

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 7, 2011
MINUTES

Council President Tom O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:36pm and asked for a moment of silence for Maureen Ledwell, Lewis D. Bartley and Steven W. Cashman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. He then instructed the City Clerk to call the roll. The following Councillors answered present: Cameron, Connell, Cronin, Heartquist, Herzog, Hutcheson, Ives, Jones and O'Brien. Two Absent: Councillors Derrivan and Earls.

1. LATE FILE ITEMS

Transfer #2 (\$12,500), Ordinance #6 (Parks Off Leash Dogs), Ordinance #7 (Animals Off Leash Dogs)

Motion to waive the rules and allow late files by Councillor Jones seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Banks, 32 Hale Street, City vs. State
Pamela Leavey, 438 Main St., Amesbury, Parking
Laurel Allgrove, 22 Beacon Ave., Parking
Dominique Dear, 5 Warren St., Parking
Chip Wyser, 170 Water Street, Parking
Shiraz Hosein, 1 Merrimac St., Parking
Bill Harris, 56 Lime Street, Parking

CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: ALL ITEMS LISTED UNDER CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 24, 2011

(Approve)

4. TRANSFERS

1. Fire Retirement to Fire OT (29,183.29)

(B&F)

Removed by Councillor Cameron.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

1. The Exchange Club annual "Tollbooth" corner High & State April 16, 2011 (Approve)

2. Letter re: 374 Merrimac Street Pedestrian Safety (PS)

3. Nbpt Elementary PTO 7th Annual Spring Fever 5K Road Race May 15, 2011 (PS)

6. APPOINTMENTS

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1. William K. Todd	8 Foster Court	Historical Commission	1/1/2014
2. Richard A. Eaton	4 Horton Street	Council on Aging	5/31/2016

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended by Councillor Cameron seconded by Councillor Cronin. So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **TABLED ITEM** Planet Aid Box request, Fire Station 1/24/2011
No action taken, matter removed from the agenda.
8. **TRANSFERS**
1. Fire Retirement to Fire OT (29,183.29)
Motion to approve by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
2. LATE FILE - Mayor/Police Free Cash to Capital Outlay (12, 500)
Motion to approve by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
9. **APPOINTMENTS**
RE-APPOINTMENTS
1. Susanne M. Cameron 17 Oakland St. Affordable Housing Trust 1/01/2013
Roll call vote 8 yes, 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls), 1 recused (Cameron).
10. **ORDERS**
1. State of Emergency FY2011 Snow & Ice
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 9 yes, 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
11. **ORDINANCES**
1. Sec. 13-180 Titcomb St. Resident Parking 2nd Reading
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 9 yes, 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
2. Sec. 13-179 Handicapped Parking, Riverside Park 2nd Reading
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 9 yes, 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
3. Sec. 13-176 One Hour Parking, Riverside Park 2nd Reading
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 9 yes, 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
4. Sec. 13-180A Paid Parking Permits 2nd Reading
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 7 yes, 2 no (Hutcheson, Jones) 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
5. Sec. 13-181 Parking Lots 2nd Reading
Motion to approve by Councillor Cronin, seconded by Councillor Connell. Roll call vote 7 yes, 2 no (Hutcheson, Jones) 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

6. LATE FILE – Sec. 11-51 Parks and Recreation Dog Leash and Waste Removal 2/7/2011
7. LATE FILE – Sec. 3-26 Animals, Table of Designated Off Leash Hours 2/7/2011
Ordinances 6 & 7 - Motion to refer to Neighborhoods and City Services collectively by Councillor Herzog, seconded by Councillor Cameron. So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

12. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

5. Auditor/Police, Insurance Claims (\$4,595) to Police Building Main *12/13/2010
Motion to remove by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Jones.
So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Jones.
So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
6. Sewer Division, Retained Earn. (\$5,814) to Retirement Exp *12/13/2010
Motion to remove by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Herzog.
So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Connell.
So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
7. DPS-Sewer, Salary Director (16,000) to Salary Deputy Director *1/10/2011
8. DPS-Highway, Salary Director (8,000) to Salary Deputy Director *1/10/2011
9. DPS-Water, Salary Director (16,000) to Salary Deputy Director *1/10/2011
Motion to remove collectively 7, 8, 9 by Councillor Cameron seconded by Councillor Connell.
Motion to approve same by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Herzog.
So voted. 2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

Joint Education

Councillor Hutcheson informed the Council that the committee meeting was canceled due to the snow storm.

Neighborhoods & City Services

Councillor Herzog informed the Council of the Feb. 22, 2011 meeting in the Library at 6:30pm and the PU & NCS meeting Feb. 10, 2011 location to be determined.

Public Safety

In Committee:

3. Ltr from Councillor Herzog re: Independent Street *10/12/2010
Motion to remove by Councillor Cronin seconded by Councillor Jones. So voted.
2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).
Motion to receive and file by Councillor Cronin seconded by Councillor Jones. So voted.
2 absent (Derrivan, Earls).

14. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Councillor Herzog commends members of the Charter Commission for their hard work, etc.
Councillor Cronin asks the President to consider an ad hoc committee to review and not to criticize the city's snow emergency response plans and to provide the best snow removal practices.
Council President O'Brien states that it would be a good idea to have an ad hoc committee and asks Councillor Cronin to be co-chair.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Jones seconded by Councillor Hutcheson. So voted.
8:31 p.m.