

Methuen City Council – Regular Meeting
Monday, November 21st 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
Great Hall, Searles Building

Roll Call

Acceptance of the Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings: November 7th 2022 regular meeting Approved Vote; 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro) February 22nd 2022 regular meeting Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro)

Public Service:

Grants: None

Licenses: Second Hand Dealer Application – George & Mary Simonian d/b/a Lockhaven Antiques, 512 Merrimack Street, Methuen, MA Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

Second Hand Dealer Application – GameStop, Inc., 90 Pleasant Valley Street, Methuen, MA Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

Contracts:

C-23-46 Woodard and Curran, 40 Shattuck Road, Suite 110, Andover, MA 01810 for Development of an Asset Management Program in the Amount of \$160,000.00

Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

C-23-47 N. Granese & Sons Inc., 59 Jefferson Ave. Salem, MA 01970 for Emergency Broken 20" Flanged Pipe Break @ WTP in the Amount of \$47,598.97 Approved Vote:

Unanimous yes

C-23-48 N. Granese & Sons, Inc., 59 Jefferson Ave., Salem, MA 01970 for Emergency Water Transmission Repair – 16" Burnham Road/Haverhill Street in the Amount of \$60,500.11

Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

C-23-49 UTEC (United Teen Equality Center), 250 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA 01840 for Carpet & Mattress Recycling Services in the Amount of \$72,000.00 (year one @ \$24,000.00 with 2 one year options to renew @ \$24,000.00 per year) Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

C-23-50 Water Safety Service, Inc., 6 Walnut Hill Park, Woburn, MA 01801 for Backflow Prevention Device Testing & Cross Connection Program in the Amount of \$36,540.00 Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

C-23-51 All Sports Heroes Uniform & Supply, 18 First Street, Lowell, MA 01850 for Bullet Proof Vest – Police in the Amount of \$27,324.00 Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

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Other Officers and Committee Reports

Unfinished Business

Resolutions:

TR-22-92 A Resolution to Prohibit the Opening of Supervised Narcotics Injection Sites in the City of Methuen (Request of Chair Beauregard, Councilor Saffie, and Councilor Simard)

Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

TR-22-93 A Resolution to Declare the Methuen City Council's Staunch Opposition to the "Defund the Police" Movement (Request of Chair Beauregard, Councilor DiZoglio, Councilor Saffie, and Councilor Simard) Approved as amended Vote: Unanimous yes

TR-22-94 Resolution (Req. of Clr. Finocchiaro) Approved Vote: 5 yes, 4 no (Clr. Saffie, Clr. DiZoglio, Clr. Saba, Clr. Beauregard)

TR-22-95 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Housing Choice Initiative Planning Grant Awarded to the City in the Amount of \$50,000 Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

TR-22-96 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Gift of \$50 from Joanne Rader and Stephen Windle to Provide for Continuing Operations of the Methuen Cares Initiative Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

Ordinances:

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TO-22-29 An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary – Personnel Coordinator (amended job description) Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

Consideration of Appointments: None

New Business

Resolutions:

TR-22-97 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from Free Cash of \$25,000 for the funding of purchase and installation of a new ADA accessible door at the Senior Center Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

TR-22-98 Resolution Authorizing Transfer from Free Cash of \$35,000 for funding the Clean River Project contract Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

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TR-22-99 Resolution by the City Council Providing for the Approval Red Activity and Use Limitation at 54 Osgood Street Approved Vote: 8 yes 1 present (Clr. Finocchiaro)

TR-22-100 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Road Safety Grant Approved Vote: Unanimous yes

TR-22-101 Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of \$1,127.50 from the Edwin J. Castle Fund
Resolution Authorizing: Approved Vote: 7 yes 2 no (Clr. Faretra, Clr. Saba)

TR-22-102 Order of Taking for a Public Purpose For 9 Branch Street, Methuen, Massachusetts 01844 (“Property”); Approved Vote: 8 yes 1 out of room (Clr. Faretra)

TR-22-103 Exclusive Use Agreement Between the City of Methuen (“City”) and Methuen Public School District (“School District”) for the School District’s Exclusive Use of the Property for School-Related Purposes; and Approved Vote: 8 yes 1 out of room (Clr. Faretra)

TR-22-104 A Notice of Federal Interest in the Property (9 Branch Street). Approved Vote: 8 yes 1 out of room (Clr. Faretra)

Ordinances: None

Executive Session: Open Meeting Law Complaint

The Methuen City Council will vote to enter into Executive Session with the Mayor, the Chief of Police of the City of Methuen, Methuen’s Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, the Superintendent of the Methuen Public School District and her staff, and legal counsel for the City of Methuen, in accordance with Exemption 7 (Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(7)), to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, and in particular, to review and act under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 23(b), regarding a complaint under the Open Meeting Law by Robert DeFusco against the Methuen City Council. After the Executive Session, the Methuen City Council will reconvene in open session. 15. Requests of Councilor

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Approved Vote: Unanimous yes