

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2023**

Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 3, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the Roll of Members. Ten (10) Councillors were present including Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Elizabeth Kazinskas, George Tyros, and James Walsh.

ELECTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

The City Clerk announced that nominations were in order for election of Council President for the year 2023, in accordance with Section 5 of the Charter of the City of Gardner.

Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas announced that she would recuse herself on advice from the State Ethics Commission "as candidates [for Council President] are not allowed to vote for themselves." She removed herself from the meeting participation.

The Clerk announced that nominations were in order for election of Council President for the year 2023.

Councillor George Tyros nominated Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas.

There being no further nominations, the City Clerk entertained a motion to close nominations.

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Judy Mack, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh, to close nominations.

On call of the roll:

Councillor James Boone voting ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Craig R. Cormier voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Ronald F. Cormier voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Aleksander H. Dernalowicz voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

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Councillor Karen G. Hardern voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Dana M. Heath ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Judy A. Mack voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor Elizabeth J. Kazinskas ABSTAINED

Councillor George C. Tyros voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

Councillor James M. Walsh voting for ELIZABETH J. KAZINSKAS

OPENING PRAYER

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the Opening Prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

OPEN MEETING RECORDING & PUBLIC RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT

President Elizabeth Kazinskas announced to the assembly that the Open Meeting Recording and Public Records Announcement. Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recordings shall notify the Chair forthwith. All documents and exhibits used or referenced at the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the chair as they become part of the meeting minutes pursuant to General Law Chapter 38 Section 20.

READING & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to waive the reading and accept the MINUTES of October 3, 2022 Informal Meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE****#10872**

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Council President’s Appointment of Jennifer Zlotnik Pelavin, Esq., to the position of Special Act Charter Drafting Committee Member, for term expiring upon submission to City Council.*

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There being no objection, more time was granted.

#10873

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Council President's Appointment of Alan L. Agnelli, to the position of Special Act Charter Drafting Committee Member, for term expiring upon submission to City Council.*

There being no objection, more time was granted.

#10875

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Neil Janssens, to the position of Special Act Charter Drafting Committee, for term expiring upon submission to City Council.*

There being no objection, more time was granted.

#10876

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Tina Griffin, to the position of Special Act Charter Drafting Committee, for term expiring upon submission to City Council.*

There being no objection, more time was granted.

#10877

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Robert Rice, Esq., to the position of Special Act Charter Drafting Committee, for term expiring upon submission to City Council.*

There being no objection, more time was granted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**SAFETY COMMITTEE****#10861**

Councillor Craig Cormier requested more time on *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 600, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Section 42, Entitled "One Way Street."*

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There was no objection. More time was granted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND METTERS FOR RECONSIDERATION

#10856

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillor James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh to APPROVE and send to Final Printing, *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 171, Section 68, Entitled "Personnel Compensation Schedule," – Related to FY2023 Supplemental Budget .*

#10857

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillor James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh to APPROVE and send to Final Printing, *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 428, Entitled "Hawkers and Peddlers."*

#10864

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillor James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh to APPROVE and send to Final Printing, *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 171, Entitled "Personnel Compensation Schedule," – Assistant Director of Veterans Services.*

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Dana Heath mentioned that minimum wage has gone up to \$15.

Councillor Craig Cormier, Karen Hardern, James Walsh and Ronald Cormier would like to congratulate Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas on the election of Council President.

Councillor James Boone wishes everyone a happy new year.



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CLOSING PRAYER

President Elizabeth Kazinskas led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councillor Dana Heath and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier it was voted viva voce, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillor James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros and James Walsh to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: March 20, 2023