

February 01, 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, February 1, 2023 at 12:32 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. All Councilors Present.

City Clerk Alex Geourntas 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 January 25, 2023 meeting.

Motion prevailed.

- **0323** Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 0324 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0324, temporarily extending Urban Renewal Plans in the City of Boston until March 31, 2025 or passage of a proposed relevant Home Rule Petition, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0325 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0325, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,722,764.20) in the form of a grant for the Local Fire Department Projects and Grants Line Item 83240050 of the FY23 State Budget, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund decontamination equipment, vehicle and maintenance expenses for the Hazard Response Team at the Boston Fire Department, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0326 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0326, 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 Local Fire Department Project and Grants for the FY23 State Budget Line Item 8240050 awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Boston Fire Department. The grant will fund renovations at Engine 8/Ladder 1 in the North End, to improve the safety, health and wellness of firefighters, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0327 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the Department of Public Works, Docket #1397), passed by the Council on November 9, 2022. Placed on file.

<u>0328</u> Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the BPS Transportation, Docket #1421), passed by the Council on November 13, 2022.
 Pleased on file

Placed on file.

0329 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the BPS Facilities, Docket #1396), passed by the Council on November 9, 2022.

Placed on file.

- <u>0330</u> Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the Mayor's Office of Housing, Docket #1395), passed by the Council on November 9, 2022.
 Placed on file.
- **0331** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Bernadine Desanges as Director of Diversity of the City of Boston. Placed on file.
- **0332** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency of the New Boston Food Market Chapter 121A Project, Certificate of Project Termination. Placed on file.

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

- 0114 On the message and order, referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0114, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Presidentially Declared Disaster, awarded by Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by Risk Management, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0115 On the message and order, referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0115, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,250,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 State Training Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 0100 On the motion and ordinance, referred on December 14, 2022, Docket #0100, for your approval establishing the Office of Participatory Budgeting, amending the City of Boston Code, Chapter V, with the insertion of a new Section 5-1.1, the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft; yeas 6; nays 4 (Baker, Flaherty, Flynn and Murphy); absent 3 (Coletta, Mejia and Worrell). The report was not accepted in a new draft as it did not receive a majority vote. The original ordinance remains in the Committee on Government

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Councilor Fernandes Anderson, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following:

0111 Councilor Fernandes Anderson called Docket #0111, authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate an amount of Twenty One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$21,600,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a design and construction associated with boiler, windows and door replacement projects at the following schools: Boston Day and Evening Academy, Henderson Upper School, Rafael Hernandez School and William E. Russell, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to be read once and passed; yeas 13. The report was accepted the order was read once and passed.

Assigned for further action.

O333 Councilor Baker, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Petition for a Special Law RE: An act directing the City of Boston Police Department to waive the maximum age requirement for Police Officers for Wendy Pierre-Louis. On motion of Councilor Baker, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 13.

0334 Councilor Lara, Bok, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding winter placemaking and Boston as a 'Winter City'.

Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, and Special Events.

0335 Councilor Worrell, Flynn, Louijeune, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Lara, Mejia and Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to bring the 2026 NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Flynn and Louijeune as co-sponsors. Referred to the Committee on Arts, Culture, and Special Events.

- 0336 Withdrawn
- <u>0337</u> Councilor Worrell, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding efforts to increase housing affordability for long-term residents. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- **0338** Councilor Worrell, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- **<u>0339</u>** Councilor Flynn, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules. Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.
- 0340 Councilor Lara, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Worrell and Baker offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the rise in public consumer energy costs.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

- 0341 Councilor Murphy, Worrell, Bok, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia and Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the payroll concerns of many of our Boston Public School teachers who are owed back pay. Referred to the Committee on Government Accountability, Transparency, and Accessibility
- 0342 Councilor Lara, Baker, Flaherty, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the recovery and revitalization of the taxi industry.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 0343 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Lara, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding calling for a moratorium on all development on all city owned land in district seven prior to the request for proposal process. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 0344 Councilor Flynn, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Resolution to support the Economic Census and to promote response rates in the City of Boston.

Councilor Breadon in the Chair.

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

0345 Councilor Lara, Flynn, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Flaherty, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Resolution designating a Memorial Hero Square at the intersection of Glen Road and Forest Hills Street in Jamaica Plain in memory of Paul Xavier Hogan.

President Flynn in the Chair.

On motion of Councilors Lara and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Fernandes Anderson as co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Flynn, Lara and Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0346 Councilor Lara, Mejia, Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Louijeune, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing February 27th, 2023 as Dominican Independence Day.

On motion of Councilor Lara and Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Fernandes Anderson as a co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Lara, Mejia and Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0347 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Jesus David Linares Marrero in City Council, effective February 4, 2023.
 Passed under suspension of the rules.

1/23 Legislative Calendar for February 1, 2023.

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

- 0362 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0362, to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$164,448.00) to provide funding for the Boston School Department for the FY23 increase contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 160 Boston School Police Patrolmen's Association, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 0363 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0363, approving a supplemental appropriation for the Boston School Department for the FY23 in the amount of One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand, Four Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$164,448.00) to cover the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston School and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 160 Boston School Police Patrolmen's Association. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024 The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2%, 2.5 %, 2.5% and 2.5% to be given in October of each fiscal year of the contract term, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- **0364** On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0364, reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Two Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$1,283,486.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools and the City Housing Trust Fund for the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and Local 1952, Painters Allied Trades District Council No. 35 (School Custodians), the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

0365 On the message and order, referred on February 1, 2023 Docket #0365, approving a supplemental appropriation of One Million Two Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Six Dollars (\$1,283,486.00) to cover the FY23 cost contained with the collective bargaining agreement between the Boston School Committee and Local 1952, Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 35 (School Custodians). The terms of the contracts are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2026. The major provisions of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in September and then a base wage increase of 2.5% to be given in September of 2022, 2023 and 2024 and then a base wage of 2% to be given in September 2024 and 2025, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

0366 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the Grant for IDEA grant set aside for Private School Spec Ed, (Docket #0175), passed by the Council on January 9, 2023. Placed on file.

0367 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: relative to the Special Education for Private School Year 2019-2023, (Docket #0174), passed by the Council on January 9, 2023. Placed on file.

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

- **0348** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tufts Medical Center in the Year of the Rabbit.
- **<u>0349</u>** Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution declaring Maurice Le'Tour Winston II Day in Boston.
- **<u>0350</u>** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Cornelia A. Kelley.
- **<u>0351</u>** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Abbot Gilman.
- **0352** Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution congratulating Bill and Ann Downey.
- **0353 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Faithful Church of Christ's 90th Anniversary.
- **<u>0354</u>** Councilor Worrell offered the following: Resolution in memory of Sandra Porter.
- **0355 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Willie Hicks, Sr.
- **<u>0356</u>** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- **<u>0357</u>** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing 7 school teachers and administrators for their coordination of the Student Exchange Program between Boston Latin School and Lycée André Argouges.
- **0358** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Masai-Maliek King.
- **0359** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Pao Arts Center.
- **<u>0361</u>** Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution congratulating Joyce Judge.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late-filed matter would be added to the Consent Agenda.

No objection being heard, the following matters were added:

0368 Resolution in memory of Shaun Folan.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:40 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, in memory of Father John Cashman, Patricia Eileen Lally, Shaun Folan, John Sullivan, Alice Wolf and Tyree Nichols, to meet again on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.