



CITY COUNCIL
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- Alex Jarrett, Ward 5
- Marianne L. LaBarge, Ward 6
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Meeting Agenda
On-line Video Meeting
Meeting Date: April 16, 2020
Meeting Time: 7 p.m.

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1. Announcement that Meeting is Being Held Via Video Conference Software and Audio/Video Recorded

This meeting is being held via video conference software and audio/video recorded.

2. Public Comment

3. Roll Call

4. **Public Hearings**
5. **Updates from Council President and Committee Chairs**
6. **Recognitions and One-Minute Announcements by Councilors**
7. **Communications and Proclamations from the Mayor**
8. **Resolutions**
9. **Presentations**
10. **Consent Agenda**

A. Minutes of April 2, 2020

Documents:

[4-02-2020_City Council Minutes.pdf](#)

11. Recess for Committee on Finance (See Separate Agenda)

12. Financial Orders (on 1st reading pending Finance review)

Rule 2.6 requires the Finance Committee to consider certain financial matters.

A. 20.041 An Order to Authorize Acceptance of Easements from MassDOT for Damon Road Reconstruction - 1st reading

Process note: The Department of Public Works respectfully requests two readings to accommodate the state's construction schedule.

Documents:

[20.041 An Order to Authorize Acceptance of Easements from MassDOT for Damon Road Reconstruction.pdf](#)

[20.041 Detail of MassDOT Easements.pdf](#)

[20.041 Grant of Easement.pdf](#)

[20.041 Damon Road Alteration Plan.pdf](#)

13. Financial Orders (on 2nd reading)

A. 20.032 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2021 - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/2/2020

Documents:

[20.032 An Order to Establish Water and Sewer Rates for FY2021.pdf](#)

B. 20.035 An Order to Accept a Donation of Land on Woodland Drive for Housing and Trail Uses - 2nd reading

History:

- Amended to change 'Tiffany Lane' to 'Ladyslipper Lane' in Item #3 of second 'whereas' clause, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading

Documents:

[20.035 An Order to Accept a Donation of Land on Woodland Drive for Housing and Trail Uses.pdf](#)

C. 20.036 An Order to Accept a Donation of Easement for Electric Power to NSH Memorial Park - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading - 4/2/2020

Documents:

[20.036 An Order to Accept a Donation of Easement for Electric Power to NSH Memorial Park.pdf](#)

D. 20.038 An Order to Appropriate \$3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading 7:0 with one abstention (Councilor Jarrett) and one absence (Councilor Foster)

Documents:

[20.038 An Order to Appropriate 3,000 in CPA Funds to Lathrop Communities for Invasive Species Removal.pdf](#)

E. 20.039 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Beaver Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project - 2nd reading

History:

- Positive recommendation, Finance Committee - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading 7:0 with one abstention (Councilor Jarrett) and one

absence (Councilor Foster) - 4/2/2020

Documents:

[20.039 An Order to Appropriate CPA Funds for Beaver Brook Greenway Invasive Plant Control Project.pdf](#)

14. Orders

15. Ordinances (Not yet Referred)

Rule 5.2.3 provides that no ordinance shall be voted on by the City Council until it has been considered by the Committee on Legislative Matters.

16. Ordinances

A. 19.173 An Ordinance to Allow Change from One Conforming Use to Another without a Finding - 2nd reading

History:

- Referred to Legislative Matters (LM) and the Planning Board (PB) - 11/21/2019
- Positive recommendation with amendments, PB - 01/09/2020
- Public hearing opened and continued to 3/9/2020, LM - 2/10/2020
- Public hearing closed; positive recommendation with stipulation that OPS provide language for amendment to continue to require Findings for projects that don't otherwise trigger PB review (split vote - 3:1) - 3/9/2020
- Continued to 4/2/2020 - 3/19/2020
- Amended to add sentence, "If the proposal triggers review by another Board under subsection b, above, no ZBA finding shall be required." - 4/2/2020
- Passed 1st reading 7:1 with Quinlan opposed - 4/2/2020

Documents:

[9.3 post LM 3-31.pdf](#)

17. Information Requests (Charter Provision 2-7) and Committee Study Requests

18. New Business

19. Adjourn

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