

CITY OF GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2023

The Finance Committee meeting was called to order by Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas at 8:00 AM in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall.

Finance Committee Members Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and Ronald Cormier were also present.

Also participating was Mayoral Aide Colin Smith; and City Clerk Titi Siriphan.

Review and Approval of the Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted viva voce, three (3) yeas President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors Ronald Cormier and Aleksander Dernalowicz to waive the reading and to accept the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of:

- October 3, 2022
- October 12, 2022
- November 17, 2022
- November 30, 2022
- December 14, 2022
- January 30, 2023

FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

10944 A Notification from the Mayor Regarding FY2024 Chapter 90 Funding.

President Kazinskas informed the committee that Mayor Nicholson was not present to attend today's meeting. She stated that per correspondence in the packet that this notification was in regard to the Chapter 90 allotment for the upcoming fiscal year from the Healy-Driscoll Administration.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to *place on file* this notification.

10945 A Notification from the Mayor Regarding Preliminary Cherry Sheet Figures for FY2024.

President Kazinskas informed the committee that this notification was received from the Mayor, along with the figures from the Division of Local Services with estimates for the City of Gardner.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to *place on file* this notification.

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10946 A Measure Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement between City of Gardner and Town of Ashburnham for Wastewater Collection, Treatment and Disposal.

President Kazinskas informed the committee that this was an agreement with the Town of Ashburnham. If approved, the documents would be sent to the Town of Ashburnham for their Select Board to review and authorize the Town Administrator for signature.

Councillor Ronald Cormier questioned why the document had been signed by Town of Ashburnham.

Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz had also noticed that some of the amendments reference 2020, 2022 and 2023.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to *refer this item back to the Finance Committee for further study and report.*

10947 A Measure Authorizing an Intermunicipal Agreement between City of Gardner and Town of Hubbardston for Animal Control Services.

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz, it was voted to recommend to the City Council to APPROVE the following ORDER:

AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARDNER AND THE TOWN OF HUBBARDSTON FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

VOTED: To authorize the Mayor of the City of Gardner to enter into an Intermunicipal with the Town of Hubbardston for the purpose of providing Animal Control services among the two communities, under such terms and conditions as the Mayor deems appropriate and in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 40 of General Laws.

10948 An Open Meeting Law Complaint Filed by Paul DeMeo Regarding Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

President Kazinskas informed the committee that this complaint was filed by Mr. Paul DeMeo against the Finance Committee on March 8th. A copy of the complaint was attached. City Solicitor Flick has reviewed the complaint and provided a draft response.

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to accept the proposed response drafted

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by the City Solicitor and use the dates provided by the City Clerk and any other dates necessary to complete the response.

New Business

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.