

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.

GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings

June 5, 2023 – Regular Meeting, Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie) June 6th Special Meeting, Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie) June 12th Special Meeting, Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie) and June 13th Special Meeting Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

Consideration of Appointments:

Nicholas Conway promoted to Permanent Police Sergeant

Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

Presentations/Projects/Department Updates

July Foundation Award – Ken Greenwood – Twaites Market

Request of Councilor Faretra – Presentation from Harvey Trash on updates relative to the trash system

Public Service

- a. Grants: None
- b. Licenses: Vehicle for Hire License – (new) ASW Limousine LLC, 90 Leroy Avenue, Methuen, MA 01844 **Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**
- c. Contracts:

C-24-1 Belko Landscaping, LLC, 242 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH 03079 for Improvements to the Playground & Park Facilities @ Gill Avenue in the Amount of \$670,945.00 **Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Unfinished Business

Resolutions: None

Ordinances: None

New Business

Resolutions:

TR-23-37 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of \$25,000 from the General Fund Department of Public Works Personal Services Expenses to the General Fund Department of Public Works Other Expenses budget line due to excess fuel expenditures (EPA Requested)
Requested by: Mayor and CAFO

Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

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TR-23-38 Resolution Authorizing Transfer \$150 from Accounting Personal Service Expense to be transferred to Assessor Personal Service Expense to fund necessary year-end personnel expenditure projections (EPA Requested) **Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Finocchiaro) 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Requested by: Mayor and CAFO Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

TR-23-39 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2024 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Training grant of \$194,373.09 *Requested by: Mayor, CAFO and Chief of Police Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)*

TR-23-40 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2024 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant of \$180,964 *Requested by: Mayor, CAFO and Chief of Police Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)*

TR-23-41 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance & Expenditure of a Brownfields Assessment Program Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of \$500,000 (EPA Requested) **Approved Vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. Faretra), 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Requested by: Mayor, CAFO and Director of Community Development Approved Vote: 8 yes, 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)

TR-23-42 A Resolution to Expand Access to All Public Meetings Request of Chair Zeigler and Councilor Beauregard **Vote to Table: 6 yes, 2 no (Clr. DiZoglio, Clr. Zeigler), 1 absent (Clr. Saffie)**

Ordinances: None

Vote to Enter Executive Session 7 yes, 1 no (Clr. DiZoglio), 1 absent (Clr. Saffie) (9:30 p.m)

EXECUTIVE SESSION – EXEMPTION 7

The Methuen City Council will vote to enter into Executive Session with the Mayor and Methuen's City Solicitor, 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 comply with or act under Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:07.

If the Methuen City Council enters into executive session, the Council will adjourn for the evening at the end of the executive session and not reconvene in an open session.