

Votes taken October 17, 2022

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings: July 5th 2022 regular meeting
Proclamations/Correspondence. UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro)

Consideration of Appointments:

Tony Sciacca - Constable Approved: Unanimous yes

Agenda Items taken out of order:

TO-22-28 An Ordinance to Amend Section 9-63 of Methuen's Ordinances to Allow School Buses that Weight Five Tons or More to Park on Residential Driveways (Sponsored by Vice-Chair Zeigler and Chair Beauregard)

MOTION BY: Councilor Faretra, seconded by Councilor Saffie to adopt.

MOTION BY: Councilor Finocchiaro, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to amend the fourth paragraph "to prevent idling of vehicles at any time" and "particularly during the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m." UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Saba)

MOTION BY: Councilor Finocchiaro, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to amend "Section (2) the bus must be parked in a driveway" by adding language "in a paved driveway and that no part of the vehicle shall be on a public way".

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Saba)

MOTION BY: Councilor Zeigler, seconded by Councilor Faretra to adopt as amended.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: (as amended) 5 yes, 4 no (Clr. Finocchiaro, Clr. Saba, Clr. Simard, and Clr. DiZoglio)

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-22-45 A Resolution Authorizing the City of Methuen's Participation in Municipal Power Supply Aggregation and the Adoption of the City's Updated Community Choice Power Supply Program Aggregation Plan (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Faretra to remove from the table. UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to adopt.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes

TR-22-81 A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Home Rule Petition to Amend the Methuen Home Rule Charter to Require Methuen City Councilors and Methuen School Committee Members to Complete an Annual Municipal Finance Training Program (Sponsored by Chairman Beauregard, Vice-Chairwoman Zeigler, Councilor Faretra, and Councilor Saffie)

MOTION BY: Councilor Saffie, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to remove from the table.
UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

MOTION BY: Councilor Zeigler, seconded by Councilor Saffie to approve.

MOTION BY: Councilor Finocchiaro, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to add language after finance training program that “no city of Methuen taxpayer funds will be expended as a result of this resolution”.

MOTION BY: Councilor Finocchiaro, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to amend to change this item to a resolution instead of a Home Rule Petition, delete language in the title, “delete great and general court”, delete “attached petition” on second page,listen to tape

UPON VOTE: 6 no, 3 yes (Clr. Finocchiaro, Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio)

UPON VOTE: (as amended) 5 no, 4 yes (Clr. Finocchiaro, Clr. Saffie, Clr. Zeigler, and Clr. Beauregard)

TR-22-83 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2022 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award \$15,984

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes

TR-22-84 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2023 Walmart Community Grant in the Amount of \$2,500

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

TR-22-85 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$40,000 Fiscal Year 2023 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Compact Grant

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 out of room (Clr. Simard)

TR-22-86 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$20,000 Fiscal Year 2023 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Compact Grant

UPON VOTE: 8 yes, 1 out of room (Clr. Simard)

TR-22-87 Resolution to Allocate up to \$400,000 from the City of Methuen’s Apportionment of American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) monies to Fund a Home Heating Fuel Assistance Program to Qualifying Methuen Residents to Offset Anticipated Massive Utility Rate Increases during the Winter of 2022-2023

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

MOTION BY: Councilor DiZoglio, seconded by Councilor Zeigler to approve.

MOTION BY: Councilor Zeigler, seconded by Councilor Faretra to approve the proposed amendment brought forward by the Mayor.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

MOTION BY: Councilor Zeigler, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to amend to “restricted to people who have been a resident of Methuen for a minimum of twelve months.”

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ADOPTED AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS

TR-22-88 A Resolution Proclaiming Community Day in the City of Methuen (authored by Methuen Community Studios and sponsored by Vice-Chair Zeigler and Chair Beauregard

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Ordinances:

TO-22-26 An Ordinance Amending the Wage & Salary Classification Plan, AFSCME B, Local Building Inspector

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

New Business

Resolutions:

TR-22-12 A Resolution to File a Complaint Against Attorney Gary. G. Nolan to the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers (Sponsored by Councilors McCarty, Saba, Simard, and Chairman Beauregard.

UPON VOTE to table: UNANIMOUS yes.

TR-22-89 Resolution Declaring Surplus Equipment and Authorizing Auction Surplus Equipment

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

TR-22-90 Resolution Authorizing Expenditures of \$41,800 from the Edwin J. Castle Fund

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

TR-22-91 A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a FY'23 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant in the Amount of \$180,964.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

Ordinances: None

Public Service:

Grants: None

Licenses: None

Contracts:

C-23-34 McGovern Municipal 1200 Worcester Rd, Framingham, MA 01702 for One 2022 Ford Explorer, XLT, 4WD (Assessor's Office) in the Amount of \$36,462.00

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

C-23-35 Woodard and Curran, 40 Shattuck Road, Suite 100, Andover, MA 01810 for Conceptual Design of the Lowell Street Drainage improvement in the amount of \$40,000

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes

Chair Beauregard read the Executive Session Notice:

“The Methuen City Council will vote to enter into Executive Session with the Mayor, Methuen’s Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, Methuen’s Chief Information Officer, and legal counsel for the City of Methuen, in accordance with Exemption 4 (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4)) in order to discuss the deployment of security personnel or devices, or strategies with respect thereto, and in particular to review and approve one contract in the amount of \$49,627.47 (C-23-36) for the provision of cybersecurity services to the City of Methuen – public discussion of which may be reasonably likely to harm the security of the City’s information systems.

Following the Executive Session, the Methuen City Council will reconvene in open session, and the Council Chair will publicly announce the result of the vote. no further information or documentation will be furnished given the sensitivity surrounding cybersecurity, consistent with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(4) and Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 4, Section 7, Clause 26(n)”

MOTION BY: Councilor Zeigler, seconded by Councilor DiZoglio to enter into Executive Session.

UPON ROLL CALL VOTE: UNANIMOUS yes.

Council reconvened upon adjournment of Executive Session.

Chair Beauregard announced Contract C-23-36 was approved by a unanimous vote.

C-23-36 Advizex Technologies, LLC, Independence OH 44131 for Backup and Recovery Solution in the Amount of \$49,627.47