



CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso
City Council Chamber – Revere City Hall
281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151

Calendar

Monday, April 24, 2023, 6:00 PM

5:00PM Economic Development Sub-Committee Meeting

5:30PM Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee Meeting

Salute to the Flag

1. **Roll Call of Members**

2. Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2023

3. **23-077** Motion presented by Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor appear before the Revere City Council to discuss the status of the Beachmont Community Center, formerly known as the Beachmont Fire Station. The City had been in a partnership with the MAPC to renovate the former Beachmont Fire Station into a public/performing arts space, but the status of the project is unclear. The Mayor has recently notified the MAPC the City would be unable to move forward with this project, and this notification from the Mayor to the MAPC follows a direct and verbal threat made by the Mayor to the Ward One Councilor to cancel this project after a Council vote on another matter at the meeting of Monday, February 27th.

Public Hearings

4. **23-057** Communication from the City Policy Writer & Analyst requesting a public hearing for various amendments to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere relative to boards and commissions.

5. **23-060** Communication from the City Clerk requesting a revocation hearing for certain storage of flammables licensees for reason of non-payment and failure to register the premises pursuant to Chapter 148, Section 13 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

6. **23-082** Motion presented by Councillor Morabito: That the City Council order to a public hearing the following amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere: A Zoning Ordinance Amendment Relative to Home Based Child Care Businesses.

7. **23-083** Hearing called as ordered on the application of Arcadia St LLC, 787 North Shore Road, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to enable the appellant to construct five (5) townhouses on the property at 84 Arcadia Street, Revere, MA 02151.

Economic Development Sub-Committee Report

8. **22-233** Motion presented by Council President Keefe: That the Mayor request the Housing Liaison and the Affordable Housing Trustees to collaborate with the Revere Housing Authority, in planning use of vacant and underutilized land and properties to add more affordable space for Revere's residents. This collaboration could involve a public and private partnership to increase affordability for the City's senior population.
9. **22-264** Motion presented by Councillor Silvestri: That the City Council conduct a financial impact study relative to medical and recreational marijuana within the City Revere. Further, that this discussion be referred to the Economic Development Sub-Committee.

Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee Report

10. **22-351** An Ordinance Further Amending An Ordinance Relative to Meeting Times of Governmental Bodies Section 1. Section 2.03.050(E) Open Meetings of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by ending the first sentence after the word “Sunday”, deleting the words: “, in matters deemed necessary by the presiding officer of the following: Board of Health, City Council Committee of the Whole and Sub-Committees, Conservation Commission, Commission on Disabilities, Human Rights Commission, Planning Board, Traffic Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals” and inserting in place thereof the following: “The following governmental bodies shall be exempt from this sub-section: School Committee, License Commission, and Council on Elder Affairs.”

Communications

11. **23-084** Communication from the Chief of Talent & Culture notifying the City Council of the change in operating hours and 4-day work week pilot program for City Hall.
12. **23-085** Communication from the Mayor relative to the appointment of Rachel Vincent to the Conservation Commission
13. **23-086** Communication from the Mayor relative to the re-appointment of several members of the Conservation Commission
14. **23-087** Communication from the City Auditor relative to the Budget Transfer to the School Department.

Motions

15. **23-088** Motion presented by Councillor Visconti: That the City Council award Certificates of Appreciation to all crossing guards. Crossing guards play an important role in supporting our students and families as they access schools and neighborhoods throughout the City of Revere.

16. **23-089** Motion presented by Councillor Zambuto: That the Acting Mayor provide an update on the following motion that was approved on December 5, 2022 and signed by the Mayor on December 20, 2022: That the Mayor request the Policy Writer & Analyst and Fire Prevention to draft an ordinance or special legislation establishing regulations for the licensure of the indoor storage of electric vehicles. There have been numerous reports of electric car batteries igniting and causing fires.
17. **23-090** Motion presented by Councillor Silvestri: That the Acting Mayor request the Chief of Health and Human services to appear before the City Council to provide a final report on the warming center to include but not limited to pros, cons, other issues that may have impacted the location or residents, and the number of residents who used the center.
18. **23-091** Motion presented by Councillor Silvestri: That the Acting Mayor request the Director of SUDHI to appear before the City Council to discuss the findings of the Homelessness Impact Study conducted by the outside consultant. Several Councillors were interviewed during the study and the results should be provided as requested.
19. **23-092** Motion presented by Councillor Cogliandro, Councillor Serino: That the City Solicitor appear before the City Council to discuss the role and responsibilities of an “Acting Mayor” for the edification of the City Councillors and the residents of Revere. Seeing as the City of Revere has not had a Mayor resign or pass away in office in many years, if ever, Councillors and residents are interested to learn about, and may have questions regarding, how city government operates during the time between the elected Mayor's resignation on April 21, 2023 and when a new Mayor is sworn-in on January 1, 2024. Further, that the City Solicitor explain to the Council and residents what an Acting Mayor can and cannot do while serving as the placeholder until the people of the city elect a new Mayor, as well as exactly what powers/duties the Acting Mayor has, specifically in order that the Council is able to better understand how to craft and submit motions that will fall in line with the powers/duties of the Acting Mayor.
20. **23-093** Motion presented by Councillor Serino: That the Acting Mayor request the General Manager of the Haas Health and Wellness Center to appear before the City Council to discuss the status of the center, located on Charger Street, as well as to brief the Council and residents on current programs offered by the center.
21. **23-094** Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Acting Mayor request the Superintendent of Schools along with the Revere High School Student Resource Officer to appear before the City Council to discuss student safety issues including the use of and/or the discovery of illegal narcotics such as cannabis including edibles, and opioid related substances. Further, to discuss behavioral issues, truancy, and student safety not exclusively, but especially at Revere High School.

22. **23-095** Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Acting Mayor appear before the Revere City Council to discuss rent payments being made to the Robert J. Haas Health and Wellness Center, along with other expenses being paid to include salaries, utilities, and insurance. Lastly, to provide the current status of this property and it's current benefit to the community.
23. **23-096** Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo, Councillor McKenna: That the City Council award a Certificate of Commendation to Rita Singer, former and long-time Ward One City Councillor, in recognition of her milestone 90th birthday.