

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

September 11, 2023 7:00 pm
City Council Chambers, City Hall
60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport

Zoom details for City Council Meeting:

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1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Remembering Donald Hall, Edward Carter, Joyce Duffy, Thomas Pecorelli, and September 11, 2001

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CALL TO ORDER

7:00pm the clerk called the roll; the following City Councillors answered present: McCauley, Preston, Vogel, Wallace, Wright, Zeid, Cameron, Donahue, Khan, and Shand. 10 present, 1 absent (Lane).

4. LATE FILE

COMM00505_09_11_2023

Ltr from Kristen Hunter re Merrimac St. traffic safety progress

(PW&S)

ORDR00489_09_11_2023

Temporary Parking Plan

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

James Cullen, 5 Hancock St.

Sarah Hayden, 8 Hunter Dr.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENT

Councillor Lane present (remote) at 7:18pm

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

- August 28, 2023

(Approve)

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- COMM00503_09_11_2023 Extension of Acting Head Librarian Appointment
- COMM00504_09_11_2023 Whittier Regional Vocational Tech HS Annual Operational Report
- APPL00158_09_11_2023 Block Party - Hancock Street 9/30 2pm

(GG)

(R&F)

(L&P)

9. TRANSFERS

- TRAN00168_09_11_2023 North Jetty Side Dredge Proj \$11,319.00 to Boat Waste Pump Replace \$11,319.00

(B&F)

10. APPOINTMENTS

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

BUDGET & FINANCE

- COMM00499_08_28_2023 FY2023 Year End Financial Report
- TRAN00166_08_28_2023 Police Station Locker Rooms \$59,079.38 to SRT Body-Worn Camera

Grant \$29,539.69 and Body-Worn Cameras \$29,539.69

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- APPT00425_08_14_2023 Madeleine Whitten 150 State St. Library Board of Dir. 2/1/2026
- COMM00501_08_28_2023 Ltr from Vladimir Novotny on Restoration of Frog Pond

LICENSES & PERMITS

- APPL00157_08_28_2023 St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor 9/23 10am-12pm Green St.-Broad St.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- APPT00424_08_14_2023 Jennifer Bluestein 190A High St. Planning Board-Assoc. 9/1/2026
- APPT00432_08_28_2023 Brian Balcom 44 Purchase St. Planning Board Assoc. Mem. 10/1/2026
- APPT00433_08_28_2023 Charles Palmisano 3 Jefferson Ct. Planning Board 10/1/2026

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY

- APPT00431_08_28_2023 Michael Hennessey PO Box 1636 Hampton, NH Tree Warden 10/1/2026
- APPT00434_08_28_2023 Jalen Howard 229 River Rd. West Newbury
Asst. Harbor/Shellfish Const/SP PO 10/1/2026
- COMM00497_08_28_2023 Ltr. Jim McCarthy Banner Locations
- COMM00498_08_28_2023 Ltr. Jim McCarthy Banner on High St.
- ODNC00159_08_28_2023 Handicapped Space - 42 Market St

Motion to move ORDR00489_09_11_2023 to a date certain, September 26, 2023, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Khan. So voted.

COMM00503_09_11_2023 to be referred to Community Services at the request of Councillor McCauley.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended and receive and receive and file the mayor's update by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

REGULAR AGENDA

9. MAYOR'S UPDATE

10. FIRST READING APPOINTMENTS

11. COMMUNICATIONS

12. TRANSFERS

13. SECOND READING APPOINTMENTS

14. ORDERS

- ORDR00486_09_11_2023 Digital Signage Gift Acceptance \$967
- ORDR00487_09_11_2023 Lead Service Line Grant Acceptance \$207,800

Motion to collectively refer ORDR00486_09_11_2023 and ORDR00487_09_11_2023 to Budget & Finance by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- ORDR00488_09_11_2023EP Temporary 15 Minute Parking Space State Street
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Motion to waive the rules and collectively approve ORDR00488_09_11_2023EP and ORDR00488_09_11_2023 by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Cameron. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

15. ORDINANCES

- ODNC00158_08_14_2023 **2nd Reading** Low Street at Perry Way Parking Restrictions
Motion to approve on 2nd reading by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

16. COMMITTEE ITEMS

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

- COMM00499_08_28_2023 **FY2023 Year End Financial Report**
Motion to receive and file by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- TRAN00166_08_28_2023 **Police Station Locker Rooms \$59,079.38 to SRT Body-Worn Camera Grant \$29,539.69 and Body-Worn Cameras \$29,539.69**
Motion to approve by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- ODNC00129_11_01_2022 Defining Conflict Rule for Dept. Heads (COTW)
- ORDR00336_03_28_2022 ARPA Amesbury 250K (COTW)
- ORDR00472_06_26_2023 Streets Sidewalks Loan Order \$6,000,000 (COTW)
- TRAN00153_05_08_2023 Mayor: Multiple \$3,483,773 to Multiple \$3,483,773 revised 6/15/2023
(*Atkinson Common Request only all other matters adjudicated*)

Community Services

In Committee:

- APPT00425_08_14_2023 **Madeleine Whitten 150 State St. Library Board of Dir. 2/1/2026**
Motion to approve by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- COMM00501_08_28_2023 **Ltr from Vladimir Novotny on Restoration of Frog Pond**
Motion to receive and file by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- COMM00474_04_10_2023 Newburyport Public Art Policy
- COMM00495_08_14_2023 Ltr from Katherine Moore, Betty LaBaugh, and Brendan & Katy Banovic
re: Landscaping noise and air pollution
- COMM00501_08_28_2023 Ltr from Vladimir Novotny on Restoration of Frog Pond
- ODNC00157_06_12_2023 Public Art Policy (COTW)
- ORDR00474_07_10_2023 Plan Approval Bartlett Mall Improvement Project (COTW)

General Government

In Committee:

- COMM00461_02_27_2023 Brown School Gymnasium Considerations (COTW)
- COMM00468_03_13_2023 Brown School Proposal (COTW)
- ODNC00146_03_13_2023 Amend Ch 2-34 Responsibilities of Committee on Community Services
- ORDR239_02_8_2021 Council Rule 7 and 10B

Licenses & Permits

In Committee:

- APPL00157_08_28_2023 **St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor 9/23 10am-12pm Green St.-Broad St.**
Motion to approve by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

Planning & Development

In Committee:

- APPT00424_08_14_2023 **Jennifer Bluestein 190A High St. Planning Board-Assoc. 9/1/2026**
Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- APPT00432_08_28_2023 **Brian Balcom 44 Purchase St. Planning Board Assoc. Mem. 10/1/2026**
Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.
- APPT00433_08_28_2023 **Charles Palmisano 3 Jefferson Ct. Planning Board 10/1/2026**

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

- **COMM00494_07_10_2023** Planning Board Advisory Report STRU (COTW)
- **COMM00500_08_28_2023** STRU Planning Board Final Report (COTW)
- **ODNC047_01_27_2020** General Ordinance - Short Term Rental Units Rules (COTW)
- **ODNC00141_02_27_2023** Zoning Amendment STRU (COTW)
- **ODNC00160_08_28_2023** Zoning Amendment Business Park Indoor Outdoor Rec (COTW)

Public Works & Safety

In Committee:

- **APPT00431 08 28 2023** **Michael Hennessey PO Box 1636 Hampton, NH Tree Warden 10/1/2026**

Motion to approve by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **APPT00434 08 28 2023** **Jalen Howard 229 River Rd. West Newbury**
Asst. Harbor/Shellfish Const/SP PO 10/1/2026

Motion to approve by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **COMM00497 08 28 2023** **Ltr. Jim McCarthy Banner Locations**

Motion to collectively receive and file COMM00497_08_28_2023 and COMM00497_08_28_2023 by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **COMM00498 08 28 2023** **Ltr. Jim McCarthy Banner on High St.**

Motion to collectively receive and file COMM00497_08_28_2023 and COMM00497_08_28_2023 by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **ODNC00159 08 28 2023** **Handicapped Space - 42 Market St**

Motion to approve on 1st reading by Councillor Wallace, seconded by Councillor McCauley. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.

- **COMM00412_05_31_2022** Ltr Ann Jaroncyk re: Traffic Safety
- **COMM00459_01_30_2023** Ltr. Residents concerned with speeding on Arlington St.
- **COMM00462_02_27_2023** Ltr. From Kathleen O'Connor Ives re: drinking water concerns
- **COMM00479_04_24_2023** Ward 4 Street Sidewalk Traffic Safety Priorities
- **COMM00482_04_24_2023** Constructions projects at the Central Waterfront
- **ODNC00103_01_10_2022** Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places Alterations & Maintenance
- **ODNC00152_05_08_2023** Amend Ch 13-181 Municipal Parking Facilities (COTW)
- **ORDR00449_04_24_2023** Approving Shared Streets Grant, High Street Traffic Calming

17. GOOD OF THE ORDER

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:12pm by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Wright. Roll call vote. 11 yes. Motion passes.