CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting



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City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber – Revere City Hall 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 Calendar Monday, December 19, 2022, 6:00 PM

Salute to the Flag

1.		Roll Call of Members			
2.		Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2022			
Presenation of Certificates					
3.	<u>22-347</u>	Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the City Council award a Certificate of Commendation to Arthur W. Foshey in recognition of his 95th birthday. Mr. Foshey is a 23 year Navy Veteran who served in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Lebanon Crisis.			
4.	<u>22-343</u>	Motion presented by Councillor Morabito, Councillor Novoselsky: That the City Council award Certificates of Appreciation to the "Singing Seniors" who bring holiday cheer throughout the City with their caroling.			
5.	<u>22-331</u>	Motion presented by Councillor Keefe: That the City Council award a Certificate of Appreciation to Sgt. Joseph Internicola and the leadership at MassBadge who helped organize and execute Revere's annual community Thanksgiving. This year, the event served over 600 people and provided over 100 meals to go, all through charitable and in kind donations from our community members.			
6.	<u>22-283</u>	Motion presented by Councillor Morabito: In collaboration with the Retirement Board, that the City Council host a certificate presentation in the Council Chambers in the month of December on an annual basis, to recognize city employees nearing retirement that calendar year.			
	MBTA Bike Lane Presentattion				
7.	<u>22-350</u>	Michael Trepanier from MassDOT will provide the City Council with an update on the reconfiguration of Bennington Street for the purpose of establishing bike			



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Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM. President Gerry Visconti presiding.

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1 Roll Call of Members

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Anthony Cogliandro	Councillor	Present	
Patrick M. Keefe	Councillor	Present	
Joanne McKenna	Councillor	Present	
Steven Morabito	Councillor	Present	
Ira Novoselsky	Councillor	Absent	
John F. Powers	Councillor	Present	
Dan Rizzo	Councillor	Present	
Richard J. Serino	Councillor	Present	
Marc Silvestri	Councillor	Present	
Anthony T. Zambuto	Councillor	Present	
Gerry Visconti	President	Present	

2 Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of December 5, 2022

RESULT: ACCEPTED

Public Hearings

3 22-335

Hearing called as ordered on the application of Gerinaldo Nunez, 149 Cummins Highway, Roslindale, MA 02131 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council with respect to no more than one principal nonresidential structure may be allowed on a single lot to enable the appellant to install a shipping container on the property for the temporary storage of parcels at 297 Lee Burbank Highway, Revere, MA 02151.

Proponents

John Doherty, 94 Gage Ave., Revere, MA Gerinaldo Nunez, 149 Cummins Ave., Dorchester, MA

Opponents

none

A majority of the City Council indicated that the proposed use would not be a good fit for the property though Mr. Nunez's business concept is a good one. Mr. Nunez indicated that the structure could hold up to 2,000 packages and anyone would be able to use his address as a shipping address. The Council concluded that the traffic generated from the proposed use would be significant and vehicles for deliveries and package pick-up would be forced to use the off-ramp and be directed down an already congested Winthrop Parkway. Security is also an issue because the rear of the parking is not well lit. Councillor McKenna who represents this area of the City stated that the proposed shipping container would negatively impact the direct abutting wetlands and residences.

RESULT: REFERRED TO ZONING

4 22-336

Hearing called as ordered on the application of Shirley Avenue, LLC, 163 Shirley Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 requesting a special permit from the Revere City Council to enable the appellant to raze the existing non-conforming structure and construct a brand new five (5) story mixed-use structure consisting of two (2) commercial units on the first floor and thirty-two (32) residential units on floors two (2) through five (5) at 163 Shirley Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

Proponents

Attorney Lawrence Simeone for the applicant David Barsky, architect for the project

Opponents

Qin Li, 47 Dehon Street, Revere, MA Lor Holmes, 243 Campbell Avenue, Revere, MA

Ms. Li is the direct abutter to the rear of the property and has resided at this address over twenty-five years. She cited privacy concerns, trash, and size/scope of the project. Ms. Li proposed to the developer to reduce the size of the project to 3 floors and 16 apartments. Ms. Holmes indicated that she would like to see more affordable housing included.

Several Councillors indicated that the project was too dense and want to see a smaller scope. Councillor Morabito would like to see more affordable units included in the project. Councillor Cogliandro also indicated that if long time neighbors are opposed to the project, then he would most like be opposed to the project as well.

RESULT: REFERRED TO ZONING

5 <u>22-337</u> Hearing ca

Hearing called as ordered on a petition submitted by National Grid & Verizon to install two new jointly owned poles on Fernwood Ave. and 454 Broadway. In accordance with the plan on file (Plan# 30571975)

Proponents

none

Opponents

none

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON FOR 454 BROADWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ON FILE?"

RESULT: ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Cogliandro, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Powers, Rizzo, Serino, Silvestri, Zambuto,

Visconti

ABSENT: Novoselsky

6 22-338 Hearing called as ordered on a petition submitted by National Grid to

install underground electrical conduits from proposed new pole P899-2 on Fernwood Avenue, Revere, MA at Revere, MA in accordance with the

plan on file. (Plan #30571975)

Proponents

none

Opponents

none

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL GRID FOR 454 BROADWAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ON FILE?"

RESULT: ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Cogliandro, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Powers, Rizzo, Serino, Silvestri, Zambuto,

Visconti

ABSENT: Novoselsky

7 <u>22-339</u> Hearing called as ordered on a petition submitted by National Grid and

Verizon to install a jointly owned pole P3139-1 at 275 Squire Rd, Revere,

MA in accordance with the plan on a file. (Plan#30590222)

Proponents

none

Opponents

none

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON AT 275 SQUIRE ROAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ON FILE?"

RESULT: ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Cogliandro, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Powers, Rizzo, Serino, Silvestri, Zambuto,

Visconti

ABSENT: Novoselsky

8 <u>22-340</u> Hearing called as ordered on a petition submitted by Verizon and National

Grid to install two jointly owned poles on Walnut St., Revere, MA near

the intersection of Brookline St. Revere, MA for service to a new

residential structure at 121 Walnut St. Revere, MA in accordance with the

plan on file. (Plan #30660786)

Proponents

none

Opponents

none

"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT THE PETITION SUBMITTED BY NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON FOR NEW SERVICE AT 121 WALNUT STREET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ON FILE?"

RESULT: ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Cogliandro, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Powers, Rizzo, Serino, Silvestri, Zambuto,

Visconti

ABSENT: Novoselsky

Communications

9 <u>22-341</u> Communication from City Solicitor Paul Capizzi relative to CO 22-246 (Revere Police Department personnel matters)

Council Order 22-341 to be combined with Council Order 22-246.

Paul Capizzi was in attendance to present the documents provided to the City Council and indicated that the documents are a partial response to Councillor Rizzo's motion. Solicitor Capizzi indicated that the he will work on gathering information for the other requests in the motion in preparation for a Council meeting in January.

RESULT: REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS

10 <u>22-342</u> Communication from the Mayor relative to an update regarding the Revere High School Construction Project

Brian Dakin, Christine Lyons, and Superintendent Kelly addressed the City Council regarding the schematic design which included the scope, schedule, and budget. PowerPoint presentation is attached and made part of the record. The presenters informed the City Council that a vote would be required on the schematic design plan so as not to delay the application to the MSBA which could put the City behind schedule by 3 to 6 months.

Council President Visconti indicated that the proposed budget of approximately \$500 million presents a \$120 million increase from the \$380 million budget that was originally proposed. The proposed budget also does not include any figures related to the eminent domain taking of the site. Chairman of Ways & Means Councillor Rizzo requested that the schematic design be referred to his committee for further discussion as the numbers and the vote were just requested of the City Council this evening.

RESULT: REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS

Motions

Motion presented by Councillor Morabito, Councillor Novoselsky: That the City Council award Certificates of Appreciation to the "Singing Seniors" who bring holiday cheer throughout the City with their caroling.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

Motion presented by Councillor Morabito: That the Mayor provide the City Council with an update on the following Council Order 22-143 that was approved by the Mayor on May 24, 2022: That the Mayor request Community Development and the DPW to install decorative street lamps extending the entire length of Broadway.

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

Motion presented by Councillor Keefe: That the City Council award Certificates of Commendation to the Revere Pop Warner Cheerleaders in recognition of their success at the National Cheer Championships in Disney.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

Motion presented by Councillor Novoselsky, Councillor Morabito: That the Mayor be requested to establish, as soon as possible, two positions (one full-time, and one part-time) for the Revere Society for Cultural and Historic Preservation at 108 Beach Street. Grants or CDBG could be used to fund these positions.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

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95th birthday. Mr. Foshey is a 23 year Navy Veteran who served in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the Lebanon Crisis.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

Late Motions

Motion presented by Council President Visconti: That the City Council direct the City Clerk to draft a City Council Rule of Order for the purpose of providing guidelines for public participation at City Council meetings.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

17 22-349

Motion presented by Councillor Serino, Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor provide an update on Council Order 22-287 from the meeting of October 17, 2022 relative to a request that a meeting be held to discuss the status of the property known as the Quality Inn located at 100 Morris Street with the Mayor, Inspector of Buildings, City Solicitor, License Commission, Frank Stringi and/or the new Community Development Director.

RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

Late Communication

Veto message from the Mayor relative to Council Order 22-324, An Act Repealing Chapter 402 of the Acts of 1965.

RESULT: PLACED ON FILE

Ordered adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Attest:

City Clerk