

**OFFERED BY COUNCILORS EDWARD M. FLYNN, ERIN J. MURPHY,  
CULPEPPER, FITZGERALD, AND WORRELL**



## **CITY OF BOSTON**

**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX**

### **ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON'S MAIN STREETS PROGRAMS AND THE RECENTLY RELEASED WOLF & COMPANY AUDIT**

**WHEREAS,** Boston's Main Streets programs were created to support neighborhood commercial districts through revitalization, small business assistance, and community engagement, with millions in city and federal funding distributed annually; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In 2025, the Boston Finance Commission uncovered alleged financial irregularities at Three Squares Main Streets in Jamaica Plain, including forged bank statement transactions and the potential misuse of nearly \$150,000 in federal grants; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The discrepancies were flagged by a city employee who demonstrated accountability and civic responsibility in reporting suspicious financial activity; *and*

**WHEREAS,** In response, the City contracted Wolf & Company, a national CPA and consulting firm, to conduct a wide-ranging audit of up to 20 Main Streets organizations across the city, with a three-year agreement capped at \$150,000; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Wolf & Company audit report, published in December 2025, found that internal controls did not meet reasonable standards to manage risk. The report also confirmed fraud involving approximately \$32,000 in missing funds through an altered bank statement, and found that two Main Streets programs did not accurately report their annual narratives in their FY24 submissions; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The findings and report raise broader concerns about financial oversight, internal controls, and transparency in the administration of city-supported nonprofit programs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Dozens of other Main Streets organizations across Boston continue to operate with integrity, providing valuable services and support to small businesses and commercial corridors; *and*

**WHEREAS,** It is the duty of the City Council to ensure that all public funds are used for their intended purposes, and that the community trust in city-supported nonprofit

partnerships is upheld through proper stewardship and accountability; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

***ORDERED:*** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss Boston's Main Streets Programs and the recently released Wolf & Company audit, and that the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Boston Finance Commission, Wolf & Company, relevant Boston Main Streets Programs, and other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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