



September 15, 2021

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on September 15, 2021 at 12:02 P.M.

President Pro Tempore O'Malley in the Chair. Absent Janey.

City Clerk Maureen Feeney delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Pro Tempore O'Malley moved to adopt the minutes from the August 18, 2021 meeting. Motion prevailed; yeas 12.

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- 0953** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Commonwealth Builder Program, awarded by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund the creation of workforce homeownership housing units and the long-term availability of those units to eligible moderate-income households.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0954** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Public Safety Answering Point Support and Incentive Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The Grant will fund costs associated with providing Enhanced 911 Services.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0955** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Allston-Brighton Homeowner Fund, awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Department of Neighborhood Development. The grant will fund programming to foster affordable homeownership and homeowner stability in Allston Brighton.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 0956** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$399,418.73) in the form of a grant for the FY22 State 911 Training Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund the training and certification of Enhanced 911 Telecommunications staff.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- [0957](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$254,194.00) in the form of a grant, for the Challenge Grant, awarded by the William T. Grant Foundation, passed through Northeastern University, to be administered by the Department of Youth and & Employment. The grant will fund research by Northeastern University Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy that inform the design of a more inclusive workforce development system for the youth in Boston. Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Workforce Development.
- [0958](#) 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 No Kid Hungry, awarded by Share Our Strength to be administered by the Office of Food Access. The grant will fund school-based food programs (BosFoodLove) and the Community Hub Schools Initiative. Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- [0959](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$44,647.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY20 CARES Act Supplemental Operating Funds, awarded by the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development, passed through the Boston Housing Authority, to be administered by the Office of Food Access. The grant will fund food box preparation and delivery services to eight BHA housing sites. The rules were suspended; the order was passed;
- [0960](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$32,500.00) in the form of a grant for a Policy Fellowship, awarded by the University of Massachusetts to be administered by the Office of Equity. The grant will fund a research fellow who will assist in tracking a diverse portfolio of policy issues, and benchmarking policy trends nationally. The rules were suspended; the order was passed;
- [0961](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Youth Poet Laureate Program, awarded by Donor Groups to be administered by the Arts & Culture. The grant will fund and support the publication of the next Youth Poet Laureate Book. The rules were suspended; the order was passed;
- [0962](#) Notice was received from the Acting Mayor of the appointment of Alison Brizius as Commissioner of the Environment Department effective August 2, 2021. Placed on file.
- [0963](#) 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 18, 2021. Placed on file.
- [0964](#) The Constables Bond of Samuel Desrosiers has been duly approved and received by the Collector-Treasurer and approved under the usual terms and conditions.

0965 Notice was received from the Acting Mayor of the appointment of Jasmin Winn as the Project Manager for the Boston Cannabis Board effective September 20, 2021.

Placed on file.

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

0549 On the message and order referred on April 14, 2021, Docket #0549, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Million Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred Three Dollars (\$2,051,903.00) in the form of a grant for the Boston Cultural Fund, awarded by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to be administered by the Office of Arts and Culture. The grant will fund cultural spaces, organizations, programs, artists, and activities in the South End, with the goal of preserving and enhancing cultural activity, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted the order was passed.

Councilor Edwards, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

0353 On the communication referred on February 24, 2021, Docket #0353, was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair, of the Board of Election, for your approval a citizen petition entitled "Petition for Eversource Substation East Boston", the committee submitted a report recommending the petition ought to pass in a new draft.

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

0481 On the message and ordinance referred on March 31, 2021, Docket #0481, Amending the City of Boston Code, Section 5-5.20, Paid Parental Leave for City of Boston Employees, the committee submitted a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed.

0773 On the ordinance referred on June 16, 2021, Docket #0773, ordinance creating a Commission on Black Men and Boys, the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.

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

0896 On the Communication referred on August 18, 2021, Docket #0896, was received from Eneida Tavares, Chair, of the Board of Election, for your approval a citizen petition entitled "An Elected Boston School Committee" for the placement of a local nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot of the next regular municipal election on November 2, 2021, submits a report recommending that the petition ought to pass.

The report was accepted; the petition was passed.

0775 Ordinance Amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter VII, Sections 7-2.1 and 7-2.2, Building Energy Reporting and Disclosure (BERDO).

Remains in the committee of Government Operations.

0966 Councilor Bok, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Campbell, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, Mejia, O'Malley and Wu offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss city protocols for providing public records.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

Councilor Edwards in the Chair

0967 Councilor O'Malley, Campbell, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, Mejia and Wu offered the following: Order regarding Civilian Review Board nominations.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice..

President Pro Tempore O'Malley in the Chair.

0968 Councilor Arroyo, Mejia, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Campbell, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Flynn, O'Malley and Wu offered the following: Resolution recognizing September 15th-October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Boston.

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

0969 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Campbell, Edwards, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Mejia, O'Malley and Wu offered the following: Resolution celebrating Always Ask, Proud to Tell Day.

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

0970 Councilor O'Malley for Councilor Bok offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Kennedy Avery and Emily Brown in City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rules

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, two late-filed matters will be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matters were added.

Councilor Flaherty in the Chair.

0992 Councilor Edwards, O'Malley, Flynn, Arroyo, Baker, Bok, Breadon, Campbell, Essaibi George, Flaherty, Janey, Mejia and Wu offered the following: An Ordinance increasing Voter Participation through Prepaid Return Envelopes for Mail-In Voting.

On motion of Councilors Edwards and O'Malley, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Flynn as a co-sponsor.

On motion of Councilors Edwards, O'Malley and Flynn, the rules were suspended; the ordinance was passed.

President Pro Tempore O'Malley in the Chair.

0993 Councilor Edwards, Arroyo, Bok, Breadon, Flynn, Flaherty, Mejia, O'Malley, Wu and Essaibi George offered the following: Order for a Hearing regarding the Status of the BPDA's Plan: East Boston Initiative
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

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

0971 Councilor O'Malley offered the following: Resolution in memory of Orestes Demetriades.

0972 Councilor O'Malley and Arroyo offered the following: Resolution in memory of Thomas M. Donahue.

0973 Councilor O'Malley offered the following: Resolution congratulating Nicole Dumas.

0974 Councilor O'Malley offered the following: Resolution recognizing Margot Gillian O'Malley.

0975 Councilor O'Malley offered the following: Resolution congratulating Officer Jorge Mercado.

0976 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Alison Newman.

- 0977** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Chrismaldi Vazquez-Casado.
- 0978** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Black Boston COVID Coalition.
- 0979** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Yhinny Matos.
- 0980** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Monica Cannon Grant.
- 0981** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Tufts Health Plan Senior Care Option.
- 0982** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Vetto Casado.
- 0983** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Determined Divas.
- 0984** Councilor Mejia offered the following: Resolution recognizing Pamela Aimee Leins.
- 0985** Councilor Campbell offered the following: Resolution recognizing John Martin.
- 0986** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Man Ho Chan.
- 0987** Councilor Campbell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Omesa Spencer.
- 0988** Councilor Campbell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Lesley Durant.
- 0989** Councilor Campbell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Janette Bartley.
- 0990** Councilor Campbell offered the following: Resolution recognizing Raymond Nenbard.
- 0991** Councilor O'Malley and Bok offered the following: Resolution congratulating Michelle Goldberg and PJ McCaw.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 1:35 p.m., on motion of President Pro Tempore O'Malley, in memory of Thomas Browne, Mary "Marie" Caruso, Matti Spencer, Zack Thompson, Helen Barret, Shermon Evans, Man Ho Chan, Thomas Tinlin, Thomas M. Donahue, Orestes Demetriades, Norm Macdonald, US Marine SGT. Johanny Rosario Pichardo, James "Jimmy" Hayes and David Jones, to meet again on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Maureen Feeney
City Clerk