

# **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**February 13, 2023 7:00 pm  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport**

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### **Pole Hearing 6:45 pm**

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### **POLE HEARING:**

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

At 6:45 pm City Clerk, Richard B. Jones called the roll. The following Councillors answered present Wright, Zeid, Donahue, McCauley, Preston, Vogel, Wallace, and Shand. Councillors Cameron and Khan present at 6:50 pm, Councillor Lane present at 6:55 pm.

John Butler present from National Grid.

Motion to refer to Public Works & Safety by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

Public Comment:

Ken Irwin, 296 High Street

Public hearing closed 7:00 pm

### **1. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Remembering Mary Page Know, Diane Rohner, and Forrest Stanwood.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3. CALL TO ORDER**

7:00 pm City Clerk Richard B. Jones called the role, the following City Councillors answered present: Wright, Zeid, Cameron, Donahue, Khan, Lane, McCauley, Preston, Vogel, Wallace, and Shand. 11 present.

### **4. LATE FILE**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Renee Ames 17 Forrester St.

Ben Harman 298 High St

Evan Dutcher

Quinn Macdonald

Stacey Macmillan 16 Highland Ave.

Devynn Macdonald

Sarah DeOliveira

Michael Underwood 21 Beck ST.

Jonathon Ames

Sharon Kennedy 24 Munroe St.

Chris Sawtelle 29 Summer St.

Mike Leonard 13 Tyng St.

### **6. MAYOR'S COMMENT**

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.

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- January 24, 2023 (Approve)
- January 30, 2023 (Approve)

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

**9. TRANSFERS**

**10. APPOINTMENTS**

- APPT00377\_02\_13\_2023 Becky MacKnight 13 Farrell St. Tree Commission 3/1/2026
- APPT00381\_02\_13\_2023 Wilfred “Paul” Suozzo, Jr. 7 Hunter Dr. Water/Sewer Comm. 3/1/2025 (PW&S)
- APPT00382\_02\_13\_2023 Thomas O’Brien 11 Moseley Ave. Water/Sewer Comm. 3/1/2025 (PW&S)

*Re-appointments:*

- APPT00378\_02\_13\_2023 Greg Earls 2 Sanborn Rd. Hampton Falls, NH Building Comm. 3/1/2026 (P&D)
- APPT00379\_02\_13\_2023 Lorraine Ward 7 Sullivan Dr. Human Rights Comm. 3/1/2025
- APPT00380\_02\_13\_2023 Kristen Farrell 28 Spofford St. Comm. On Disabilities 3/1/2026
- APPT00383\_02\_13\_2023 Susanne Gallagher 3 Garnet St. Board of Registrars 3/1/2026

ALL ITEMS NOTED BELOW ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES WITH THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

**BUDGET & FINANCE**

- TRAN00148\_01\_30\_2023 Mayor: RRFA Sale of Municipal Buildings \$200,000 to NYS Center Design Services \$200,000 (w/EGA Architects Proposal) (COTW) **AMENDED**
- TRAN00147\_01\_30\_2023 Fire Dept.: General Fund-Free Cash \$164,891 to Salary Fire Chief \$80,845, Firefighter Overtime \$75,000, and Emergency Mgt. Dir. \$9,046
- ORDR00401\_12\_12\_2022 Karen Jones Cashman Multi-Sport Court Gift Acceptance
- ORDR00414\_01\_30\_2023 Rotary Club Gift Acceptance

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

*Re-Appointment:*

- APPT00373\_01\_30\_2023 KP Law 101 Arch St. Boston City Solicitor 2/1/2024 (COTW)

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

- COMM00455\_12\_12\_2022 Net Zero report West End Fire Station
- APPT00366\_01\_09\_2023 Christopher Sawtelle 20 Summer St. Historical Comm. 2/1/2026
- APPT00376\_01\_30\_2023 Confirmatory Jennifer Blanchet 4 Island Lane Zoning Administrator 12/31/2024

*Re-Appointments*

- APPT00363\_01\_09\_2023 Jennifer Blanchet 4 Island Ln., Newbury Zoning Admin. 12/31/23
- APPT00369\_01\_30\_2023 Carole Wagan 9 Olive St. Conservation Comm. 2/1/2025
- APPT00370\_01\_30\_2023 David Vine 47 Marlboro St. Conservation Comm 2/1/2025
- APPT00374\_01\_30\_2023 Karen Wiener 7 Lincoln St. Affordable Housing Trust 2/1/2025
- APPT00371\_01\_30\_2023 Susanne Marzi Cameron 17 Hancock St. Affordable Housing Trust 2/1/2025
- ORDR00416\_01\_30\_2023 Newburyport Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022

## PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

- APPT00375\_01\_30\_2023 Jamie Tuccolo 19 Quentin Dr. Temp. Dir. DPS 4/16/2023

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Lane. So voted.

## REGULAR AGENDA

Motion to waive the rules to take TRAN00148\_\_01\_30\_2023 out of order by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Lane. So voted.

Motion to approve as amended in committee by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright.

Motion to strike amendment by Councillor Khan, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote. 8 yes, 3 no (MW, SZ, JM). Motion passes.

Motion to approve on floor, amendment stricken. Roll call vote 6 yes (EC, JD, AK, CP, BV, HS), 5 no (MW, SZ, BL, JM, CW). Motion passes.

### 9. MAYOR'S UPDATE

Motion to receive and file by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Lane. So voted.

### 10. FIRST READING APPOINTMENTS

### 11. COMMUNICATIONS

### 12. TRANSFERS

### 13. SECOND READING APPOINTMENTS

### 14. ORDERS

- ORDR00421\_02\_13\_2023 National Grid Virginia Lane/Storey Ave. Easement  
Motion to refer to Public Works & Safety by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Donahue. So voted.
- ORDR00422\_02\_13\_2023 Newburyport Commission on Disabilities Bylaws  
Motion to refer to Community Services by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Donahue. So voted.

### 15. ORDINANCES

- ODNC00134\_01\_09\_2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Amend to Municipal Fees Schedule Passport Photos  
Motion to approve on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

### 16. COMMITTEE ITEMS

#### Ad Hoc Committee on Adaptive Reuse of Brown School Property

*In Committee:*

#### Ad Hoc Committee on Market Landing Park and COTW

*In Committee:*

- ORDR00389\_11\_01\_2022 Naming Rights Market Landing Park

#### Budget & Finance

*In Committee:*

- TRAN00148 01 30 2023 Mayor: RRFA Sale of Municipal Buildings \$200,000 to NYS Center Design Services \$200,000 (w/EGA Architects Proposal) (COTW) **AMENDED**

- **TRAN00147 01 30 2023** **Fire Dept.: General Fund-Free Cash \$164,891 to Salary Fire Chief \$80,845, Firefighter Overtime \$75,000, and Emergency Mgt. Dir. \$9,046**

Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. So voted.

- **ORDR00401 12 12 2022** **Karen Jones Cashman Multi-Sport Court Gift Acceptance**

Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. So voted.

- **ORDR00414 01 30 2023** **Rotary Club Gift Acceptance**

Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor McCauley. So voted.

- **ORDR00336 03 28 2022** **ARPA Amesbury 250K (COTW)**
- **ODNC00129 11 01 2022** **Defining Conflict Rule for Dept. Heads (COTW)**
- **ODNC00130 11 01 2022** **Grants, Gifts, and Fees (COTW)**
- **ODNC00132 11 14 2022** **Mandated Reporting**
- **ORDR00388 11 01 2022** **NYS Facility Bond Order (COTW)**
- **COMM00443 11 01 2022** **59 Low St. FAQs (COTW)**
- **COMM00458 01 30 2023** **FY2023 Mid-Year Budget Report**

*Re-Appointment:*

- **APPT00372 01 30 2023** **Ethan Manning 31 Howard St. Dir. of Fin./City Auditor 2/1/2026**

## Community Services

*In Committee:*

- **COMM00460 01 30 2023** **Letters of Support for Parks Plan**
- **ORDR00417 01 30 2023** **Parks Reorganization Plan (COTW)**
- **ORDR00418 01 30 2023** **Resolution Purple Heart City**
- **ORDR00419 01 30 2023** **Resolution Pete Pollard**

## General Government

*In Committee:*

*Re-Appointment:*

- **APPT00373 01 30 2023** **KP Law 101 Arch St. Boston City Solicitor 2/1/2024 (COTW)**

Motion to approve by Councillor Shand, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Motion to amend term date to 5/1/2023 by Councillor Donahue, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Friendly amendment by Councillor Wallace to the term end date of 6/30/2023. Roll call vote. 9 yes, 2 no (JM, BV). Motion passes. Motion to approve as amended with 6/30/2023 term end date by Councillor Shand, seconded by Councillor Zeid. 10 yes, 1 no (BV). Motion passes.

- **ORDR00415 01 30 2023** **Brown School Ad Hoc Update**
- **ORDR239 02 8 2021** **Council Rule 7 and 10B**

## Licenses & Permits

*In Committee:*

- **ODNC047 01 27 2020** **General Ordinance - Short Term Rental Units Rules**

## Planning & Development

*In Committee:*

- **COMM00455 12 12 2022** **Net Zero report West End Fire Station**

Motion to receive and file by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor McCauley. So voted.

- **APPT00366 01 09 2023** **Christopher Sawtelle 29 Summer St. Historical Comm. 2/1/2026**

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **APPT00376 01 30 2023** **Confirmatory Jennifer Blanchet 4 Island Lane Zoning Administrator 12/31/2024**

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

*Re-Appointments*

- **APPT00363 01 09 2023** **Jennifer Blanchet 4 Island Ln., Newbury Zoning Admin. 12/31/23**

Motion to receive and file by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

- **APPT00369 01 30 2023** **Carole Wagan 9 Olive St. Conservation Comm. 2/1/2025**

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **APPT00370 01 30 2023**      **David Vine 47 Marlboro St. Conservation Comm 2/1/2025**

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **APPT00374 01 30 2023**      **Karen Wiener 7 Lincoln St. Affordable Housing Trust 2/1/2025**

Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **APPT00371 01 30 2023**      **Susanne Marzi Cameron 17 Hancock St. Affordable Housing Trust 2/1/2025**

Councillor Cameron recused. Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Lane. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 recused (EC). Motion passes.

- **ORDR00416 01 30 2023**      **Newburyport Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2022**

Councillor Wallace recused. Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 recused (CW). Motion passes.

- COMM00445\_11\_14\_2022      59 Low Street Plan (COTW)
- ODNC00135\_01\_30\_2023      Zoning Amendment ITIF Remove Residential Use
- ODNC00136\_01\_30\_2023      General Code Amendment Planning Board Membership (COTW)
- ODNC00137\_01\_30\_2023      Zoning Amendment Planning Board Membership (COTW)

## **Public Works & Safety**

### ***In Committee:***

- **APPT00375 01 30 2023**      **Jamie Tuccolo 19 Quentin Dr. Temp. Dir. DPS 4/16/2023**

Motion to approve by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor Lane. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 present (JD). Motion passes.

- COMM00412\_05\_31\_2022      Ltr Ann Jaronecyk re: Traffic Safety
- COMM00414\_05\_31\_2022      Ltr. Emily Dunn re: Traffic on Merrimac Street
- COMM00456\_12\_12\_2022      Letters re: Curb Cut 4 Wilkinson Dr. & 34 Hale St.
- ODNC00103\_01\_10\_2022      Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places Alterations & Maintenance
- COMM00459\_01\_30\_2023      Ltr. Residents concerned with speeding on Arlington St.
- APPT00368\_01\_30\_2023      Kim Emmons 9 Doe Run Dr. Water/Sewer Comm. 2/1/2025
- ORDR00413\_01\_30\_2023      Parking Garage Inn Permit Fee

## **17. GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Councillor Donahue:

Ward 2 Meeting Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Newburyport Public Library: Community Room at 94 State Street.

Adult cannabis meeting – public information session Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 pm Senior and Community Center:

Main Room at 331 High Street.

## **18. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 9:37 pm by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.