

**REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2023**

Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall, on Tuesday evening, January 17, 2023.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas 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. Nine (9) Councillors were present including Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Elizabeth Kazinskas, George Tyros, and James Walsh. Councillor Judy Mack was absent.

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, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to waive the reading and accept the MINUTES of October 3, 2022 Regular Meeting.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS**#10878**

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to PLACE ON FILE, *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of John M. Flick, to the position of City Solicitor, for term expiring January 3, 2024.*

#10879

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place on file, *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Rachel J. Roberts, to the position of Executive Secretary, for term expiring January 3, 2024.*

#10880

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer to the Appointments Committee for further study and report, *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Leonette Roy, to the position of Housing Authority Member, for term expiring December 27, 2027.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR
ORDERS**#10881**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer to the Finance Committee for further study and report, *An Order Appropriating \$134,500.00 From Free Cash to FAA Airport Runway and Taxiway System – City Portion.*

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PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**#10882**

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class II, Gardner Five Star Auto Sales, 407 Chestnut Street.*

#10883

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class II, Riverside Auto, 65 Riverside Road.*

#10884

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor Karen Hardern, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer to the Public Safety Committee for further study and report, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class III, Riverside Auto, 65 Riverside Road.*

#10885

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh refer to Finance Committee for further study and report, *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 171, Thereof, Entitled "Personnel," to Change Compensation Schedule 1, Yearly Salaries, Mayor and City Councillors.*

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES
APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#10872

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to CONFIRM the President's Appointment:

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.

#10873

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to CONFIRM the Presidents Appointment:

*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.*

#10875

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to CONFIRM the Mayor's Appointment:

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.

#10876

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros, and James Walsh to CONFIRM the Mayor's Appointment:

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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.

#10877

On a motion made by Councillor George Tyros and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, eight (8) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, and George Tyros to CONFIRM the Mayor's Appointment:

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.

Councillor James Walsh abstained from the vote.

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."*

There was no objection. More time was granted.

NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Dana Heath would like to congratulate the Wildcat Cheerleaders who made nationals and will be heading to Florida.

Councillor Craig Cormier mentioned that there will be a public hearing next Wednesday, regarding Regan Street being a one-way.

Councillor James Bonne thanks Councillor Craig Cormier for having a public hearing.

Councillor Ronald Cormier thanks the Mayor and the President for choosing the members of the Charter Drafting Committee.



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CLOSING PRAYER

President Elizabeth Kazinskas led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councillor James Boone and seconded by Councillor Craig Cormier it was voted viva voce, nine (9) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillor James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, George Tyros and James Walsh to adjourn at 7:43 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: March 20, 2023