

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by President Scott Joseph Graves at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

Finance Committee Members present were Council President Scott Joseph Graves and Councillors Ronald Cormier and James Walsh.

Others participating included City Auditor John Richard and City Clerk Alan Agnelli.

President Graves asked if anyone present planned to record the meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, as follows:

Any person may make a video or audio recording of the open session of this meeting so long as it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting. All documents and exhibits used or referenced at this meeting shall be submitted in duplicate to the City Clerk, as they become part of the minutes of the meeting. Is there anyone present who will be recording this meeting?

No one responded.

1-1 Reading and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted to approve the Minutes of the September 26, 2018 Meeting, as printed.

4-1 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 156 Thereof, Entitled "Municipal Grounds Commission, to Add Various Provisions Relating to Duties (Ordinance Amendment originally filed under "Community Bandstand Committee").
(Continued from 9/26/2018).

President Graves expressed concern that the Ordinance draft submitted by the City Solicitor did not incorporate the long-standing Bandstand Committee name and specific purpose; therefore, he offered the following changes that include the Bandstand Committee:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 156 THEREOF, ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL GROUNDS COMMISSION," TO ADD PROVISIONS RELATING TO A COMMUNITY BANDSTAND COMMITTEE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Gardner as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 156-3 of the Code of the City of Gardner is hereby amended by adding the following:

B. There is hereby established under this Section the "Community Bandstand Committee" which shall exist and be operated hereunder for the purpose of implementing seasonal programs to be conducted in the City's parks including but not limited to summer musical concerts and other community entertainment events at

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the Bandstand located in Monument Park, as well as at the City's other parks, at the City's other municipal grounds and at other appropriate locations in the City. The Community Bandstand Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) members, one of whom shall be a member of the Municipal Grounds Commission, to carry out the purposes of this Section 156-3B. All members shall be appointed in accordance with Section 156-1A.

C. The Community Bandstand Committee may receive donations and gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of the City to further the purposes as set forth in Section 156-3B. Upon receipt of any such donation or gift the Community Bandstand Committee shall provide each such gift or donation to the Treasurer, who shall deposit same into an account to be created and named the "Community Bandstand Committee Program Fund." All funds in such Community Bandstand Committee Program Fund shall be used for the purposes set forth in Section 156-3B.

D. Revise the former (present) 156-3B to 156-30.

Section 2. Effective date.

This ordinance shall become effective on passage and publication as required by law.

Councillor James Walsh noted that President Graves' amendments provides for the Bandstand Committee to have clear standing, as opposed to "a generalized position" within the Municipal Grounds Commission.

President Graves noted that an authorizing vote by the City Council is necessary to establish a specific Gift Fund for the Committee's purposes, which would be included with the Ordinance at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.