

February 15, 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 15, 2023 at 12:17 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. All Councilors present.

Reverend David Searles, Central Assembly of God, 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 February 8, 2023 meeting.

Motion prevailed.

0407 The Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, to which was referred on February 15, 2023, Docket #0407, Message and order for your approval an order at the recommendation of the Chair of the Board of Election Commissioners, I hereby transmit for the approval of your Honorable Body an Order Fixing the date of the Preliminary Election for this Municipal Year as September 12, 2023, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass in a new draft.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

Message and order for your approval, a home rule petition to the General Court RE: A Special Law Authorizing the City of Boston to Implement Rent Stabilization and Tenant Eviction Protections."
 Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0409 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jerica Bradley as Temporary Second Assistant Collector-Treasurer for a period of sixty days, effective January 25, 2023.
Placed on file.

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

O135 The Committee on Government Operations, to which was referred on January 11, 2023 Docket #0135, Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to Reorganization of the Boston School Committee, submits a report recommending that the home rule petition ought to pass in new draft. Councilor Flaherty offered an amendment.

On motion of Councilor Flaherty, amendment did not pass; yeas 4, (Baker, Flaherty, Flynn and Murphy), nays 9.

On motion of Councilor Arroyo; the report was accepted; the petition was passed in a new draft; yeas 7, nays: 5, (Baker, Flaherty, Flynn, Murphy and Worrell); present 1 (Bok).

On motion of Councilor Flynn, Docket, #0406 was taken out of order.

<u>0406</u> Councilor Arroyo called Docket # 0406, Petition for a Special Law RE: An Act Establishing Student Voting on the Boston School Committee, from the Committee on Government Operations.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Arroyo, the petition was passed; yeas 11, nays 2 (Baker and Flynn).

Councilor Bok, on behalf of the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology, submitted the following:

- 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. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 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. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 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.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

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 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.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- On the message and order, referred on February 8, 2023 Docket #0370, for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,079,770.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public School for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the United Steelworkers Local 2936 (Bus Monitors),the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

 The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- On the message and order, referred on February 8, 2023 Docket #0371, for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public School Department for FY23 in the amount of One Million Seventy Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$1,079,770.00) to cover the FY23 cost contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the United Steelworkers Local 2936 (Bus Monitors). The terms of the contract are July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025, a base wage increase of 1.5% in September 2021, and rate adjustments in September 2022, and then a base wage of 2% to be given in September 2023 and 2024, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

On the message and order, referred on February 8, 2023 Docket #0372, for your approval an Order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Seven Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$703,939.00) to provide funding for the Boston Public Schools for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public and the Administrative Guild, SEIU Local 888, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

On the message and order, referred on February 8, 2023 Docket #0373, for a supplemental appropriation Order for the Boston Public Schools Department for FY23 in the amount of Seven Hundred Three Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars (\$703,939.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Boston Public Schools and the Administrative Guild, SEIU Local 888. The terms of the contract are September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2024. The major provisions of the contracts include based wage increases of 2%, 2.5%, 2.5%, and 2.5% to be given in September of each fiscal year of the contract term, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

Councilor Baker, on behalf of the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, submitted the following:

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. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 13.

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

- On the message and order, referred on January 25, 2023 Docket #0210, authorizing the City of Boston to except and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Forty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$1,642,723.10) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration program, the Committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 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. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- 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.

 The report was accepted; the order was passed.
- Order for a hearing on government transparency and accountability towardsCOVID safety in Boston Public Schools.Remains in the Committee on Education.
- Ouncilor Breadon, Louijeune, Bok, Arroyo, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Mejia, Worrell and Murphy offered the following: Petition for a Special Law re: An Act increasing the maximum amount of fines which may be imposed for violations of ordinances and authorizing the City of Boston to place municipal charge liens on certain properties in the City of Boston for nonpayment of any local charges, fees or fines. On motion of Councilor Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Bok as a co-sponsor.
 Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

- Odetta, Flaherty, Lara, Mejia and Worrell offered the following:
 Resolution in support of designating Lunar New Year as an official holiday in the City of Boston.
 - On motion of Councilor Flynn Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Murphy as a co-sponsor.
 - On motion of Councilors Flynn, Louijeune and Murphy; the resolution was adopted.
- Ouncilor Lara, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn,
 Louijeune, Mejia and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to create a Renters' Bill of Rights for the City Of Boston.
 Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- Councilor Baker, Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara,
 Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss District Improvement Financing (DIF) from Kosciuszko Circle through Morrissey Boulevard Corridor.
 Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- Od14 Councilor Breadon, Bok, Louijeune, Arroyo, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Mejia and Lara offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding targeted coordination of community benefits in the payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) program.

On motion of Councilor Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as a co-sponsor.

- Referred to the Committee on PILOT Agreements, Institutional and Intergovernmental Relations.
- Od15 Councilor Murphy, Baker, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune and Mejia offered the following: Order for a hearing for the possible closing of several Boston public schools and BCYF community centers this summer.
 Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- Od16 Councilor Bok, Breadon, Lara, Arroyo, Flaherty, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia and Murphy offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need of composting capacity in new construction and large buildings in Boston.

On motion of Councilor Bok, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Lara as a co-sponsor.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

Order for a hearing to discuss digital equity and municipal broadband in relation to affordable housing in the City of Boston.

On motion of Councilor Bok, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as a co-sponsor.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

Ouncilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding the Boston Public Health Commission.

On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the order was passed.

- Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23.
 On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order was passed.
- Ouncilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-22 and 2022-23.
 On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order was passed.
- Oder for the appointment of temporary employees Deborah Glennon, Ann Mazzola, Moira McCrave-Carragee, Patricia Mullaney and Wayne D. Yeh in City Council, effective February 11, 2023.
 Passed under suspension of the rules.
- Ouncilor Flynn for Councilor Coletta offered the following: Order for the appointment or temporary employee Hannah Worline in City Council, effective February 11, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

- Ouncilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for appointment or temporary employee Pierre-Alexandre Fumot in City Council, effective March 4, 2023;
 Passed under suspension of the rules.
- Ouncilor Bok, Louijeune, Flaherty, Baker, Coletta, Fernandes
 Anderson, Flynn, Mejia and Murphy offered the following: Order for hearing to discuss trash contracts and procedures in Boston.
 Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- Ouncilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: bus drop off for English High School Students.
 - On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order was passed.
- 15/23 Legislative Calendar for February 15, 2023.
- 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.
- O317 Councilor Murphy called Docket #0317, message and order for the confirmation of the re-appointment of Rebecca Gutman as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 20, 2026, from the Committee of the Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Murphy, the appointment was confirmed in a new draft.

- O318 Councilor Murphy called Docket #0318, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Elsie Tavares as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health, for a term expiring January 20, 2026, from the Committee of the Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
 - No objection being heard, the matter was before the body. On motion of Councilor Murphy, the appointment was confirmed in a new draft.

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

- <u>0423</u> Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution recognizing Carla Payne.
- <u>0424</u> Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing participants of the Manning School Spelling Bee.
- <u>0425</u> Councilor Bok offered the following: Resolution in memory of Dr. William C. Mackey.
- **<u>0426</u> Councilor Bok offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Thomas Maguire.
- <u>0427</u> Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tufts University and its Lunar New Year celebration.
- **<u>0428</u>** Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Iris Calderon.
- <u>0429</u> Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Keyon Sprinkle.
- <u>0430</u> Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Danielle Sommer-Kieta.
- **Ouncilor Lara offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mahlon Williams.
- <u>0432</u> Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Kanessa Alexander.
- <u>0433</u> Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tanya Nixon-Silberg.
- <u>0434</u> Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Sharif Muhammad.
- <u>0435</u> Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Julia Martin.
- **<u>0436</u>** Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Corey Stallings.
- <u>0437</u> Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Edith Bazile.
- **Ouncilor Mejia and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Patricia Odom.
- <u>0439</u> Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Devon McNeil.

- <u>0440</u> Councilor Mejia and Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution recognizing Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association.
- **Ouncilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution to recognize Sylvia Cross.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, in memory of Thomas Maguire, Dr. William C. Mackey, John Joseph Nee, Donald French, Jean Fabrice Eliacin and Rolyn Maynard Freeman, to meet again on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas City Clerk