

**City of Beverly**  
**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 19, 2022, 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, Estelle Rand, Todd Rotondo, Matthew St. Hilaire, Brendan Sweeney, Julie Flowers

Members Absent: Scott Houseman

Rand led the pledge of allegiance.

**Resolution**

**Order #234**-President Flowers -BSA Troop 49 Eagle Scout-Thomas Beasley

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

A motion was made and seconded for a recess. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

The meeting recessed at 7:11pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:19pm.

**Comments by Citizens**

Kailey Quintino, co-founder of Green Club at Beverly High School, gave a summary of a report from Justin Penn and Curtis Deutsch of Princeton University on how climate change affects extinction. Quintino spoke about some steps to course correct, such as ramping up commitments to cut carbon emissions under the Paris agreement, supporting the America the Beautiful Initiative, and using Build Back Better to invest in clean energy. Quintino also noted the critical role of the United Nations Biodiversity Summit and grassroots action in shifting cooperative behavior and demanding accountability.

Bridget Booth, co-founder of Green Club at Beverly High School, gave a summary of an August 18 article from Wired that goes over the psychology of getting people inspired to make climate change actions. Booth highlighted approaches such as focusing on high impact actions, major life changes, cultural norms, co-benefits, and social networks.

**Public Hearings**

**7:30 PM-Order #191**-Loan Authorization for \$1,000,000 for maintenance work that needs to be performed to portion of the North Beverly Brook

Finance Director Bryant Ayles stated that the City may not need to take out a loan if other funding comes in, but this authorization would allow the City of Beverly to enter into a contract to clean out the culverts by the Cummings Center.

Richard Tabbut, 57 Sonning Rd., asked what the plan is for where the brush will go because he lives by the North Beverly Brook and when the debris has been cleaned up from the brook before it has been piled in his yard.

A motion to recess the hearing to 8:05pm was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

### **Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Special City Council Meeting -September 8, 2022

Regular City Council Meeting –September 12, 2022

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

### **Communications from His Honor the Mayor**

**Order #235**-Reappointment-Mr. Mark Flagg, 36 Hale Street to serve as a Trustee of the David Lynch Public Parks Fund

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

**Order #236**-Reappointment-Mr. Robert Hobbs, 245 Essex Street, Apt 12, to serve on the Council on Aging

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

### **Communications from other City Officers and Boards**

**Order #237**-Councilor St. Hilaire-Proposed zoning ordinance amendments to limit new building projects in the City of Beverly to three stories

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

**Order #238**-Sergeant Henebury-Request to add a “Handicapped Parking Sign” at 24 Myrtle Street and an additional location of 31 Grant Street

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

**Order #239**-President Flowers and Councilor Rotondo-Quarter 4 Recap from the School Committee’s Subcommittee on Finance and Facilities for FY22

A motion to receive and place on file was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**Order #240**-City Clerk-Fortune Teller License-Timothy Reagan of 5 Orange Street, Salem for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

**Order #241**-City Clerk- Fortune Teller License-Leanne Gordon, 12 Eustis Street, Revere, for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.

**Order #242**-Councilor Bowen-Request to hold a meeting in the coming weeks on the preparations underway for National Grid’s Beverly Transmission Reliability Project Construction

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

### **Communications, Application and Petitions**

**Order# 243**-National Grid-grant of location to install plastic gas main on Cabot Street between Bridge Street and Federal Street

Referred to Committee on Public Services.

### **Unfinished Business from a Previous Meeting**

**Order #075**-The Charter Review Committee Final Report

**Order #075A**-Amendments to Charter Review Committee Draft Charter Amendments

Flowers stated that there will be a special meeting on September 27 for both charter items.

A motion was made and seconded for a recess. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).  
The meeting recessed at 7:57pm.

The meeting was called back to order at 8:00pm.

### **Public Hearings (Continued)**

**8:00 PM-Order #208**-An appropriation of \$470,775 to be placed in a fund to pay for engineering and police detail costs associated with the National Grid 115kv electric transmission cable project

A motion was made and seconded to move the public hearing to October 3 at 7:45pm. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**7:30 PM/8:05 PM-Order #191**-Loan Authorization for \$1,000,000 for maintenance work that needs to be performed to portion of the North Beverly Brook

Bowen asked about the scope of work and the next pieces that would happen.

Commissioner of Public Services and Engineering Michael Collins spoke on the project and previous projects, with the last cleaning of the culverts being in 2008-2010. Collins stated all the permits are in place. Collins stated that hope is to get some more detailed inspections underneath the Cummings Center buildings. The City is also working with an engineering firm to take some of this money and do an analysis of the entire watershed to see what might make a difference in the future. Collins stated they are looking at how to lessen the impact of the development of impervious surfaces, as well as how to slow the water down upstream and increase the capacity downstream.

There was some discussion of other funding sources and sustainability efforts.

Bowen stated that she finds it challenging to vote for these orders out of the usual budget process when they are for ongoing work that has been planned.

The hearing was closed, and the item was referred to Committee on Finance and Property.

At 8:26pm, the motion to break for committee was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

The meeting was called back to order at 8:50pm.

## **Reports from Committees**

### ***Finance & Property***

**Order #191**-Loan Authorization for \$1,000,000 for maintenance work that needs to be performed to portion of the North Beverly Brook

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

### ***Legal Affairs***

**Order #240**-City Clerk-Fortune Teller License-Timothy Reagan of 5 Orange Street, Salem for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**Order #241**-City Clerk- Fortune Teller License-Leanne Gordon, 12 Eustis Street, Revere, for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

### ***Public Services***

**Order #205**-National Grid-Petition #30586010-Webber Street to install underground conduits

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**Order #217**-Reappointment-to serve as Trustees of the David Lynch Public Parks Fund- Ms. Joyce Frisello and Ms. Kathy Doane

A motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**Order# 243**-National Grid-grant of location to install plastic gas main on Cabot Street between Bridge Street and Federal Street

A motion to set a public hearing for October 3 at 8:15pm was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

**Order #242**-Councilor Bowen-Request to hold a meeting in the coming weeks on the preparations underway for National Grid's Beverly Transmission Reliability Project Construction

A motion was made and seconded to receive and place on file as well as authorize the chair of Public Services to receive questions and report information. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0).

Flowers stated there will be a Special City Council meeting at 7pm on September 27 to discuss the charter.

Rand stated there will be a Committee on Legal Affairs meeting at 6:30pm on September 27 to discuss Councilor St. Hilaire's proposed amendment to zoning ordinances.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (8-0). The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.

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

**FINANCE AND PROPERTY / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

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Within the Confines of the City Council Meeting  
City Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Beverly City Hall, 191 Cabot St.

Flowers called to order the Finance and Property meeting.

Members present: Julie Flowers, Matthew St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Scott Houseman

<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Date to Committee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
#024	1/18/2022	Councilor Houseman-Letter regarding the Financial Forecast Committee	Hold
#219	9/12/2022	Grant-\$170,000 from the Mass Electric Vehicle Incentive Program to be used to acquire four electric vehicle DCFC station(s) at 11 Pond Street	Hold
#223	9/12/2022	Donation-A three year private donation of \$300,000 in annual increments of \$100,000 to fund a new position of Sustainability Project Manager to support Beverly's main sustainability programs	Hold
#191	9/19/2022	Loan Authorization for \$1,000,000 for maintenance work that needs to be performed to portion of the North Beverly Brook	Approve 3-0

The motion to adjourn the Finance and Property meeting was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (2-0). The meeting adjourned.

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

**LEGAL AFFAIRS / CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES**

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Within the Confines of the City Council Meeting

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Rand called to order the Committee on Legal Affairs meeting.

Members present: Todd Rotondo, Brendan Sweeney, Estelle Rand

<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Date to Committee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
#237	9/19/2022	Councilor St. Hilaire-Proposed zoning ordinance amendments to limit new building projects in the city of Beverly to three stories	Hold
#238	9/19/2022	Sergeant Henebury-Request to add a “Handicapped Parking Sign” at 24 Myrtle Street and an additional location of 31 Grant Street	Hold
#240	9/19/2022	City Clerk-Fortune Teller License-Timothy Reagan of 5 Orange Street, Salem for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly	Approve 3-0
#241	9/19/2022	City Clerk- Fortune Teller License-Leanne Gordon, 12 Eustis Street, Revere, for the Zodiac Tea Room at 5 Washington Street in Beverly	Approve 3-0

The motion to adjourn the Legal Affairs meeting was made and seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion carried (3-0). The meeting adjourned.

**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 8:27pm.

Members present: Hannah Bowen, Steven Crowley, Kathleen Feldman

<b>Order Number</b>	<b>Date to Committee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
#104	4/4/2022	Councilor Rotondo-Consideration of naming the Harbor Master Building in honor of Harbormaster Daniel McPherson	Hold
#205	9/12/2022	National Grid-Petition #30586010-Webber Street to install underground conduits	Approve 3-0
#217	9/12/2022	Reappointment-to serve as Trustees of the David Lynch Public Parks Fund - Ms. Joyce Frisello and Ms. Kathy Doane	Approve 3-0
#242	9/19/2022	Councilor Bowen-Request to hold a meeting in the coming weeks on the preparations underway for National Grid's Beverly Transmission Reliability Project Construction	Receive and place on file 3-0
#243	9/19/2022	National Grid-grant of location to install plastic gas main on Cabot Street between Bridge Street and Federal Street	Set public hearing for 10/3 at 8:15pm 3-0

The meeting adjourned 8:47pm.