

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES
Town Hall Council Chambers
February 18, 2020**

Present: Arthur Mathews, President
Michael Molisse, Vice President
Pascale Burga, Councilor
Kenneth DiFazio, Councilor
Jane Hackett, Councilor
Fred Happel, Councilor
Ed Harrington, Councilor
Rebecca Haugh, Councilor
Christopher Heffernan, Councilor
Maureen Kiely, Councilor

Also Present: Robert Hedlund, Mayor
Ted Langill, Chief of Staff
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Richard Swanson, Town Auditor
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning
John MacLeod, Director of Asset Management
Steve Reilly, Director of Recreation
James Malary, Chief Financial Officer

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Heffernan announced absentee ballot and early voting for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election on March 3, 2020.

Councilor Hackett announced the Charter Review Committee meeting schedule. Their work must be completed by April 30th. Next meetings are February 25th, in the Mayor's office, March 4th and March 10th in Council Chambers. These are open, participatory meetings and Public Comment is welcome.

Announcement of Search Committee for District Six Councilor Vacancy and Selection Process-President Arthur Mathews

President Mathews provided details as to how the vacant District 6 seat will be filled and explained the process:

As I announced at our last Town Council Meeting, District Six Councilor, Michael Smart, who served for the past 18 years, has resigned from his position effective February 3, 2020. Pursuant to the town charter (section 2-11) the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the Council. The candidate voted upon by the Council will serve until the next regular election at which time the vacancy will be decided by the voters. I will announce the members of the search committee at a future meeting.

*Interested applicants must be registered voters who reside in District Six. All interested candidates should forward letters of interest and accompanying qualifications by **March 16, 2020**, for review by a search committee. Interested candidates should submit paperwork to:*

*Weymouth Town Hall
75 Middle Street
Weymouth MA 02189
Attention: Town Clerk's Office*

*Electronic filing can be emailed to kderee@weymouth.ma.us
Questions may be directed to the Town Council Office at 781-340-5020.*

This information will be posted on the town's website, WETC, Weymouth News and the Patriot Ledger.

MINUTES

Revised Town Council Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to take the minutes of January 21, 2020 Town Council meeting off the table and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the revised minutes of the January 21, 2020 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 Ordinance Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Town Council Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2020 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY COMMENT

Update on Complete Count Committee for the Federal Census- Elizabeth Foster-Nolan of 54 House Rock Road

Ms. Foster-Nolan provided the update in a Powerpoint presentation (attached).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

20 003- Free Cash Transfer to the Stabilization Fund

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 003 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chief of Staff Langill and Chief Financial Officer James Malary presented the measure for a transfer of \$1,000,000 from free cash to the stabilization fund. Mayor Hedlund steadily increased the account since taking office. It is currently at \$7.5 million (a little under 5% of the operating budget with this measure). The goal is between 5-10 %. These fiscal management decisions have a direct result on bond rating and borrowing rates. When they went out last year to bond, because of strong fiscal practices, their short-term rate was at the lowest possible. Each time the town goes out to bond, they are interviewed by bonding agencies. Each time with answers like this, they are met with positive reaction.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 003 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 004- Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 004 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Mr. Langill presented the request with Director Reilly; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$375,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a utility building (with restrooms and concession and storage space), the installation and repair of batting cages at Libby Field, and all other costs incidental and related thereto. Mr. Reilly explained they wanted to install this from the beginning but didn't have the funds. Baseball groups have advocated for it. It is a great opportunity to finish this project off.

Vice President Molisse reported that each of these public hearings were deliberated in detail in the Budget/Management Committee meeting earlier in the evening.

Councilor DiFazio asked if the issue with foul balls was resolved. Mr. Reilly responded that the poles were installed; they are waiting for the netting to be installed. It's very close to being resolved.

Councilor Hackett asked if the Wentworth program is contributing anything more than user fees. Mr. Reilly responded that the program is contributing towards the netting- he noted that it is a great partnership.

President Mathews asked if there was any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 004 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 005- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Collection

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 005 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chief of Staff Langill presented this measure with Director McLean; requesting that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of new materials for the new Tufts Library Opening Day Collection. This funding will be used to purchase additions to the collection. Director McLean explained that they are extremely excited for opening in June and expect demand to increase tremendously once it has. This funding will meet some gaps in the collection. 6,000 volumes will be added to children, teen and adult collections. Materials will be shipped shelf-ready so that the staff can concentrate on getting ready for the opening, which is presently on time and budget.

Councilor Heffernan reported that the library must meet an annual threshold in spending in order to maintain standing in the OCLN. Mr. McLean responded that they need to spend 12% of the operating budget to meet this and the current gap will be met by the Friends of Weymouth Library. They will have to look at this in future budgeting. Councilor Heffernan responded that membership in the consortium is extremely important. Under the current leadership, they have diversified the collection. There are so many things other than books that libraries offer.

President Mathews asked if there was any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 005 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 006- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Playground

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 006 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Director Reilly presented the measure with Chief of Staff Langill; that the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$410,656 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a new accessible playground at the site of the New Tufts Library, including equipment, installation and all other costs incidental and related thereto. This is for the new structures to replace the ones that were demolished during the library construction. Mr. Langill responded that this wasn't funded with the rest of the Library project because it wasn't eligible for reimbursement under the grant. Some of the site work to get it ready was included.. They tried to incorporate as much as they could into the final design. It will be special with some unique features and will be accessible with a ramp and allows for wheelchairs.

President Mathews asked if there was any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 006 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 007- Free Cash for Matching Funds for Columbian Square Grant

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 007 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Director Luongo presented this measure with Chief of Staff Langill; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding the Town's share of costs associated with the completion of a survey and preliminary engineering plans (25% design) for the revitalization and reconstruction of Columbian Square, and all other costs incidental and related thereto. Mr. Luongo reported that the administration spent a year and a half devising a plan that is acceptable to the stakeholders (patrons, merchants, pedestrian and autos that traverse the square). The estimated construction costs are over \$4 million including signalization and street-scaping. It was originally to be completed by the master developer of the base, but that didn't happen. The Mayor felt it was time to move it forward.

The total cost of these services is \$233,000, for which the town received \$183,000 in state grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

President Mathews asked if there was any comment from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 007 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 008- Free Cash Transfer for Electric Vehicles

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 008 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Chief of Staff Langill presented the measure; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$48,000 from free cash for the purposes of funding costs associated with the Town's share of leasing five electric vehicles through the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mass EVIP). Mayor Hedlund requested electric vehicles 3 years ago. Those leases are up. They went for a new grant for five vehicles. Three will be for town use and two for schools. This is for funding of the town side. In addition, funding of new charging stations will add them to the town hall lot, Adams, WHS and then Chapman in 2022.

Councilor Haugh asked if the charging station will be reinstalled at Tufts library once construction is complete. Mr. Langill responded he wasn't sure, but there is room to revisit where it goes.

President Mathews asked if there was any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 008 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 009- Free Cash for Road and Sidewalk Improvements

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 009 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Director Connell presented the measure with Chief of Staff Langill; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$2,000,000 from free cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with road and sidewalk improvements. President Mathews noted they need to keep in mind these are two separate measures; one is free cash and one is borrowing. Mr. Langill responded that they are combined here only for presentation purposes. Currently, all roads are surveyed (last 17) PCI (pavement condition index)- currently have less than 70 and less than 60 – another less than 70 that are private. Trying to get those private ways accepted, then they can be added to the public list for consideration. In 2016 the council approved \$3 million, then \$4.5 in Chapter 90 funding was added. \$2 million will be combined with the next measure and 2 years of Chapter 90 funding to improve 40 segments with PCI of 60-61. There are also more sidewalks than in prior projects. They can also use minimal CDBG for funding. A list of recommended streets was attached to the measure. Condition, road jurisdiction, other utility work, impact to traffic, if in completion of a neighborhood are all factors taken into account when the list was prepared. Director Connell also added that the town has held the utilities to fund restoration of roads with their projects.

Councilor Hackett commended past and current Town Council Presidents for their role in holding the utility companies accountable. Councilor Happel noted the Mayor was going to make it a priority to accept as many private roadways as possible. He asked Director Connell if that has been successful. Mr. Connell responded that something should be coming forward shortly. President Mathews noted his frustration with the utility companies. Once it's paved, the road should last 30 years, but the utilities are tearing it back up within a few years. There is supposed to be a 5-year moratorium. He also noted that NGRID's Route 18 patchwork is unsatisfactory. Mr. Connell responded that they are consistently passing that along to NGRID.

President Mathews asked if there were any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 009 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 010-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 010 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Director Connell presented the measure with Chief of Staff Langill; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay costs associated with repairing and reconstructing town roads and sidewalks, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any

other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Mr. Langill reported just over \$7 million has been expended to get through this spring. This is the second borrowing since Mayor Hedlund came in to office. It is already worked into the debt service budget and has little impact and they were able to achieve low interest rates.

President Mathews asked if there was any comments from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 010 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 011- Borrowing for Cost Associated with Replacing the Ralph Talbot Primary School's Boiler System

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to open the public hearing on measure 20 011 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Asst. Supt. Smith presented the measure with Chief of Staff Langill Ordered: that the Town appropriates the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of the complete removal and replacement of the Ralph Talbot Primary School's original boiler system located at 277 Ralph Talbot Street, South Weymouth Massachusetts 02190, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve and asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town of Weymouth Steering Committee, and to meet said appropriation of the Town of Weymouth's Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and that the town of Weymouth acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town of Weymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Weymouth; provided that any grant that the Town of Weymouth may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Six point Two Percent (56.26%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA; or (2) the total grant amount determined by the MSBA and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Weymouth and the MSBA.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied

to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 ss20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

This is the third such request. The last were Hamilton and Wessagusset. Funding is in the MSBA's accelerated grant program with just over 56% reimbursement. The project will be completed by September, 2021. Mr. Smith reported they will replace two boilers, both approximately 35 years old and it will increase efficiency.

President Mathews asked if there was any comment from the public to which there was no response.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to close the public hearing on measure 20 011 and was seconded by Councilor Haugh. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

20 018-Reserve Fund Transfer-Weymouth Complete Count 2020 Census

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Town Clerk, Unclassified Expenditures line item for the purpose of funding costs associated with Weymouth's Census Complete Count activities.

This funding will pay for educational and promotional materials to increase awareness about and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Federal Census. Census data directly affects how more than \$675 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and much more. This will help ensure Weymouth gets its fair share of federal and state funding.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 018 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 019-Reserve Fund Transfer-Engineering Services- Stormwater Compliance

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$96,000 from the Reserve Fund to the DPW, Engineering, Other Professional Services line item for the purpose of funding the engineering costs associated with meeting requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Program.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 019 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 020-Reserve Fund Transfer-Charter Review Committee- Funding Request

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$8,500 from the Reserve Fund (Program 132) to the following line items to Fund 0002 for the purpose of funding projected expenses for the Charter Review Committee:

\$5,000 for Recording Secretary Salary

\$3,500 for Miscellaneous Expenses (paper, notices, printing).

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 020 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 021-CPA Funding Request for Acquisition of Land for Affordable Housing

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, I is requested that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the acquisition of 13 acres of land for affordable housing as described in the request put forward by the Town Solicitor, from the Fund Balance Reserved for Community Housing Account.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 021 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 022-Reserve Fund Transfer- Engineering Services

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$13,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Planning Department, Other Professional Services line item, for the purpose of funding costs associated with procuring engineering services related to submitting a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 022 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 023-Purchase, Foreclosure and Acceptance of 13 Acres of Land, 420 Washington Street

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby consents and authorizes the Mayor to (i) accept assignment of an existing mortgage on 12 acres of vacant land behind 420 Washington Street, parcels 25-328-4, -10, -11 and -12 from Van Gogh Corporation, a Delaware corporation; (ii) then, foreclose on the newly assigned mortgage; and (iii) then, accept the 13 acres of property for affordable housing purposes.

Further, the Mayor or his designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete these transactions upon such terms as the Mayor considers proper.

A draft version of the assignment will be provided. For further information, please see the background material regarding the CPA funding measure on the same topic.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 023 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 024-Taking and Restricting for Affordable Housing Purposes 13 Acres of Land, 420 Washington Street

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Chief of Staff Langill requested that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council with the approval of the Mayor, hereby consents and authorizes the Mayor to (i) take by eminent domain 13 acres of vacant land behind 420 Washington Street, parcels 25-328-4, -10, -11 ad -12, for affordable housing purposes and; (ii) then, grant an affordable housing restriction on said parcels of land that meets the requirements of G.L. c.44B, § 12 and c.184, § 31-33.

Further, that the Mayor, or his designee, is authorized to execute any documents necessary to complete these transactions upon such terms as the Mayor considers proper.

A draft version of the order of taking and affordable housing restriction will be provided. For further information, please see the background material regarding the CPA funding measure on the same topic.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 024 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Budget/Management Committee-Chair Michael Molisse

Vice President Molisse reported that the Budget/Management Committee met on February 18, 2020 to deliberate the following measures:

20 002- Reserve Fund Transfer for Copiers

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 002; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Asset Management Equipment account for the purposes of funding costs associated with purchasing two (2) copiers, one each for the Town Clerk and DPW departments. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 003- Free Cash Transfer to the Stabilization Fund

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 003; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 004- Free Cash for Field and Park Improvements

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 004; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$375,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a utility building (with restrooms and concession and storage space), the installation and repair of batting cages at Libby Field, and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 005- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Collection

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 005; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$100,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the purchase of new materials for the new Tufts Library Opening Day Collection.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 006- Free Cash for New Tufts Library Playground

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 006; that the town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$410,656 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the construction of a new accessible playground at the site of the New Tufts Library, including equipment, installation and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 007- Free Cash for Matching Funds for Columbian Square Grant

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 007; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$50,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Town’s share of costs associated with the completion of a survey and preliminary engineering plans (25% design) for the revitalization and reconstruction of Columbian Square, and all other costs incidental and related thereto.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 008- Free Cash Transfer for Electric Vehicles

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 008; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$48,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with the Town’s share of leasing five electric vehicles through the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (Mass EVIP).

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 009- Free Cash for Road and Sidewalk Improvements

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 009; that the Town of Weymouth transfer the sum of \$2,000,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of funding costs associated with road and sidewalk improvements.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 010-Borrowing Authorization for Road and Sidewalk Repairs and Reconstruction

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 010; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay costs associated with repairing and reconstructing town roads and sidewalks, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and

pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 011- Borrowing for Cost Associated with Replacing the Ralph Talbot Primary School's Boiler System

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. A public hearing was held on February 18, 2020.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 011; Ordered: that the Town of Weymouth appropriates the amount of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying costs of the complete removal and replacement of the Ralph Talbot Primary School's original boiler system located at 277 Ralph Talbot Street, South Weymouth Massachusetts 02190, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town of Weymouth Construction Steering Committee, and to meet said appropriation of the Town of Weymouth's Chief Financial Officer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority, and that the town of Weymouth acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town of Weymouth incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town of Weymouth; provided that any grant that the Town of Weymouth may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) Fifty Six point Two Percent (56.26%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA; or (2) the total grant amount determined by the MSBA and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town of Weymouth and the MSBA.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 ss20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Councilor Hackett made a Point of Information that measure 20 010 may not have been read into the record correctly.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to reconsider the vote on measure 20 010 and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

President Mathews reported that the Council had received an amended version of the measure and asked they make sure they are reading the correct version.

On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 010; that the Town of Weymouth appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000 to pay costs associated with repairing and reconstructing Town roads and sidewalks, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any grants, aid or gifts available for this project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

20 016-Memorandum of Understanding-Every Student Succeeds Act Transportation Claiming Under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act

This measure was referred on February 3, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 016; that the town of Weymouth enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the School Department, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Office of Health & Human Resources, and the Department of Children and Family Services, to allow the town to apply for reimbursement of foster care transportation under the Act

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

(The next measure was inadvertently omitted, then voted out of order.)

20 112-Reserve Fund Transfer – Funding Measure 18-126

This measure was referred on January 21, 2020. The committee met on February 18, 2020 and voted to forward to the full town Council with a recommendation for favorable action. On behalf of the Budget/Management Committee, Vice President Molisse made a motion to approve measure 20 012; that the Town of Weymouth transfer \$30,875 from the General Fund Reserve to the following line items:

\$14,750.00	to the	Town Council Salaries Account	11114110-510001
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\$15,000.00	to the	Mayor Office Salaries Account	11214115-510001
\$625.00	to the	Municipal Finance Assessment Salaries Account	11754163-510001
\$1875.00	to the	Planning Department Salaries Account	11334135-510001
\$9000.00	to the	School Committee Stipend Account	12001110-510170
\$625.00	to the	Health Department Salaries Account	15104105-510001

For the purpose of funding the amended annual salary of various elected and appointed officials as approved on June 4, 2019, via Measure 18-126.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Economic Development Committee-Chair Ed Harrington

Councilor Harrington condensed the report of the committee’s recent meeting:

The Economic Development Committee met on February 11, 2020 in the Council Chambers with all members present. There was one item on the agenda. The Discussion: Weymouth’s interest in the redevelopment of the former Naval Air Base. Four members of the Southfield Redevelopment Authority were invited and in attendance, Chris Primiano, Pat O’Leary, David Rubin and Brittany Besler.

Issues discussed: The impact of residential development on Weymouth School populations, impacts on net school spending, impacts of increased revenue on school curriculums and how curriculum improvements might affect school populations, how much revenue would be required to improve the curriculums so that they were amongst the best in the Commonwealth.

We discussed Brookfield, the new master developer who has had successes in MA at Pine Hills in Plymouth and Westwood Station in Westwood adjacent to the 128 rail station. Brookfield was characterized as the largest developer in the country with the financial ability to resolve the water and sewer issues which are the primary concern of the committee.

Councilor Heffernan voiced concerns about the importance of improvements to the rail capacities at Union Point. Councilor DiFazio related concerns regarding sewer capacities and overflow in his district directly related to unrealized Master Developer required improvements at Union Point and also spoke of the Town’s role in stimulating commercial development.

Councilor Happel raised issues of options discussed regarding the water supply origin. MWRA and desalinization came up as possibilities. Councilor Haugh brought up the magnitude of the whole Union Point endeavor and its potential impact on the Town. There seems to be a consensus that water and sewer supply and improvements should be the first priority of the master developer. We agreed that we shall keep this issue in committee and the SRA members noted that they would be glad to appear regularly and frequently to discuss ongoing issues and progress. The committee agreed that the principals of the Brookfield group should be invited to join us in the very near future.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Town Council has been scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2019, due to the presidential primary election. At 9:03 PM; there being no further business, a MOTION was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Hackett. UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Attachments:

1. Weymouth Counts-Census 2020 Powerpoint

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary.

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council.
Voted unanimously on 9 March 2020