



February 28, 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, February 28, 2024 at 12:09 P.M.

President Louijeune in the Chair. All Councilors Present.

Juan Aurelio Lopez, City Council Central Staff – Director of Research and Policy, 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 February 14, 2024 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

On the motion of Council President Louijeune, Docket #0410 was taken out of order.

0410 Councilor Louijeune, Mejia, Flynn, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell and Breadon offered the following: Resolution recognizing February 29, 2024 as Juan Aurelio Lopez Day in the City of Boston.

On the motion of Councilors Louijeune and Mejia, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Flynn as an original co-sponsor.

On the motion of Councilors Louijeune, Mejia, and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

On the motion of Council President Louijeune, Docket #0403 was taken out of order.

0403 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution to honor John D. O'Bryant Students.

On the motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

0376 On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0376, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount 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 FY24 Title III-C Nutrition Service Program, awarded by the U.S. Department 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 docket ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the order was passed.

Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

0377 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Six Hundred Four Thousand Fourteen Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,604,014.20) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Hazmat Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the needs of the hazardous materials response teams, as specified in line item 8324-0000 and 8324-0050 of the FY24 General Appropriation Act.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 0378** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,125,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 State Training Grant, awarded by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of equipment and supplies, and to fund training initiatives for the Boston Fire Training Academy to ensure the department remains current in the firefighting services.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0379** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0379, 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 FY24 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 docket ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0380** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0380, 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 FY24 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 Caregiver Services for older adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the docket ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0381** The Committee on Education, to which was referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0381, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Open Data Curriculum, awarded by the MA Department of Education to be administered by the Department of Innovation and Technology, submits a report recommending that the Order ought to pass.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 0382** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0382, 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 FY24 Title III-A Administration, 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 the cost for administration of Title III programs, the committee submitted a report recommending that the docket ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

- 0383** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0383, 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 FY24 Title III-Ombudsman 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 consumer protection programs to improve long-term services for older adults in the City of Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0384** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0384, 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 Age Strong Universal Fund, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered by the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund senior center programs and services for older adults in Boston, the committee submitted a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0385** Message and order 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 Recycling Dividends Program 23, awarded by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Department of Public Works. The grant will fund investment in local programs including recycling equipment, organics diversion, outreach and education, pilot programs, school recycling, toxic reduction, and more.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 0386** On the message and order, referred on February 28, 2024, Docket #0386, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount Eighty-Four Thousand Fifty-Eighty Dollars (\$84,058.00) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY24 Title III-D Disease Prevention & 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 docket ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

- 0387** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Ninety-Nine Cents (\$37,293.99) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, awarded by the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of firefighter safety equipment. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice. Later in the session, Councilor Santana moved for reconsideration of Docket #0387. Reconsideration prevailed. On the motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).
- 0388** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Simoni Foundation grant, awarded by the Frank R. and Elizabeth Simoni Foundation, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund and support the work of the Homicide Unit. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice. Later in the session, Councilor Santana moved for reconsideration of Docket #0388. Reconsideration prevailed. On the motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).
- 0389** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$11,330.00) in the form of a grant for the MA State Police passed through FY23 Coverdell Formula Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Justice, passed through the Massachusetts State Police / Crime Laboratory, to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund preparation and application process for laboratory accreditation. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice. Later in the session, Councilor Santana moved for reconsideration of Docket #0389. Reconsideration prevailed. On the motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).
- 0390** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00), in the form of a grant, for the FY23 National Violent Death Reporting System, awarded by the MA Department of Public Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund data collection by the Bureau of Investigation Services and the Drug Control Unit. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice. Later in the session, Councilor Santana moved for reconsideration of Docket #0390. Reconsideration prevailed. On the motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).
- 0391** The Constable Bond of Ron Cobb having been duly approved by the Collector-Treasurer was received and approved under the usual terms and conditions.

- 0392** 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 February 14, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 0393** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the Charlestown Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass.R-55, with respect to Parcel X-28B."
Placed on file.
- 0394** 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 December 13, 2023.
Placed on file.
- 0395** 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 9, 2023.
Placed on file.
- 0396** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Byron Rushing, as a member of the Task Force on the Study on City of Boston Reparations, effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- 0397** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "90 Cushing Ave - Chapter 121A Project."
Placed on file.

Councilor Santana on behalf of the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice submitted the following:

- 0283** On the message and order, referred on February 7, 2024, Docket #0283, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Community Mitigation, awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund investigations that are coordinated between the Boston Police Department Human Trafficking Unit and other law enforcement entities, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).
- 0282** On the message and order, referred on February 7, 2024, Docket #0282, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$92,735.50) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The grant will fund the enhancement of operational capacity at the Boston Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and promote the professional development of OEM staff, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).

0344 On the message and order, referred on February 14, 2024, Docket #0344, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$23,400.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Municipal Road Safety, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund high-visibility enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and occupant protection, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Mejia).

Councilor Worrell on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means submitted the following:

0143 On the message and order, referred on January 24, 2024, Docket #0143, that will authorize the Boston Transportation Department ("BTD") to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with a potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locate curbside EV charging, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order should pass. The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 12, nays 1 (Flynn).

0398 **Councilor Santana, Breadon, Louijeune, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore strategies for developing Mixed-Income Social Housing to increase housing access and affordability for all Bostonians.
On the motion of Councilor Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Breadon and Louijeune as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

0399 On the Home Rule Petition, referred on February 28th, Docket #0399, for a Special Law re: An Age Waiver for Alex Guzman to join the Boston Police Department, the committee submitted a report recommending that the docket ought to pass.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0400 WITHDRAWN

0401 **Councilor Murphy and Flynn offered the following:** Order for a resolution calling for "Sundays for All."
Referred to the Committee on Education.

0402 **Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a resolution recognizing and celebrating Irish-American Heritage Month.
On the motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Breadon as an original co-sponsor.
On the motion of Councilors Flynn, Murphy, and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0404 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following: Resolution to formally support the Roxbury District Increment Financing (DIF) to be utilized in District 7.

On the motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

On the motion of Council President Louijeune, Docket #0415 was taken out of order.

0415 Councilor FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the current trauma response resources in the City of Boston and the potential for expansion. Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

0405 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in recognition and celebration of the great abolitionist Harriet Tubman.

The rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0406 WITHDRAWN

0407 WITHDRAWN

0408 Councilor Flynn, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing the achievements of Black Veterans.

On the motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 12, not present 1 (Breadon).

0409 Councilor Weber, Santana, Durkan, Coletta, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in support of residents, families and staff at the Edgar P. Benjamin Healthcare Center being impacted by the July 1st, 2024 planned closure.

On the motion of Councilors Weber and Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Durkan as an original co-sponsor.

On the motion of Councilors Weber, Santana, and Durkan, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Fernandes Anderson).

0411 Councilor Louijeune, Pepén, Weber, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Santana and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing February as Transit Equity Month.

Councilor Worrell in the Chair.

On the motion of Councilors Louijeune and Pepén, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Weber as an original co-sponsor.

On the motion of Councilors Louijeune, Pepén, and Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11, not present 2 (Breadon, Fernandes Anderson).

0412 Councilor Louijeune, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution declaring March 2, 2024 as Burna Boy Day in the City of Boston.

On the motion of Councilor Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 10, not present 3 (Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, Mejia).

- 0413** Order for a hearing to discuss the results of last year's youth summer jobs programs and prepare for this summer.
Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0414** **Councilor Santana, Louijeune, Weber, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore programs the City of Boston offers or could establish to prevent illegal discrimination by landlords and real estate brokers against prospective tenants utilizing housing choice vouchers.
On the motion of Councilor Santana, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0416** WITHDRAWN
- 0417** WITHDRAWN
- 0418** **Councilor Worrell, FitzGerald, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss long-term city job vacancies.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- 0419** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Edosa Osemwegie in City Council, effective March 4, 2024.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0420** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Caroline O'Neill in City Council, effective March 4, 2024.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0421** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Mark A. Cohen in City Council, effective March 4, 2024.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

- 0457** Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joy Yamagiwa in City Council, effective March 15, 2024.
Passed under suspension of the rules.
- 0458** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Cierra Thompson in City Council, effective March 9, 2024.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

28/24 Legislative Calendar for February 28, 2024.

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

- 0422** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Aoife Griffin.
- 0423** **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Pat Kelly.

- 0424 Councilor Weber and Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Seiji Ozawa.
- 0425 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Complex Consulting for Black History Month.
- 0426 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gee How Oak Tin.
- 0427 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Chinese Merchants Association.
- 0428 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ni Lun Welfare Association.
- 0429 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing and congratulating Hannibal Auto Repair.
- 0430 Councilor FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Marilyn Maloney.
- 0431 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Boston Praise Radio & TV.
- 0432 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nia Grace.
- 0433 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Day of Remembrance for Japanese Americans and their families who were incarcerated during World War II.
- 0434 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution Recognizing Cassandra Campbell.
- 0435 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Robert Curran.
- 0436 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Tony DeBenedictus.
- 0437 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Tony's Market.
- 0438 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating The Square Root.
- 0439 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Pub Quiz.
- 0440 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Torrie Armstrong.
- 0441 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Aaron Onyango.
- 0442 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Cafe Juice Up.
- 0443 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Alex Miselis.
- 0444 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Juan Chavez.

- 0445 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Wellbi Perez.
- 0446 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing nine residents for their continued dedication to Caribbean-American people in the State of Massachusetts.
- 0447 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Ashton Lites.
- 0448 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating 8 people for their services and commitment to Temple Salem SDA Church and the Haitian Community.
- 0449 Councilor Coletta offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Vincenzo Perrone.
- 0450 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Father Daniel Mahoney.
- 0451 Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Euan Davis.
- 0452 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Chef Douglass Williams.
- 0453 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Marie Gentile.
- 0454 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Larry James Jemison.
- 0455 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating 10 people for their commitment in fostering excellence in youth through percussion education, and teamwork.
- 0456 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Justin A. Petty.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 5:15 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Patricia Granara, Robert Curran, Richard Lewis, Marilyn Maloney, George MacDonald, Kevin P. McGrail Sr., Carol Ann Major, Gregory St. Dick and Marie Gentile, to meet again on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk