



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, September 12, 2023

6:00 PM

215 Pleasant Street
Room 105
Malden, MA 02148

Joint meeting with Finance Committee

Roll Call

Ordinance Chair Crowe and Finance Chair McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM.

Members of Finance Committee in attendance were Chair McDonald, Councillors Condon, Colon-Hayes, and Linehan.

Also in attendance were Council President Murphy, Chuck Ranaghan, Zaheer Samee.

Present: 8 - Councillor Peg Crowe, Councillor Amanda Linehan, Jadeane Sica, Craig Spadafora, Stephen Winslow, Carey McDonald, Paul Condon and Karen Colon Hayes

Absent: 2 - Ryan O'Malley and Chris Simonelli

Minutes to be Approved

Business

[304-23](#)

Be it ordained by the Malden City Council that the Code of the City of Malden (MCC) 2.20.020 Elected Officials Salary Classification Plan be hereby amended to reflect the following compensation levels to be effective January 1, 2024.

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy and Stephen Winslow

The proposed increase in salary for elected officials is based on an annual COLA increase of 2-3% from 2006 to present, which was when the last salary increase was voted. This increase puts Malden closer in line to what other cities that are similar in size and population pay their elected officials.

Councillor McDonald stated he would like to see elected officials have written, concise job descriptions over what is detailed in the City Charter.

Councillor Linehan suggested the position of Council President should have an additional stipend given the added amount of work required and the amount of time that must be taken off from other full time responsibilities to tend to city requirements. Discussion commenced among both committees regarding the pros and cons of this proposal.

If this ordinance was amended to include a \$3,000 annual stipend to the Council President position, then Mayor Christenson would have to consider increasing the amount of money being transferred from Salary Reserve to Legislative Salaries as outlined in Paper 305-23.

For this reason it was agreed both Papers 304 and 305 would be tabled until further discussion could be had between the financial team and the Mayor.

A motion was made by Councillor Linehan, seconded by Councillor at Large Spadafora, that the Order be amended to reflect a \$3,000 annual stipend payable to the Council President. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Linehan, that the Order be tabled to the Rules & Ordinance Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[305-23](#)

Order: That the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) is transferred from Salary Reserve (0010-996-5110) to Executive Salaries (0010-121-5110) and that Forty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$41,250.00) is transferred from Salary Reserve (0010-996-5110) to Legislative Salaries (0010-111-5110)

Sponsors: Barbara Murphy

A motion was made by Colon Hayes, seconded by Condon, that the Order be tabled to the Finance Committee. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Rules and Ordinance meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor at Large Colon-Hayes, seconded by Councillor Condon that the Finance meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Both committees adjourned at 6:45 PM.