



October 23, 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, October 23, 2024 at 12:08 PM.

President Louijeune in the Chair. All Councilors Present.

Reverend JD Mangrum, Christ Church, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Louijeune moved to adopt the minutes from the October 9, 2024 meeting.
Motion Prevailed; yeas 12, nays 1 (Flynn).

1542 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-One Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$1,349,531.24) in the form of a grant, for the FFY24 Shelter & Service Program Competitive (SSP-C) grant, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the increase of capacity to shelter non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody, including renovations and modifications to existing facilities.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

1543 Councilor Santana called Docket #1543, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Two Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$1,202,560.90) in the form of a grant for the FY2023 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund critically needed resources that equip and train emergency personnel to recognized standards, enhance operational efficiencies, foster interoperability, and support community resilience, from the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

On motion of Councilor Santana, the order was passed.

Remains in the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

1544 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$999,896.00) in the form of a grant, for the FFY24 Shelter & Services Program Allocated (SSP-A) grant, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC), to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing. The grant will fund the increase of capacity to shelter non-citizen migrants recently released from DHS custody, including renovations and modifications to existing facilities.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

- 1545** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars (\$307,304.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY25 DMH CIT TTAC Grant awarded by the MA Department of Mental Health to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the implementation of 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for officers under the umbrella of the BPD Street Outreach Unit.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1546** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Eighty Thousand Sixty-Five Dollars (\$280,065.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction Program, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund two Criminalist positions, overtime, lab supplies, equipment, and continuing education expenses.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1547** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$166,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the VBS Senior Center grant, awarded by the Donor Group to be administered the Age Strong Commission. The grant will fund the support of the Senior Service Center expenditures.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 1548** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars (\$29,496.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Port Security Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the purchase of a new collar for the 38' Safeboat duty vessel.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1549** Councilor FitzGerald called Docket #1549, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the LGBTQ Mental Health Plan, awarded by United Healthcare Community Plan of Massachusetts to be administered by the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement. The grant will fund community efforts to combat substance abuse and mental illness disparities among the LGBTQ+ community, from the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness & Recovery.
On motion of Councilor FitzGerald, the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 1550** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F pertaining to school bus data, Docket #1446, passed by the Council on September 25, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1551** Communication was received from the Mayor regarding the Home Rule Petition on property tax classification passed by the City Council on June 5, 2024.
Placed on file.
- 1552** Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City on Monday, October 21, 2024 from 11:20 a.m. returning at 9:17 p.m.
Placed on file.

- 1553** Notice was received from the Scott Finn, City Auditor, of the appointment of Timothy Mathis as Deputy City Auditor, effective October 26, 2024. Placed on file.
- 1554** 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 September 25, 2024. Placed on file.
- 1555** 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 October 2, 2024. Placed on file.
- 1556** Communication was received from the City Clerk of the filing by the Boston Planning and Development Agency regarding "Proposed Minor Modification to the Washington Park Urban Renewal Plan, Project No. Mass. R-24, with respect to Parcels S-12B and S-12C." Placed on file.
- 1557** Communication was received from Councilor Flynn regarding Docket #1303, Property Tax Exemption for Veterans. Placed on file.

Councilor Breadon, on behalf of the Committee on Housing and Community Development, submitted the following:

- 1165** On the message and order, Docket #1165, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$75,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commonwealth Builder Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Housing, the committee submitted 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.

Councilor Pepén, on behalf of the Committee on City Services & Innovation Technology, submitted the following:

- 1210** Order for a hearing to support the creation of lending libraries to benefit residents and reduce wasteful purchases. Remains in the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

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

- 1035** Order for a hearing to discuss causes of increases in Boston Police overtime spending. Remains in the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

- 1205** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to provide critical public safety support and address quality of life issues relating to the crisis at Mass and Cass. Remains in the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

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

- 1303** Order to increase Veterans property tax exemption. On motion of Councilors Worrell and Louijeune, the order was passed (not present, Flynn).

On motion of President Louijeune, Docket #1571 was taken out of order:

1571 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Flynn, Weber, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following: Resolution standing in solidarity with UNITE HERE Local 26 Boston Hotel Workers.

On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Weber as an original co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata, Flynn, and Weber, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

On motion of President Louijeune, Docket #1570 was taken out of order:

1570 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing October 26, 2024 as Intersex Awareness Day.

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

1558 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding the establishment of a municipal climate bank in Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.

1559 Councilor Pepén, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing on winter weather preparation and safety.

Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

1560 Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss financial literacy programs in Boston Public Schools.

On motion of Councilor Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Mejia and Murphy as co-sponsors.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

1561 Councilor Santana, Pepén, Durkan, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore how changes to planning, development, zoning, and land use policies in Austin, TX have increased housing production and affordability, and the potential to apply similar policies in Boston.

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

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

1562 Councilor Flynn, Mejia, Breadon, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing regarding public safety and quality of life issues in Downtown & Boston Common.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 1563 Councilor Louijeune, Durkan, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the effectiveness of high-dosage tutoring and other academic recovery strategies.
Councilor Worrell in the chair.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Durkan and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Education.
- 1564 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding nominations for the Civilian Review Board and Internal Affairs Oversight Panel within the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency.
Councilor Louijeune in the chair.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1565 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding all newly created job positions.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1566 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution designating a Hero Square at the intersection of Blue Hill Ave. and Quincy St. in recognition of Rinaldo L Sestito.
On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1567 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Louijeune, Breadon, FitzGerald, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution standing in solidarity with pregnant patients and medical professionals in Texas.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Durkan, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 11, not present 2 (Fernandes Anderson, Mejia).
- 1568 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Louijeune, Breadon, FitzGerald, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution celebrating the Declaration of Republic of Türkiye and the 29th Annual Boston Turkish Arts & Culture Festival.
On motion of Councilors Coletta Zapata and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 1569 Councilor Flynn, Durkan, FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in support of our local restaurants in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce & Economic Development.

0116 Councilor Murphy called Docket #0116, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative, from the Committee on Strong Women, Families and Communities.

On motion of Councilor Murphy, the order was passed.

1475 Councilor Coletta Zapata called Docket #1475, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Clougherty Pool Project, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury passed through the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to be administered by the Public Facilities Department. The grant will fund the Clougherty Pool replacement and bathhouse renovation project, from the Committee of Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks. On motion of Councilor Coletta Zapata, the order was passed.

1386 Councilor Pepén called Docket #1386, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the MBI Digital Equity Partnership Program, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, to be administered by the Department of Innovation & Technology. The grant will fund services and support for residents of the Commonwealth who cannot afford broadband service and/or internet connected devices or lack the digital literacy skills needed to utilize the internet, from the Committee on City Services & Innovation Technology.

On motion of Councilor Pepén, the order was passed.

1430 Councilor Worrell called Docket #1430, message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$2,225,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Pauline Agassiz Shaw-Charles H. Taylor Elementary School, Mattapan, MA 02126. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools, from the Committee on Ways & Means.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the order was read a second time and passed; yeas 12, not present 1 (Fernandes Anderson).

The Chair stated in absence of objection, one late file matter would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following item was added:

1611 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: order for the appointment of temporary employee Kiara Montes De Oca in City Council, effective October 21, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

/23/24 Legislative Calendar for October 23, 2024.

Councilor Louijeune moved adoption of a Consent Agenda containing the following items:

- 1572 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Christian Rosa & Rosa Liquors.
- 1573 Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mather Elementary School.
- 1574 Councilor FitzGerald and Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jose Ruiz.
- 1575 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brenda Figueroa.
- 1576 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ayesha Lawton.
- 1577 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Robert Carrera.
- 1578 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Geovani Rodriguez.
- 1579 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Gethro Montperouse.
- 1580 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alejandro Castillo.
- 1581 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Dante Webb.
- 1582 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- 1583 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing St. Peter's Church.
- 1584 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Royce Cross.
- 1585 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kaitlyn Keaney Fund.
- 1586 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing El Grito de Yara Heritage Day.
- 1587 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence.
- 1588 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing An Evening of Remembrance and Hope.
- 1589 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.
- 1590 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mary Susan DeLaura.
- 1591 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brenda Rodriguez "Pilares de la Hispanidad 2024."
- 1592 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Wilson Martinez "Pilares de la Hispanidad 2024."

- 1593 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Enilda Lovo.
- 1594 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alexis Cervasio.
- 1595 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tommy Welch.
- 1596 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nick Free.
- 1597 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brian Lynch.
- 1598 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the eight District 5 graduates of Immigrants Lead Boston.
- 1599 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Lee Blasi.
- 1600 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Juan Chavez.
- 1601 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Ayanna Lorde.
- 1602 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Neighborhood Food Action Collaborative.
- 1603 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Panlyfe Project.
- 1604 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Daily Table.
- 1605 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Greater Boston Food Bank.
- 1606 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Liz Vizza.
- 1607 Councilor Pepén offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Mattapan Food and Fitness Colaition.
- 1608 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Women's Lunch Place.
- 1609 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kwong Kow Chinese School.
- 1610 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Glenn Inghram.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 3:33 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of of Lina Capogreco, Michele Morgan, Kathleen Elliot, Sister Evelyn Hurley, Jean Marie Whelan, Robert (Bob) Julien, Kathleen McDonough, Bill Matheny, Alex Olmedo Soto, Freddie Mendes, Richard Chalfin, Dante Webb, Alma Smith, Glenn Inghram, and Aileen Gloria Castillo, to meet again at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk