



March 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 March 1, 2023 at 12:15 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. Absent Mejia.

Pastor Jaime Owens from Tremont Temple, 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 15, 2023 meeting.
Motion prevailed.

0445 Message disapproving a Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to the Reorganization of the Boston School Committee, amending Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991, (Docket #0135), passed by the City Council February 15, 2023.

Placed on file.

0446 Message and order approving a supplemental appropriation for the Public Health Commission for FY23 in the amount of Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$50,850.00) to cover the FY23 cost items contained within the collective bargaining agreement between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinators/Assistant Coordinators Unit). The terms of the contracts include base wage increases of 2% in October 2020, 1.5% in October of 2021, and 2% in October 2022.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12, nays 0, absent 1.

0447 Message and order to reduce the FY23 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by Fifty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$50,850.00) to provide funding for the Public Health Commission for the FY23 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the Public Health Commission and the SEIU Local 888 (Coordinator/Assistant Coordinators Unit).

The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12, nays 0, absent 1.

0448 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to Chronic Absenteeism in BPS for the School Years 2021-22 and 2022-23, Docket 0419, passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

0449 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to BPS sexual assault and misconduct data for school year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, Docket 0420 passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

0450 Message transmitting certain information under Section 17F: Relative to Bus Drop-Off for English High School Students, Docket 0444, passed by the Council on February 15, 2023.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 0451** Communication was received from the City Clerk transmitting a communication from the Boston Landmarks Commission for City Council action on the designation of The Richards Building, Downtown Boston, MA, as a Landmark (In effect after March 19, 2023 if not acted upon). Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

Councilor Lara, on behalf of the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency and Parks, submitted the following:

- 0117** On the message and order, referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0117, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$870,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Climate Resilience, awarded by the Barr Foundation to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund the continued implementation of Climate Ready Boston initiatives. This includes advancing coastal resilience and heat resilience strategies, prioritizing equitable electrification and creating a community tree care program, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.

- 0116** On the message and order, referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0116, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,633,500.00) in the form of a grant, for the Resilient Moakley Connectors, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund pre-construction planning and design activities in the northern and southern areas adjacent to Moakley Park, located along the waterfront of Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods. The project is separate but complementary to the flood mitigation project within Moakley Park, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.

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

- 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. The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft.

- 0151** Order for a hearing to address contaminated beverages in clubs and bars. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

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

0118 On the message and order, referred on January 11, 2023, Docket #0118, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$297,200.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 Local Cultural Council Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund innovative arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences programming that enhance the quality of life in our city, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

0323 Message and order for your approval a proposed Act to Improve and Modernize Planning and Community Development in the City of Boston. Remains in the Committee on Government Operations.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, Docket #0463 was taken out of order.

0463 **Councilor Bok, Breadon, Louijeune, Arroyo, Baker, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn offered the following:** Resolution supporting of the residence life workers at Boston University. On motion of Councilor Bok, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as a co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Bok, Breadon and Louijeune; the resolution was adopted.

0452 **Councilor Breadon, Louijeune, Arroyo, Bok, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance providing remote access to meetings of municipal public bodies. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0453 **Councilor Bok, Flynn, Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance Amending the City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 7-3, Bay Village Historic District. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0454 **Councilor Arroyo, Coletta, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance formally creating the Office of Food Justice and establishing a food recovery program in the City of Boston. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Breadon in the Chair

0455 **Councilor Flynn, Worrell, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune and Murphy offered the following:** Ordinance amending the City of Boston code relating to the study and report on the trafficking of illegal firearms. Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Flynn in the Chair

0456 **Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Lara, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to restrict up-front rental costs for tenants. On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Lara as a co-sponsor. Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

- 0457 Councilor Arroyo, Fernandes Anderson, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Louijeune, Lara, Murphy, Worrell and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools' lack of religious and dietary requirements for Jewish, Muslim and plant based students.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0458 Councilor Worrell, Fernandes Anderson, Murphy, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess expanded hospital & community centric violence prevention and intervention.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Fernandes Anderson as a co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0459 Councilor Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss challenges Latino owned businesses and entrepreneurs face when accessing government and corporate contracts.
Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure.
- 0460 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution to explore a need for a Senior Recreational Center In Roxbury.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, nays 0; absent 1 (Mejia).
- 0461 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Worrell, Louijeune, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Flynn, Lara and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution honoring The Legacy of MLK and Mrs. King Through The Establishment of King's Heritage Trail.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as a co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, nays 0; absent 1 (Mejia).
- 0462 Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Flaherty, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, Lara, Louijeune and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Irish-American Heritage Month.
On motion of Councilor Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Flaherty as a co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Murphy, Flynn and Flaherty; the resolution was adopted.
- 0464 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS Transportation follow-up on a previous request.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0465 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lorraine Payne Wheeler in City Council, effective February 25, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 0466** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Arshneel Kaur in City Council, effective March 4, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0467** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Thomas Mannion, David Mareira and Lisa Searcy in City Council, effective February 25, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0468** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Clare Brooks, Tricia A. Kalayjian, Mary Karski and Paul Sullivan in City Council, effective February 25, 2022.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0469** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Lindsay Dieudonne in City Council, effective March 1, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1/23 Legislative Calendar for March 1, 2023.

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

Councilor Breadon in the Chair

- 0498** **Councilor Flynn, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Coletta, Flaherty, Lara, Murphy and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in support of Boston Firefighters Local 718 and urging the Massachusetts Civil Service Human Resource Division to work in good faith on the issue of Civil Service Promotion Exams.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
The rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12.

Councilor Flynn in the Chair

- 0499** Notice was received from Councilor Mejia of her absence from the March 1, 2023 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.
- 0500** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Paul Chong as Registrar of the City of Boston.
Placed on file.
- 0501** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of John Borders IV as Director of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment for the City of Boston.
Placed on file.
- 0502** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Angela Yard in City Council, effective March 4, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0503** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Angela Yard in City Council, effective March 10, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

- 0504** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Brian Castro in City Council, effective March 11, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0505** Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee David Silberg in City Council, effective March 1, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0506** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: An Email regarding payroll overpayment in BPS issued February 3, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0507** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F re: BPS sexual assault and misconduct data.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0120** Councilor Louijeune called Docket #0120, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Immigrant Advancement Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement. The grant will fund programs, initiatives, events and small grants that enable immigrants to play an active role in the economic, civic, social and cultural life of the City of Boston, from the Committee on Civil Rights and Immigrant Advancement.
No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune; the order was passed.
- 0216** Councilor Baker called Docket # 0216, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Edward Bredenberg, as a member of the Aberdeen Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026, from the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Baker the appointment was confirmed.
- 0217** Councilor Baker called Docket # 0217, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Andrew Shelburne , as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026, from the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Baker the appointment was confirmed.
- 0218** Councilor Baker called Docket # 0213, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ernest Coston, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, from the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.
No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.
On motion of Councilor Baker the appointment was confirmed.

0220 Councilor Baker called Docket # 0220, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Suleman Gajere, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2024, from the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

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

On motion of Councilor Baker the appointment was confirmed.

0221 Councilor Baker called Docket # 0221, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Dr. Angela Paige Cook, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025, from the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation.

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

On motion of Councilor Baker the appointment was confirmed.

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

0470 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Rolyn Maynard Freeman.

0471 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Jean Fabrice Eliacin.

0472 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Donald French.

0473 Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rocco Addesa.

0474 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Police Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1018.

0475 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Haley House.

0476 Councilor Lara offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bashier Kayou.

0477 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Kwok "Peter" Wong.

0478 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Carol Ann (Mahoney) Moore.

0479 Councilor Arroyo offered the following: Resolution recognizing Imari Paris Jeffries.

0480 Councilor Flynn and Flaherty offered the following: Resolution in memory of Theresa J. "Chickie" (Provenzano) Pacitti.

0481 Councilor Murphy offered the following: Resolution recognizing Shirley Shillingford.

0482 Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Wilbur Brown.

0483 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jean McGuire.

0484 Councilor Baker offered the following: Resolution recognizing Devon McNeil.

- 0485 Councilor Lara offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Carole White.
- 0486 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Terrance Williams.
- 0487 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the National GET LIT literacy project.
- 0488 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Beulah Fagan Providence.
- 0489 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing eleven people for their work celebrating the Caribbean American community at the 10th anniversary of the Afro-Caribbean Black History Gala & Awards.
- 0490 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.
- 0491 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Francis J. Daly, JR.
- 0492 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Anna (Collins, Plunkett) Irving.
- 0493 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Joyce King.
- 0494 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Karen Wespic.
- 0495 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Najma Nazy'at.
- 0496 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kevin Odell.
- 0497 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Rile Rhodes.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:17 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, in memory of TMiriam Torres, Raymonde Jean, Francis Daly, Theresa “Chickie” Pacitti, Carmen Pittella, Gaetano “Danny” Festa, Carol Lawrence, Reverend Rodney E. Dailey, Carol Ann Moore, Diva Ayuso, Saint Anise Philippe, Rile Rhodes and Peter Wong, to meet again on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk