for the administration of Title III programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1283** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1283, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$177,271.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-Ombudsman Program, award 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 consumer protection programs to improve long-term services for older adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1284** On the message and order, referred on August 28, 2024, Docket #1284, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eighty-Four Thousand Fifty-Eight Dollars (\$84,058.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY25 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 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 services that assist older adults in Boston to prevent illness and manage chronic conditions, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft.  
The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.
- 1444** **Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Mejia, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing on standardized testing as a graduation requirement.  
Referred to the Committee on Education.

- 1445 Councilor Flynn and Murphy offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss providing \$15 million towards residential taxpayers in need of relief.  
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 1446 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: School bus data.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 1447 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under section 17F re: Second request for White Stadium documents.  
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 1448 Councilor Louijeune, Santana, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 2024 as Kinship Awareness Month.  
Councilor Breadon in the Chair.  
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Santana as original co-sponsors.  
On motion of Councilors Louijeune, Mejia and Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1449 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing October as Italian-American Heritage Month.  
Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.  
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1450 Councilor Weber, Santana, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution in support of a COLA base increase for City of Boston retirees.  
On motion of Councilors Weber and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Flynn as an original co-sponsor.  
On motion of Councilors Weber, Santana and Flynn the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, absent 1 (Worrell).
- 1451 Councilor Mejia, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 26, 2024 as "Boston Women's Fund Day" in honor of its 40th Anniversary.  
On motion of Councilors Mejia and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1452 Councilor Mejia, Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing September 29, 2024 as "Runway for Mom Day" in celebration of its 10th Anniversary.  
On motion of Councilors Mejia and Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

- 1453 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution supporting the renaming of the soccer field within Saunders Stadium in honor of Billy Baker.  
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, absent 1 (Worrell).
- 1178** Councilor Santana called Docket #1178, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept a donation of a 2013 Ford F-150 Truck. The purpose of this donation is to support the Boston Police Department in their investigation of individuals and entities suspected of insurance fraud, and any other departmental needs, from the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.  
Hearing no objection, the matter was before the body.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.
- 1387** Councilor Santana called Docket #1387, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Fire Prevention & Safety grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund critically needed resources to strengthen community fire prevention programs and enable scientific research on innovations that improve firefighter safety, health, and well-being, from the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.  
Hearing on objection, the matter was before the body.  
On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.
- 1285** Councilor Pepén called Docket #1285, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$20,020.00) in the form of a grant for the El Centro Fellowship grant, awarded by Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology. The grant will fund the fellowship program for El Centro IT training program graduates, from the Committee on City Services & Innovation Technology.  
Hearing no objection, the matter was before the body.  
On motion of Councilor Pepén, the order was passed.

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

- 1473** Notice was received from Councilor Worrell of his absence from the September 25, 2024 City Council meeting,  
Placed on file.

**25/24** Legislative Calendar for September 25, 2024.

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

- 1454 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing friends of Sherrin Woods.
- 1455 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Trudy Creedon.
- 1456 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jennifer Hawes.
- 1457 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Lorenzo Graham.

- 1458 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joseph Conrad Alexander.
- 1459 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Tom O'Brien.
- 1460 Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath).
- 1461 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mona Connolly Casper.
- 1462 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Meet Boston and Gary Bembridge.
- 1463 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Polish American Community in Boston.
- 1464 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Friends of Blackstone School.
- 1465 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing More than Words.
- 1466 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tech Goes Home.
- 1467 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Marleen Nienhuis and Walter Newman.
- 1468 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Friends of the Public Garden.
- 1469 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing St. Peter's Church 120th anniversary.
- 1470 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Richard Litto.
- 1471 Councilor Murphy, Flynn and FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Lillian "Jeannie" Cahill.
- 1472 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Francis J. Lane.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:32 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Francis J. Lane, Robert "Bobby" O'Connor, Lillian "Jeannie" Cahill, Karen Stanley, Methuen Mayor Neil Perry, Michaela DePrice, Richard "Richie" Litto and Shirley Duggan, to meet again on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourtas  
City Clerk