

VOTES TAKEN - METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

1. **Roll Call** - Members present - **Chair Marsan, Vice-Chair Soto, Clr. DiZoglio, Clr. Faretra, Clr. Pesce, Clr. Saffie Clr. Surillo and Clr. Valley (Absent – Clr. Campagnone)**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda** - Motion to accept the agenda by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Faretra – **Unanimous**
3. **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings:** February 18, 2025 regular meeting – Motion to accept by Vice Chair Soto, seconded by Clr. Valley – **6 yes, 2 present (Clr. Pesce & Clr. Faretra) and 1 abstention (Clr. DiZoglio)** and February 20, 2025 special meeting – Motion to accept by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Surillo – **8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. DiZoglio)**
4. **Consideration of Appointments:**
  - Jody Ste. Marie – Methuen Fire Department – Acting Lieutenant to Permanent Lieutenant – Motion to appoint by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. DiZoglio – **Unanimous**
  - Janet McLennan – Board of Assessors (Reappointment) – Motion to reappoint by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Surillo – **8 yes, 1 abstention (Clr. Valley)**
  - Ronald Bertheim – Constable (Reappointment) – Motion to reappoint by Clr. Surillo, seconded by Clr. DiZoglio – **Unanimous.**
5. **PUBLIC SERVICE:**
  - A) Grants: None
  - B) Licenses: None
  - C) Contracts:

**C-25-64** – TEC, Inc., 282 Merrimack Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lawrence, MA 01843 – Lowell Street Barrier Removal Project - \$104,000.00 - Engineering Services for Pedestrian Curb Ramp Improvements Along Lowell Street - Improvements will include 14 intersections along Lowell Street between Five Corners and Oakland Avenue (*Requested by the Mayor and Director of Economic and Community Development; Funded via the FY23 and FY24 CIP*) – Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Surillo – **Unanimous.**

**C-25-65** - Memorandum of Understanding between the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS); Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE); Department of Children and Families (DCF); and Methuen Public Schools – Reimbursement through the Every Student Succeeds Act-Transportation Claiming Under Title IV-E of the Social

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Security Act - \$36,000 (*Requested by the Superintendent of Schools*) – **Motion to approve by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Faretra, seconded by Clr. Surillo – Unanimous.**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolutions:

**TR-25-10** – Resolution Requesting the Mayor to Develop an Opt-In Recycling Program for Condominium Associations, Business Owners & Homeowner Associations (Requested by Councilors Marsan, Soto, Pesce and Valley) – **Motion to amend by Clr. Pesce, seconded by Clr. DiZoglio – to add in paragraph 7, “And one designated representative from the list of 12 condominium complexes/associations” – 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Faretra) – Motion to amend by Clr. DiZoglio, seconded by Clr. Pesce to strike “curbside” in paragraph 6 – 4 yes, 5 no (Clr. Soto, Clr. Surillo, Clr. Valley, Clr. Campagnone and Chair Marsan – FAILED – Motion to amend by Clr. DiZoglio, seconded by Clr. Pesce to strike last paragraph in the resolution – 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Soto) – Motion to amend by Clr. Pesce, seconded by Clr. Soto – to add “if and when the City begins negotiations with existing or other vendor” – 7 yes, 2 no (Clr. DiZoglio & Clr. Faretra) – Motion to approve the main motion with amendments – 8 yes, 1 no (Clr. Faretra)**

**TR-25-11** - An Order Authorizing a Borrowing to Pay Costs for the Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (Requested by the Mayor and CAFO) (As amended) – **Motion to approve by Clr. DiZoglio, seconded by Clr. Faretra - Unanimous**

**TR-25-12** - A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of \$96,360 for the Fiscal Year 2025 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Critical Incident Stress Management Grant Program (Requested by the Mayor and Chief of Police) **Motion to approve and effective upon passage by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Faretra - Unanimous**

Ordinances: None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions:

Ordinances:

**8. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn at 9:27 PM by Clr. Soto, seconded by Clr. Valley - Unanimous**