

Protection and License Committee

Chairman Infurna, Boisselle, Seaboyer,
Forbes
Absent: McAteer-Margolis
Attending: Mortimer
In attendance: Police Chief Mike Lyle

Protection and License Committee called to order by Chairman Infurna at 7:30 p.m.

Alderman Forbes motions to open Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor. No one comes forward. Alderman Forbes motions to close Public Participation, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Order No. 11-17, DONATION ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION Item: One (1) 1999 Ford F250 pickup truck From: Somerville, MA, police department

Alderman Forbes motions to suspend the rules to hear from Chief Lyle, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Chief Lyle says while at a Chief's meeting he was offered a prisoner transport vehicle which he will use as a traffic vehicle to carry barricades and traffic control items.

Alderman Boisselle moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Seaboyer motions for concurrent action on orders 11-22 and 11-23, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

APPROPRIATION Amount: \$61,000.00
From: A/C #84062-590000 - Suits & Claims Stabilization Fund, Transfer Out
To: A/C #012111-511000 - Police, Salaries

TRANSFER Amount \$19,000.00
From: A/C #011512-544500 - City Solicitor, Suits and Claims
To: A/C #012111-511000 - Police, Salaries

Alderman Seaboyer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle.

Chairman Infurna reads the memo received from the City Solicitor into the record:

Dear Chairperson Infurna:

I am writing in reference to the two orders referenced above which are presently under consideration by the Protection and License Committee of the Board of Aldermen. Although I am unable to attend this evening's committee meeting, this correspondence is being sent to provide members of the committee with additional information.

Both orders – considered jointly – request that the sum of \$80,000 be transferred and/or appropriated to the salaries line item in the Melrose Police Department. As you may recall, the City of Melrose settled a long-standing employment dispute involving two members of the Melrose Police Department in March of 2009. These funds are necessary to make the second of three payments in connection with that settlement agreement, which agreement has previously been approved by the Board of Aldermen.

If you have any further questions relative to these orders, please do not hesitate to contact me

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-162, Amending Melrose Revised Ordinances, Chapter 127, Hawkers, Peddlers and Transient Vendors as set forth herein. (A-6)

As the maker of the order, Alderman Mortimer says the order is 95% ready for passage and is before the committee but there are no department heads present. He is ready to proceed and go forward a little bit. He doesn't want this order to be bottled up for months and then place it on file or allow it to expire. He respectfully asks this committee to make some small tweaks and adjustments to it and recommend it to the full board to be passed in basically the same shape it is in now. The main purpose of the order is to protect children; the second purpose is fair business practice.

Alderman Seaboyer says he feels very uncomfortable doing anything with this without department heads being present. Before sending it to the full board he would like to know how this would impact the various departments. The shape it's in is far from the tweaking and adjusting phase – it contains many conflicts with the existing ordinances. He is very reluctant to push this forward; there are too many loopholes for potential perpetrators.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to place on file, 2nd by Alderman Forbes.

On discussion Alderman Forbes says he knows the Ward 6 alderman's intentions are good and every alderman wants to protect the City's children. Hopefully over the winter months Beacon Hill will have a concrete bill for next spring. He doesn't trust the voluntary CORI – he wants it done right and he wants to protect the children completely. He supports Alderman Seaboyer's motion.

Alderman Boisselle commends Alderman Mortimer and his research. It is a problem in many states. He is disturbed to hear that it is only 95% ready for passage – he wants it 100%. He is also concerned that the state's impending law will conflict with this one. He supports Alderman Seaboyer's motion.

Alderman Mortimer says the full board can do other than the committee's recommendation. The City Solicitor said it's ready to go and it's actionable. Beacon Hill got nothing accomplished on this for the past two summers. A recommendation to place on file is going down the wrong road.

Alderman Forbes says they have looked at a couple of other cities' ordinances. The licensing authority and the voluntary CORI are the big problems. Hopefully next spring

there will be something in place.

Alderman Seaboyer says he is CORI'd for his work. The reports are easy to copy. There are no signatures. He will not put the city's children in harm's way to someone who has the ability to alter or copy a CORI report. It also conflicts with the existing ordinances. The Aldermen received this version on Monday, at the end of the summer, not at the beginning of the summer. It's hard to recommend it without having the department heads here, the situation with the CORI check, and the conflicts with existing ordinances.

Alderman Mortimer says the aldermen still have October and November to work it out. It may not be perfect but it will give the City a list of drivers and operators. He advises the committee members to make amendments but not to throw it out.

On the motion to place on file, All in favor.

Alderman Seaboyer motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Protection and License Committee adjourns at 7:58 p.m.

<u>Health, Education and Welfare Committee</u>	Vice Chairman Boisselle, Seaboyer, Forbes, Infurna Absent: McAteer-Margolis Attending: Mortimer In attendance: Linda Walsh, Melrose Library Assistant Director
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Health, Education and Welfare Committee called to order by Vice Chairman Boisselle at 7:58 p.m.

Alderman Infurna motions for concurrent action on orders 11-20 and 11-21, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Order No. 11-20, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$44,500.00
From: A/C # 29032-590000 - Library, Fines Account, Transfer Out \$25,000.00
A/C # 28072-590000 - Library, Donation Account, Transfer Out \$19,500.00
To: A/C # 016112-534200 - Library, Books & Periodicals \$40,500.00
A/C # 016112-534100 - Library, Audio Visual Materials 4,000.00

Order No. 11-21, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$55,000.00
From: Trustees of the Melrose Public Library
To: A/C # 016112-534200 - Library, Books & Periodicals - \$52,500.00
A/C # 016112-534100 - Library, Audio Visual Materials 2,500.00

Alderman Infurna motions to suspend the rules to hear from Ms. Walsh, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Seaboyer says the letter from Library Director Dennis Kelley indicates the money is needed to meet the municipal appropriation by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. He asks Ms. Walsh if future transfers will be necessary. Ms.

Walsh says there are generally a few transfers during the year.

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Forbes. All in favor.

Alderman Forbes motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Health, Education and Welfare Committee adjourns at 8:07 p.m.

Public Works Committee

Chairman Forbes, Infurna, Boisselle,
Seaboyer
Absent: McAteer-Margolis
Attending: Mortimer
In attendance: City Planner Denise Gaffey,
Deputy City Engineer John Scenna

Public Works Committee called to order by Chairman Forbes at 8:08 p.m.

Order No. 11-18, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$51,500.00
From: A/C #84012-590000 - Stabilization Trust Fund, Transfer Out
To: A/C #014112-529000 - Public Works – Engineering, Professional Services

Alderman Boisselle moves to recommend for discussion purposes, 2nd by Alderman Infurna.

Alderman Infurna motions to suspend the rules to hear from Ms. Gaffey and Mr. Scenna, 2nd by Alderman Boisselle. All in favor.

Mr. Scenna says the Administration is moving forward with a study of Fred Green Field and Morelli Field adjacent to the Middle School campus to see if synthetic turf would be an option. Public Works and the Planning Office went through an extensive process for a feasibility study. They think they have some options and would like to continue the study.

Ms. Gaffey says they put together a document for the RFQ process which was comprised of the scope of service and the qualifications they were looking for. There are 6 select firms that do the type of study. After receiving the proposals they held interviews for the firms that interested them. Gale Associates was selected. It is a very reputable firm which specializes in municipal field construction. This piggybacks on the Middle School project and the drainage project.

Alderman Seaboyer says the letter from Mr. Beshara indicates the total cost is \$59,000. He asks which account the remaining funds are in. Mr. Scenna says that years ago funding for lighting improvements at Morelli Field was approved but weren't used. Those funds will be used since the feasibility study includes the lighting project.

Alderman Forbes asks if the lighting includes the football field and Morelli Field. Mr. Scenna says it is total lighting, even at the Knoll. Alderman Forbes asks when the feasibility study will be completed. Mr. Scenna says he thinks the final report will be done by October 30. Ms. Gaffey says it's a very aggressive timeframe.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 11-19, APPROPRIATION Amount: \$5,925.00
From: A/C # 29062-590000 - Parking Receipts, Transfer Out
To: A/C # 014222-527310 0 - PW, Highway, Train Station Maintenance

Alderman Infurna moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer.

On discussion Alderman Infurna says the funds are for the annual contract for the train station machines and asks how often they break down. Mr. Scenna says this was a very good year; there was no vandalism at the three lots. These funds put the company on call 24/7. The machines are serviced twice per year.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Order No. 10-198, Requesting that Superintendent of Public Works and other appropriate members of the Administration of the City of Melrose appear before the Board of Aldermen to discuss the feasibility of installing a crosswalk at the intersection of Lincoln Street, Nelson Road and the Lynn Fells Parkway.

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Alderman Infurna asks if there is any news on this matter. Mr. Scenna says there are no updates from Mr. Beshara. Alderman Infurna says the Traffic Commission met and supported Mr. Beshara writing to the DCR. As far as she knows they haven't replied.

Alderman Infurna motions to place on hold, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Order No. 11-02, Requesting authorization to dispose of surplus property in accordance with Melrose Revised Ordinances, Chapter 4-13 as set forth herein.

Alderman Seaboyer moves to recommend, 2nd by Alderman Infurna for discussion purposes.

Mr. Scenna says this is a housekeeping order for his department for vehicles that were taken offline over the course of last winter. Two new 1-ton pickups trucks replaced two of the vehicles. The Crown Vics came from the police department and have been replaced by two newer vehicles from the police department. There is little trade in value; they will go to the surplus vehicle auction via bid process. Alderman Boisselle asks what will happen if no one bids. Mr. Scenna says they'll be scrapped at the junkyard.

On the motion to recommend, All in favor.

Alderman Infurna motions to adjourn, 2nd by Alderman Seaboyer. All in favor.

Public Works adjourns at 8:39 p.m.

Maribeth Harrington
Clerk of Committees