

**SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2021**

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Special Meeting of the City Council was held remotely Thursday on evening, March 4, 2021.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the Roll of Members. Eleven (11) Councillors were present including President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Scott Joseph Graves, Karen Hardern, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh.

**OPEN MEETING RECORDING & PUBLIC RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Kazinskas announced that pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Gardner City Council will be conducted via remote participation and broadcast live on Gardner Educational Television, Channel 8, and on the City's YouTube Channel. The audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings will be posted on the City's website as soon as possible after the meeting. She added that since the meeting is being conducted via **Zoom**, that all votes taken would be by roll call and asked Councillors to raise their hands to be recognized.

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President Kazinskas informed the Council that the Finance Committee had a meeting prior to the Special City Council meeting. They have received a letter from the Mayor that was seven pages long regarding the property located at 177 West Street. She also wanted to mention that she received an email from Councillor Mack right before the meeting that will be submitted for the minutes. It was a correspondence between her and the Law Department.

Councillor Ronald Cormier reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that there was a 2 to 1 vote to recommend to pass the money order in the amount of \$225,500.00. He made a motion to pass the money order of \$265,000.00, seconded by Councillor James Walsh. Another motion was made by Councillor Ronald Cormier, seconded by Councillor James Walsh to amend the amount to \$225,500.00.

- They have received a waiver from DCAM (Division of Capital Asset and Management) to solicit quotes for work rather than seek formal bids
- The lowest quote they did receive was for \$205,000.00. As a good business practice, 10% of the amount is put in as a contingency. This is where the excess comes to \$225,000.00

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Councillor James Walsh stated that he was in favor of the reduced amount, but not in favor to recommend. He voted “nay” on the recommendation.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on call of the roll, it was voted eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Scott Joseph Graves, Karen Hardern, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh, to amend the following Order from \$265,000.00 to \$225,500.00:

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on call of the roll, it was voted ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Scott Joseph Graves, Karen Hardern, Judy Mack, and George Tyros, and one (1) nay, Councillor James Walsh, to adopt the following Order:

**AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO MAYOR’S UNCLASSIFIED BUILDING DEMO ACCOUNT.**

**ORDERED:**

That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$225,500.00) from Free Cash to Mayor’s Unclassified Building Demo Account.

Presented to Mayor for Approval – March 5, 2021

Approved – March 5, 2021

MICHAEL J. NICHOLSON, Mayor

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Councillor Judy Mack and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on call of the roll, it was voted eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Scott Joseph Graves, Karen Hardern, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh, to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

**Accepted by the City Council: March 15, 2021**