

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

July 7, 2020, Monday

Via Zoom # 859 3141 7314

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

Also Present: Joseph Callanan, Town Solicitor
Kathleen Deree, Town Clerk
Robert Luongo, Director of Planning

Recording Secretary: Mary Barker

President Mathews called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Town Clerk Kathleen Deree called the roll, with all members present:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Council President Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

MINUTES

Minutes of the District Six Councilor Search Committee Meeting of May 6, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 District Six Councilor Search Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Council President Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the District Six Councilor Search Committee Meeting Executive Session of May 6, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2020 District Six Councilor Search Committee meeting Executive Session and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the Budget/Management Committee Meeting of May 11, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2020 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the District Six Councilor Search Committee Meeting of May 13, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 District Six Councilor Search Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the District Six Councilor Search Committee Meeting Executive Session of May 13, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2020 District Six Councilor Search Committee meeting Executive Session and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the Budget/Management Committee Meeting of May 18, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of May 18, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the Budget/Management Committee Meeting of June 1, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 Budget/Management Committee meeting and was seconded by Councilor Haugh.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

Minutes of the Town Council Meeting of June 1, 2020

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to approve the minutes from the June 1, 2020 Town Council meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, TOWN OFFICERS AND TOWN BOARDS

20 096-Authorization to Accept FY20-21 HUD Grant/CDBG COVID-19 Funds (CDBG-CV)

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Solicitor Callanan requested that the Town of Weymouth accepts the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 HUD Grant of Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 funds (CDBG-CV) in the amounts of \$419,319.

Said funds were awarded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development under the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (CARES Act) for preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

These funds will be used to provide assistance in three equal amounts (\$139,773) to assist public service agencies or organizations; assist in payment of mortgages or rents for low-or-moderate income homeowners or renters in Weymouth; and provide grants to small businesses (100 employees or fewer), to assist with lease/rent/mortgage or utility costs. Depending on the volume of applications and amount of requested funds in one or more of the three categories, funds may be decreased in one or more categories or increased in one or more of the others.

The Director of Planning and Community Development, having received the approval of the Mayor, may be permitted to expend said grants in their entirety as described on the attached list.

Estimated HUD Award to Weymouth FY 2020-2021 CDBG-CV Funds	HUD Allocation \$419,319
HUD Allocation by Type of Activity	Allocation by DPCD
Public Services	\$139,773
Small Business Grants (Lease/Rent/Mortgage or Utilities	\$139,773
Low-Moderate Income Homeowner or Renter	\$139,773

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 096 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

Councilor Dwyer asked how the information on the application process would be publicized? Solicitor Callanan responded that Jody Lehrer and Jane Kudcy will provide oversight of the grants under the direction of Robert Luongo of the Department of Planning and Community Development. Vice President Molisse reported that the measure will be reviewed at the July 13, 2020 Budget/Management Committee meeting.

At 7:42 PM, President Mathews reported that Councilor Hackett’s internet connection was interrupted and she was trying to reconnect to the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Absent, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 10-0.

20 097-Authorizaation to Accept Charitable Donation from Eastern Bank

On behalf of Mayor Hedlund, Solicitor Callanan requested, that pursuant to the General Laws, chapter 44, sections 53 and 53A ½ and the Code of Ordinances, section 5-308, that the Town of Weymouth, through Town Council, accepts the gift offered by Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation with a usual place of business in the City of Lynn, of ten thousand dollars and zero cents (\$10,000), upon the terms and conditions stated in Foundation’s letter, dated May 29, 2020, that it offers the funds in support of low-and moderate-individuals and families most in need.

In accepting this gift, the town agrees to fulfill those conditions and provisions, and hereby authorizes and appropriates this sum of money to Department of Elder Services, per the terms of the letter, line item Revolving Account Fund 5216.

The Mayor and Town Council are also authorized and directed to forward to the donor a letter of gratitude for the acceptance of the gift and provide a signed copy of the letters for publication on the town’s website.

The solicitor reported that this measure will likewise be under the oversight of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

A motion was made by Vice President Molisse to refer measure 20 097 to the Budget/Management Committee and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor Hackett- Absent, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes, Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes, Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 10-0.

ADJOURNMENT

President Mathews announced that a Special Town Council Meeting will be held on July 13, 2020. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Town Council will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, due to the Labor Day observance and the state primary election.

At 7:45 PM; there being no further business, a motion was made by Vice President Molisse to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilor Kiely.

A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Burga- Yes, Councilor DiFazio-Yes, Councilor Dwyer- Yes, Councilor
Absent- Yes, Councilor Happel-Yes, Councilor Harrington-Yes, Councilor Haugh-Yes,
Councilor Heffernan-Yes, Councilor Kiely-Yes, Council Vice President Molisse-Yes,
Mathews-Yes.

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED, 10-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Barker as Recording Secretary

Approved by Arthur Mathews as President of the Town Council
Voted unanimously on 13 July 2020