CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS JUNE 24, 2019

7:15 PM

Pole Hearing - Malcolm Hoyt Drive

John Butler from National Grid spoke. Motion to refer to Public Utilities by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted (2 absent – Giunta, Khan).

7:30PM

The City Council President, Barry Connell, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for Mary Beth (Finnegan) Damon, aunt of city clerk office manager Cassandra Green, sister of retired police officer Peter Finnegan, and sister of former city councillor Kevin Finnegan. The City Council President then instructed the City Clerk to call the roll. The following Councillors answered present: OBrien, Shand, Tontar, Vogel, Zeid, Devlin, Earls, Eigerman, Connell. 9 present, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan).

(Sound Check)

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. CALL TO ORDER
- **4. LATE FILE ITEMS -** APPT112_06_24_19, APPT113_06_24_19, COMM164_06_24_19, 2 info sheets pertaining to ORDR123_06_10_19 and ODNC030_03_25_19 Motion to waive the rules, to allow late files, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Eigerman. So voted (1 no OBrien).
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Glenn Richards	6 Kent St	Historic Comm Appt
2. Patricia Peknik	4 Dove St	Historic Comm Appt
3. Elizabeth Harris	56 Lime St	NRA Appointments
4. Walt Thompson	100 State St	Glyphosate Ordinance
5. Bonnie Sontag	10 Upland Rd	Planning Board Appt
6. Patty Moore	67 Curzon Mill Rd	NRA Appointment
7. Chris Czernik	32 Water St	COA Appointment
8. Andrew Soracco	33 Middle St	Tree Commission
9. Elisabeth DeLisle	50 Woodland St	Planning Board Appt
10. Dan Eyink	36R Spofford St	Glyphosate Ordinance
11. Pam Ketchum	15 Washington St	NRA Appointments

6. MAYOR'S COMMENT

The Mayor gave a verbal update.

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

• June 10, 2019 (Approve)

8. TRANSFERS

NONE

9. COMMUNICATIONS

•	COMM161_06_24_19 Block Party - Lafayette Street - 8/17/2019	(PS)
•	COMM162_06_24_19 Jeanne Geiger Walk Against Domestic Violence - 10/6/2019	(PS)
•	COMM163 06 24 19 High Street Mile – 8/4/2019	(PS)

10.	APPOINTMENTS									
	First Reading									
•	APPT105_06_24_19	Chris Czernik	32 Water St #7	Council on Aging	5/31/2024					
•	APPT106_06_24_19	Andrew Soracco	33 Middle St	Tree Commission	7/1/2022					
	Re-Appointments									
•	APPT107_06_24_19	Jennifer Groskin	11 Myrtle Ave	Human Rights Comm	7/1/2022					
•	APPT110_06_24_19	Sheila J. Trieff	11 Shandel Dr	Human Rights Comm	7/1/2022					
To be referred to Planning & Development										
•	APPT111_06_24_19	David B. Vine	47 Marlboro St	Conservation Comm	5/31/2022					

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

Budget & Finance

- TRAN048 04 08 19 Mult Accts \$1,668,067.29 to Mult Accts \$1,668,067.29
- ORDR106_05_13_19 Intermunicipal Agreement Animal Control Services
- TRAN056_05_28_19 Free Cash \$143,094.37, Snow &Ice Labor \$11,318.05 to Snow & Ice Expenses \$154,412.42
- TRAN057_05_28_19 Health Ins. \$12,320 to Fire Misc Supplies \$5K, HR Payroll \$4,620, HR/FSA Admin \$2.7K
- TRAN058_05_28_19 BDR Elections & Reg. \$5K to CLK Lease Copier \$1.2K, CLK Admin \$1.3K, CCN ORD Recodification \$2.5K
- TRAN059 05 28 19 Solid Waste Revolving Fund \$40K to SUS Solid Waste \$40K
- TRAN060_05_28_19 Free Cash \$3,250 to YTH Brown School Expenses \$3,250
- ORDR114_06_10_19 Parking Garage M-F Monthly Employee Pass
- ORDR120_06_10_19 Mitigation Payment Appropriation
- ORDR121_06_10_19 Tucker Scholarship Gift Acceptance \$500
- ORDR122_06_10_19 FY20 Revolving Fund Order

END OF CONSENT AGENDA **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

11. MAYOR'S UPDATE

12. TRANSFERS

- TRAN061EP 06 24 19 Emergency Preamble for School Expenses \$35K to School Lunch \$35K Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.
- TRAN061 06 24 19 School Expenses \$35K to School Lunch \$35K Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.
- TRAN062EP_06_24_19 Emergency Preamble for Paid Parking Fund \$25K to PKG Credit Card Fees \$25K

- Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.
- TRAN062_06_24_19 Paid Parking Fund \$25K to PKG Credit Card Fees \$25K Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Devlin. So voted.

13. COMMUNICATIONS

 COMM164_06_24_19 LATE FILE Ltr to Ward 2 Councillor from Eric Goodness Councillor Devlin recused. Motion to refer to Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

14. APPOINTMENTS

Second Reading

• APPT104_06_10_19 Sheila Taintor 10 Dexter St Tree Commission 4/1/2022 Motion to approve Second Reading appointment by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Tontar. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

First Reading

- APPT108EP_06_24_19 EP Patricia Moore 67 Curzon Mill Rd NRA 5/8/2022 Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Devlin. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- APPT108_06_24_19 Patricia Moore 67 Curzon Mill Rd NRA 5/8/2022 Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- APPT109EP_06_24_19 EP David A. Tibbetts, Esq 26 Titcomb St #1 NRA 10/30/2020 Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- APPT109_06_24_19 David A. Tibbetts, Esq 26 Titcomb St #1 NRA 10/30/2020 Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

Late File Appointments

- APPT112_06_24_19 Patricia Peknik 4 Dove St Historic Comm 7/31/2021 Motion to approve first reading by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted.
- APPT113_06_24_19 Elizabeth M. DeLisle 50 Woodland St Planning Board 8/31/2021 Motion to refer to Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

15. ORDERS

- ORDR126_06_24_19 One Hour Parking Restriction Merrimac St Motion to refer to Public Safety by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.
- ORDR127_06_24_19 Four Sidewalk Alteration Easements High St
 Motion to refer to Planning & Development by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Eigerman.
 Withdrawn. Motion to waive the rules, to accept as a late file item and refer to Planning & Development to be voted on later in the meeting by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted.
- ORDR128_06_24_19 CPC Amendment to FY18 Projects
 Motion to refer to Budget & Finance by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted (1 no Zeid)
- ORDR129EP_06_24_19 Emergency Preamble Revolving Fund Increase Spending Limits

Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

- ORDR129_06_24_19 Revolving Fund Increase Spending Limits Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Vogel. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (Zeid), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- ORDR130_06_24_19 City Clerk Contract 2019-2022
 Councillor Connell relinquished the Chair; Councillor Earls assumed the Chair. Motion to refer to General Government by Councillor Connell, seconded by Councillor Eigerman. Motion for a friendly amendment, to refer to Executive Session, by Councillor OBrien, seconded by Councillor Eigerman. So voted. Motion to amend, to add Committee of the Whole, by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.
- ORDR131_06_24_19 Resolution re: Cultural District Motion to refer to General Government by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.

16. ORDINANCES

- ODNC014_04_30_18 Amendment to Demolition Delay (2nd Reading)
 Motion to approve second reading by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (Zeid), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- ODNC037_06_24_19 Ordinance regarding City Solicitor Appointment and Duties Motion to refer to General Government by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

17. COMMITTEE ITEMS

NOTE: UNDERLINED COMMITTEE ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING

Budget & Finance

In Committee:

- ORDR007_01_29_18 41C Amendment
- COMM112_02_11_19 Memo re: Fire-Based EMS Cost/Benefit Analysis
- ORDR091_03_11_19 41C-1/2 Ballot Question (COTW)
- ORDR092 03 11 19 41C-1/2 Adjustments (COTW)
- COMM120 03 11 19 Central Congregational Grant Award Letter
- TRAN048 04 08 19 Mult Accts \$1,668,067.29 to Mult Accts \$1,668,067.29

Motion to divide by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$47.3K for Election Equipment by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 no – OBrien). Motion to approve \$40K for 3/4 Pickup Truck with Plow by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$125,826 for two Mack Dump Trucks by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$200K for Tree Truck by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$60K for OPEB by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$100K for Compensated Absences Fund by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$150K for Stabilization Trust Fund by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$20K for IT Software by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$35K for IT Hardware by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$15K for Nock/Molin Loading Dock by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$15K for NHS Pettingell Infield Renovation by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 7 yes, 2 no (Shand, Eigerman), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed. Motion to approve \$16,880 for Nock/Molin Gym Floor by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor OBrien. So voted. Motion to approve \$15K for Nock/Molin Walkway by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$54,005 for Tractor by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 no – Shand). Motion to approve \$48,056 for Mack Dump Truck by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$50K for Lower Artichoke Reservoir Dam Improvement by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor OBrien. So

voted. Motion to approve \$50K for Public Water Supply Protection by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$50K for Water Supply Quality Improvements by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$85K for Crane Truck by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$125K for Water Main Replacement by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$100K for CCTV and Cleaning Sewer Downtown by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$71K for Aeration System Upgrade by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$80K for Headworks Concrete Wall and Ceiling Rehab by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve \$50K for Bobcat Loader by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

• ORDR106 05 13 19 Intermunicipal Agreement Animal Control Services

Motion to approve as amended by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

- ODNC034_05_13_19 Amendment to Salary of Elected Officials
- TRAN056 05 28 19 Free Cash \$143,094.37, Snow &Ice Labor \$11,318.05 to Snow & Ice Expenses \$154.412.42

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

• TRAN057 05 28 19 Health Ins. \$12,320 to Fire Misc Supplies \$5K, HR Payroll \$4,620, HR/FSA Admin \$2.7K

Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 no – Connell).

• TRAN058 05 28 19 BDR Elections & Reg. \$5K to CLK Lease Copier \$1.2K, CLK Admin \$1.3K, CCN ORD Recodification \$2.5K

Motion to approve (comm vote 3-0) by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

- TRAN059 05 28 19 Solid Waste Revolving Fund \$40K to SUS Solid Waste \$40K Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor OBrien. So voted.
- TRAN060 05 28 19 Free Cash \$3,250 to YTH Brown School Expenses \$3,250 Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.
- ORDR114 06 10 19 Parking Garage M-F Monthly Employee Pass

Motion to approve (comm vote 2-0) by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 no – OBrien).

- ORDR119_06_10_19 Bond Order Streets and Sidewalks \$10M
- ORDR120 06 10 19 Mitigation Payment Appropriation

Motion to approve (comm vote 3-0) by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 present – Zeid).

• ORDR121 06 10 19 Tucker Scholarship Gift Acceptance \$500

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

• ORDR122 06 10 19 FY20 Revolving Fund Order

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

Education

In Committee:

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General Government

In Committee:

- COMM139_04_08_19 Communication from Kopelman & Paige re: Closed Legal Matters
- ODNC036_06_10_19 Recording of Planning Board and ZBA Meetings

License & Permits

In Committee:

- COMM029_04_30_18 Outdoor Seating West Row Café
- COMM104_01_14_19 Seacoast Taxi Application by Richard Hewlett for 2019

Neighborhoods and City Services

In Committee:

- ORDR048_06_13_16 Sidewalk Order
- COMM111_10_10_17 Petition for Road Repairs and Repaving Squires Glen
- ODNC028_11_26_18 Parks & Recreation Fees

Planning & Development

In Committee:

- ODNC008 02 12 18 Disposition of G. W. Brown School
- ORDR086_01_28_19 CPC FY2019 Amended Recommendation for Affordable Housing Trust Funds
- ODNC029_01_28_19 Zoning Map Amendment Storey Ave South
- ODNC030 03 25 19 Zoning Amend Article XXVII Downtown Overlay District

 Motion to remove from Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted. Motion to amend, add "to" on page 8, by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted. Motion to approve as amended by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Earls. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (Zeid), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- ODNC032_05_13_19 Zoning Amend Ag-Con District
- ODNC033_05_13_19 Zoning Amendment to Former George W. Brown School Parcels
- ORDR123 06 10 19 Safe Routes to School High Street Layout Alteration (w/ Planning Board)
 Motion to remove from Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to receive and file by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.
- ORDR124 06 10 19 Safe Routes to School Order to Acquire Temporary and Permanent Easements and Award Damages

Motion to remove from Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

- ORDR125 06 10 19 Safe Routes to School Order of Taking
 - Motion to remove from Planning & Development by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor OBrien. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- ORDR127EP_06_24_19 Emergency Preamble Four Sidewalk Alteration Easements High St Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Shand. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.
- ORDR127_06_24_19 Four Sidewalk Alteration Easements High St [Motion to refer to Planning & Development by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Eigerman. Withdrawn. Motion to waive the rules, to accept as a late file item and refer to Planning & Development to be voted on later in the meeting by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted.] Motion to approve by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

Public Safety

In Committee:

- ODNC009 02 12 18 Floating Homes, Houseboats, and Related Marinas
- COMM087_09_24_18 Ltr re: Coffin Street
- COMM116 02 25 19 Toward Zero Waste Newburyport Initiative (full text available) (COTW)

• ODNC031 03 25 19 Regulation of the Use of Pesticides

Motion to remove from Public Safety by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Devlin. Roll call vote, 6 yes, 3 no (OBrien, Zeid, Devlin), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

- ORDR094_04_08_19 Traffic Changes Green, Pleasant, and Titcomb Streets
- COMM143_04_29_19 Cruisin' the 50s Car Show 8/15/19
- COMM144_04_29_19 Newburyport Fall Harvest Festival 10/13-14 2019
- COMM145_04_29_19 Witches' Night Out 10/18/19
- COMM146_04_29_19 Downtown Trick or Treat 10/25/19
- COMM147_04_29_19 Invitation Nights 12/6, 12/13, 12/20 2019
- COMM150 04 29 19 5th Annual Harborside Half Marathon & 5K 11/10/19
- COMM156_05_28_19 Traffic Concern Ferry Road
- ODNC035 05 28 19 Amendment to Health and Sanitation (COTW)

APPT103 05 28 19 Paul Hogg 4 Coltin Dr Harbormaster & Special Police Officer 5/1/2022 Motion to remove from Public Safety by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Tontar. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Tontar. Roll call vote, 9 yes, 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

• COMM157 06 10 19 Block Party - Temple Street - 8/1/2019

Motion to remove from Public Safety by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

• COMM158 06 10 19 Fill-The-Boot Drive for MDA - 8/1-8/3 2019

Motion to remove from Public Safety by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

COMM159 06 10 19 Greek Food Festival - July 26-28, 2019

Motion to remove from Public Safety by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted. Motion to approve by Councillor Devlin, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted.

- COMM160_06_10_19 Defibrillators on Plum Island
- ORDR115 06 10 19 Additions to 2-Hour Parking Zones Ferry Road
- ORDR116_06_10_19 Additions to 2-Hour Parking Zones Summer Street
- ORDR117 06 10 19 Two Hour Parking Section 175 Upper Summer St
- ORDR118_06_10_19 Resident Parking 13-180 Zone Changes

Public Utilities

In Committee:

- COMM122_11_27_17 Mobilitie Application/Small Cell Utility Petition (re-file)
- ODNC022_05_29_18 Addition to Chapter 5, Article 6 Small Cell Sites

Rules Committee

In Committee:

ORDR057_08_27_18 Amendment to Council Rule 12A

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss litigation with respect to the NRA and the conveyance of tideland to the Waterfront Trust.

The Council President stated the Council will be going into two executive sessions; one to discuss litigation with respect to the Newburyport Redevelopment Authority and a second to discuss litigation with respect to the zoning appeal at 193 High Street. Councillor Devlin recused himself from the second executive session. Motion to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation with respect to the NRA and the conveyance of tideland to the Waterfront Trust by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss litigation with respect to the 193 High Street Zoning Appeal Motion to waive the rules, to continue the meeting past 11:00pm, by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. So voted (1 no – OBrien). The Clerk stated for the record that the previous executive session related to the NRA had concluded. Motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation with respect to the 193 High Street Zoning Appeal by Councillor Eigerman, seconded by Councillor Zeid. Roll call vote, Roll call vote, 7 yes, 1 no (OBrien), 1 recused (Devlin), 2 absent (Giunta, Khan). Motion passed. It was stated by President Connell that the Council would not return to open session. 10:53pm.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor OBrien. So voted. 11:51pm.