



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

Councillor Crowe, Chair
Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair
Councillor Sica
Councillor Spadafora
Councillor Winslow

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 105
Malden, MA 02148

Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM.

Also in attendance were Councillors McDonald, Colon-Hayes, Murphy, Police Chief Glen Cronin, Assistant City Solicitor Zaheer Samee, Special Assistant to the Mayor Maria Luise, and Advisory Committee resident member Isadel Eddy.

Present: 5 - Councillor Peg Crowe, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Jadeane Sica, Craig Spadafora and Stephen Winslow

Business

[81-23](#)

Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Malden that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) be amended by adding Title 2, Chapter .16, Section .150 POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Sponsors: Karen Colon Hayes, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Stephen Winslow, Peg Crowe and Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Police Community Advisory Council Paper - 2.22.23](#)
[Mayor's Letter to the Council re PCAC Ordinance](#)

Chair Crowe opened the meeting with a reading of the paper and then handed it over to Councillor McDonald. He explained the ordinance that is Paper 81 is the product of a couple years of work and community engagement that began with Mayor Christenson's Unite Malden 2020 Pledge after the murder of George Floyd. Through this time, there were many public dialogues, suggestions, a public survey with approximately 1,300 responses, and recommendations that went back to the Mayor on the topic of public safety and policing. The purpose of this advisory group, unlike what is being done in other cities throughout the state, is not to be a civilian oversight group that focuses on investigating misconduct. Massachusetts has a state-wide system in place for that purpose. What this particular group is going to focus on is community involvement between the MPD and residents of Malden, encouraging dialog, reaching out to underrepresented neighborhoods, reviewing of data coming from police department with the ultimate goal of enhancing the trust and relationships involved with the public safety in Malden.

Councillor Spadafora inquired about the Clerk position for this advisory council. He noted there would need to be funding for a stipend for this duty and also pointed out the student representative does not necessarily have to come from Malden High School, only that they are a high school student who resides in the City of Malden.

Chair Crowe asked Chief Cronin if he had anything further to add. He thanked all involved for their work on this project. Chief Cronin stated he has gone through the ordinance many times and doesn't have any issues with anything that is outlined in there and is very much looking forward to working with this advisory council. Special Assistant to the Mayor, Maria Luise spoke to give credit to all who worked on this research group, highlighting their dedication and commitment to this work. Additionally, she noted this ordinance is only one of the recommendations that came out of the work, urging the Councillors and members of the public to read the full recommendations as well as Chief Cronin's response in implementing some of them.

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor at Large Spadafora, that the Ordinance be recommended favorably to the City Council. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Tabled Papers

[254-20](#)

Order: That the City Council adopt the Rules of the Council Rule Book 2021.

Sponsors: Jadeane Sica

Attachments: [First DRAFT Rule Book Changes](#)
[Second DRAFT Rule Book Changes](#)

[283-21](#)

Order: That the City of Malden submit to the Massachusetts Legislature for passage in substantially the following form: (See Attached).

Sponsors: Stephen Winslow

Attachments: [Traffic Comm. - Charter Update 2021.Paper.283.21 Attachment](#)

[313-21](#)

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the City of Malden Ordinances section 2.16 "Board, Commissions, and Committees" be amended to require remote participation by members of the public for all public meetings by inserting a new section 2.16.001 "Remote participation required."

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley, Deborah DeMaria and Amanda Linehan

[118-22](#)

The Committee on Technology Policy will meet to discuss adopting policies for public access and remote participation for Councillors and any other business moving forward with the committee.

Attachments: [Recommendations from Technology on Paper 118-22](#)

[238-22](#)

Order: That the Malden City Council establish a Food Policy Council

Sponsors: Peg Crowe

Attachments: [FPC draft ordinance](#)

[382-22](#)

Be it ordained that Section 11.24.010 PLACEMENT OF POLES, WIRES AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG OR ON PUBLIC WAYS be amended in the following manner (See attachment)

Sponsors: Craig Spadafora

Attachments: [Double Pole Ordinance](#)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor at Large Spadafora, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.