

City of Beverly
Regular City Council Meeting
Public Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 7:00pm
City Council Chambers, 191 Cabot St.

Julie Flowers, City Council President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. City Clerk, Lisa Kent, took attendance by roll call.

Members Present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Kathleen Feldman, Scott Houseman, Todd Rotondo, Matthew St. Hilaire, Estelle Rand, Brendan Sweeney, Julie Flowers

Members Absent: None

Crowley led the pledge of allegiance.

Comments by Citizens

Neil Levine, 36 Thorndike Street, shared some perspectives on Beverly's efforts to make the City more welcoming for those that live here and spoke about the vacant DEI [Diversity Equity and Inclusion] director position and the audit that was completed.

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Special City Council Meeting-June 27, 2022

Special City Council Meeting-October 24, 2022

Regular City Council Meeting-January 3, 2023

Public Services Committee Meeting-January 9, 2023

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Communications from His Honor the Mayor

Order #011-Grant-\$500,000 Green Communities Decarbonization grant from Mass Department of Energy Resources to be used to replace the main library HVAC system. This grant requires a 25% match of funding.

Referred to Committee on Finance and Property.

Order #012-Grant-\$5,481 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant and a Senior SAFE grant for \$2,477 from EOPSS. These grants will be used by the Beverly Fire Department to teach fire and life safety to children in schools.

Referred to Committee on Finance and Property.

Order #013-Reappointment-Mr. Sean Leach, 63 Kernwood Avenue to serve as a Mayoral Appointee to the Clean Energy Committee.

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

Communications from other City Officers and Boards

Order #014-Councilor Rotondo-A proposal to name the Harbormaster Building in honor of the late Harbormaster Daniel McPherson

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Order #015-City Clerk-Approval for the 2023 Municipal Election Calendar

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #016-City Clerk-Application for a new lodging license for 278 Rantoul Street LLC, located at 278 Rantoul Street (new ownership)

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Order #017-Application for a renewal of a lodging license for Turner Properties, Cabot Lodge 91-93 Cabot Street

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Order #279B-Councilor Houseman-Order #279, Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Order #018-Councilor Rotondo-Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 270-33D; prohibiting entrance to Kernwood Heights from Bridge Street, September 1 through June 30, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

Order #019-President Flowers-Request for a City Council reappointment for Frederic Hopps, 15 Walcott Road, to serve on the Clean Energy Advisory Committee

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

Order #020-President Flowers-Request for a City Council reappointment for Thomas Keeley, 27 Brackenbury Lane to serve on the Clean Energy Advisory Committee

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

Order #021-City Clerk-A request to change the November 13, 2023 City Council Meeting to October 30, 2023, due to the Observation of Veterans Day

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Communications, Application and Petitions

Order #-022-Department of Environmental Protection-Issuance of Chapter 91 Waterways License No. 15576

A motion to receive and place on file was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #023-Notice of Public Involvement Plan meeting Phase III remedial action Plan-150 Sohier Road

A motion to receive and place on file was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #024-Glovsky, Counselors at Law-A request for Short-Term On-Street Parking at 480 Rantoul Street

Referred to Parking and Traffic Commission.

A motion to break for committee work was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0). The meeting was recessed at 7:19pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:45pm.

Public Hearing

Order #287-7:45 PM-National Grid-Petition to install approximately 8,050 feet of 12 inch, 60 psig plastic gas main on Hale Street, extending from the existing stub near Cabot Street to the regulator station at Boyles Street (Public hearing continued from December 5, 2022, December 20, 2022, January 3, 2023 meetings)

The public hearing was opened.

Diana Cuddy, representative from National Grid, was available for questions. Cuddy stated National Grid has an underground electric project that has started already, so this project will come in after that so there is less disruption. Cuddy stated this would start in 2024.

Houseman stated that he is continuing to work with the engineering department and three people at National Grid to put together a data set map which will provide information that will allow the City to assess how it is doing with street work.

No members of the public were present to speak.

The motion to recess the public hearing to March 20 at 8:00pm was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Reports of Committees

Finance and Property

Order #003-Reappointment-Bryant Ayles to serve as Director of Municipal Finance/Treasurer

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

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A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Public Services

Order #004-Reappointments-Joanne Panuzio, 31 Old Planters Road and Colleen Michaels, 18 Madison Avenue to serve as Trustees of the Beverly Public Library

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #005-Appointment-Sheryl R. Silva, M.D., 95 Hale Street, to serve on the Beverly Board of Health

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

A motion to reconsider was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion failed (0-9).

Flowers stated the order will not be reconsidered, so the appointment is effective immediately.

Order #019-President Flowers-Request for a City Council reappointment for Frederic Hopps, 15 Walcott Road, to serve on the Clean Energy Advisory Committee

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #020-President Flowers-Request for a City Council reappointment for Thomas Keeley, 27 Brackenbury Lane to serve on the Clean Energy Advisory Committee

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #316-Appointment for Mr. Jason Reulet, 106 Standley Street, to serve on the Beverly Airport Commission

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #318- Appointments for Chelsea Turner, 7 Jackson Street; Amanda Lennon, 7 Columbus Avenue; and Michael Gove, 9 Bartlett Street, to serve on the Beverly Cultural Committee

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #327- Councilor Bowen-Regarding City Parks

A motion to receive and place on file was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Legal Affairs

Order #002-Reappointment-Stephanie Williams to serve as City Solicitor

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #007-City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Grigor Qirjazi, 32 Broadway

A motion to approve with the condition that all inspection requirements are met by February 21 and to send the order back to the Committee on Legal Affairs was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #016-City Clerk-Application for a new lodging license for 278 Rantoul Street LLC, located at 278 Rantoul Street (new ownership)

A motion to approve with the condition that all inspection requirements are met by February 21 and to send the order back to the Committee on Legal Affairs was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #017-Application for a renewal of a lodging license for Turner Properties, Cabot Lodge 91-93 Cabot Street

A motion to approve with the condition that all inspection requirements are met by February 21 and to send the order back to the Committee on Legal Affairs was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #014-Councilor Rotondo-A proposal to name the Harbormaster Building in honor of the late Harbormaster Daniel McPherson

A motion to set a public hearing for March 6 at 8:00pm was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

Order #018-Councilor Rotondo-Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 270-33D; prohibiting entrance to Kernwood Heights from Bridge Street, September 1 through June 30, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday

The Committee on Legal Affairs recommended adoption. The ordinance will have two more readings until final passage.

Upcoming meeting schedule

- Committee on Legal Affairs on January 25 at 6:30pm: proposed changes to zoning ordinances
- Committee on Legal Affairs on January 30 at 7:00pm: charter
- Committee on Public Services on January 30 at 6:00pm: airport, flooding, possibly Varian
- Committee on Public Services tentatively on February 6 at 6:30pm: Varian comments
- Regular City Council on February 6 at 7:00pm

There will also be a meeting on January 24 at Beverly High School (doors at 6:30pm, presentation at 7:00pm) regarding Phase 3 of the Varian clean up. That will be beginning of the comment period until February 14.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Scott D. Houseman-Chair
Julie R. Flowers
Matthew J. St. Hilaire

FINANCE AND PROPERTY / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 7:00PM

Within the Confines of the City Council Meeting

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Houseman called the meeting to order at 7:21pm.

Members present: Julie Flowers, Matthew St. Hilaire, Scott Houseman

Members absent: None

Order Number	Date to Committee	Description	Action Taken
#315	12/20/2022	Earmark from the Economic Development Legislation signed by Governor Baker \$200,000 for the installation of solar panels at Beverly High School	Hold
#003	1/3/2023	Reappointment-Bryant Ayles to serve as Director of Municipal Finance/Treasurer	Approve (3-0)
#011	1/17/2023	Grant-\$500,000 Green Communities Decarbonization grant from Mass Department of Energy Resources to be used to replace the main library HVAC system. This grant requires a 25% match of funding.	Approve (3-0)
#012	1/17/2023	Grant-\$5,481 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) grant and a Senior SAFE grant for \$2,477 from EOPSS. These grants will be used by the Beverly Fire Department to teach fire and life safety to children in schools.	Approve (3-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:24pm.

Estelle M. Rand-Chair
Todd C. Rotondo
Brendan S. Sweeney

LEGAL AFFAIRS / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES

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Rand called the meeting to order at 7:22pm.

Members present: Todd Rotondo, Brendan Sweeney, Estelle Rand

Members absent: None

Order Number	Date to Committee	Description	Action Taken
#276	11/14/2022	Mayor's response to Order 75A proposed amendments to 1995 Beverly Home Rule Charter	Hold
#276A	12/20/2022	Solicitor Williams-Regarding Order #276 Mayor's Edits Incorporated into Draft Charter Approved by the City Council Order #75A	Hold
#279	12/5/2022	Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment of various articles related to building heights and inclusionary zoning	Hold
#279A	12/20/2022	Councilor Houseman-Regarding Order #279, Proposed Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance	Hold
#282	11/14/2022	Councilor Bowen-A letter regarding Accessory Dwelling Units	Hold
#002	1/3/2023	Reappointment-Stephanie Williams to serve as City Solicitor	Approve (3-0)
#006	1/3/2023	City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Garden City Residences, 490 Rantoul Street	Hold (3-0)
#007	1/3/2023	City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Grigor Qirjazi, 32 Broadway	Approve with conditions (3-0)
#014	1/17/2023	Councilor Rotondo-A proposal to name the Harbormaster Building in honor of the late Harbormaster Daniel McPherson	Refer out to full Council to set public hearing (3-0)
#016	1/17/2023	City Clerk-Application for a new lodging license for 278 Rantoul Street LLC, located at 278 Rantoul Street (new ownership)	Approve with conditions (3-0)
#017	1/17/2023	Application for a renewal of a lodging license for Turner Properties, Cabot Lodge 91-93 Cabot Street	Approve with conditions (3-0)
#018	1/17/2023	Councilor Rotondo-Proposed Amendment to Ordinance 270-33D; prohibiting entrance to Kernwood Heights from Bridge Street, September 1 through June 30, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday	Approve (3-0)

Discussion

Order #007-City Clerk-Renewal Application for a lodging license for Grigor Qirjazi, 32 Broadway

Rand stated she followed up with Joe Reale from the Health Department and learned that he has an automatic follow up 30 days from when the observations were first made. Rand stated she feels comfortable moving forward with this application.

City Solicitor Stephanie Williams suggested any approval be conditional on compliance with what the Board of Health is directing be rectified and with some sort of timeline.

The motion to grant the license with the condition that they come in compliance with the Board of Health, Fire Department and Building Department by February 21 was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried (3-0).

Order #014-Councilor Rotondo-A proposal to name the Harbormaster Building in honor of the late Harbormaster Daniel McPherson

Williams stated the ordinance requires that the City Council hold a public hearing and provide for a 30 days public comment period prior to the hearing. The City Clerk should post public notice of both the hearing and the comment period. The public comment period would end the night of the hearing.

Order #016-City Clerk-Application for a New Lodging license for 278 Rantoul Street LLC, located at 278 Rantoul Street (new ownership)

Rand called to order committee of the whole at 7:35pm.

The motion for a temporary license until February 21 was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried (3-0).

Order #017-Application for a renewal of a lodging license for Turner Properties, Cabot Lodge 91-93 Cabot Street 91-93 Cabot St.

Rotondo stated he had no issues with approving this one.

Williams recommended checking back in since there were some items on the health report.

Rotondo moved to grant the license with the condition that they come in compliance with the Board of Health report by February 21. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion carried (3-0).

The motion to adjourn committee of the whole was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The motion to adjourn Committee on Legal Affairs was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Kathleen M. Feldman-Chair
Hannah L. Bowen
Steven M. Crowley

PUBLIC SERVICES / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

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Feldman called the meeting to order at 7:23pm.

Members present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Kathleen Feldman

Members absent: None

Order Number	Date to Committee	Description	Action Taken
#326	12/20/2022	Councilor Bowen-Regarding Beverly Regional Airport	Hold
#327	12/20/2022	Councilor Bowen-Regarding City Parks	Receive and place on file (3-0)
#328	12/20/2022	Councilor Bowen-Regarding Storm Water Management	Hold
#331	12/20/2022	Notice of Availability Public Comment Draft Phase III Remedial Action Plan -Former Varian Facility Site, 150 Sohier Road	Hold
#004	1/3/2023	Reappointments-Joanne Panuzio, 31 Old Planters Road and Colleen Michaels, 18 Madison Avenue to serve as Trustees of the Beverly Public Library	Approve (3-0)
#005	1/3/2023	Appointment-Sheryl R. Silva, M.D., 95 Hale Street, to serve on the Beverly Board of Health	Approve (3-0)
#019	1/17/2023	President Flowers-Request for a City Council reappointment for Frederic Hopps, 15 Walcott Road, to serve on the Clean Energy Advisory Committee	Approve (3-0)
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The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.