

**City Councillor
Joseph A. DelGrosso
City Council Chamber
April 30, 2012**

Regular meeting of the Revere City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

President Penta presiding.

1. Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere City Council and those in attendance.

2. Roll Call of the Members: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Haas, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Penta present.

3. The Journal of the meeting held on April 23, 2012 was declared approved as presented.

The Council observed a moment of silence for the late Steven Perez, who passed away unexpectedly on April 29, 2012.

Public Hearings

**CZ-12-01
12-138**

4. Hearing called, as ordered, on the application of Steven R. Caruso, Trustee, R&S Realty Trust, 320 Charger Street, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 requesting an amendment of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Revere by amending the definition of “garage, commercial” and by inserting a new definition, “self-service station”.

Proponents

Attorney Lawrence Simeone, Jr.

Opponents

None

Hearing held, subject matter referred to the Zoning sub-committee.

Committee Reports

The Committee on Zoning recommends favorably on the following Special Permits.

**C-12-03
12-100**

5. Special Permit of Ruth DeSantis 12 Pierview Avenue, Revere, Ma., for a special permit to operate a physical fitness training facility on Lot 10 and 41 Marble Street, Revere, Ma.

Motion to grant relief requested to the petitioner was declared Ordered.

Motion to grant was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Haas, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Penta voting "YES."

C-12-01

12-26

6. Re: Special Permit request of the operation of a heliport at 755 North Shore Road petition of Steven Williams. Tr. of North Shore Road Trust.

Motion to grant relief requested to the petitioner was declared Ordered.

Motion offered by Councillor Novoselsky: That upon the application of Steven Williams, Tr. Of North Shore Trust for a request to operate a heliport at premises located at 755 North Shore Road, the same be granted subject to the following conditions set forth below:

- 1. A certified plot plan delineating the exact landing pad area and boundary for the heliport shall be filed with the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a zoning use permit.**
- 2. A certified plot plan delineating the minimum 25,000 s.f. area as a separate lot for the sole purpose of serving the heliport shall be submitted to the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a zoning permit. There shall be no other uses allowed within the 25,000 s.f. area.**
- 3. The heliport landing pad shall be setback a minimum of 50-feet from all lot lines.**
- 4. A recorded copy of the special permit must be filed with the Building Inspector prior to the issuance of a zoning use permit.**
- 5. The landing pad area shall be clearly marked on the ground with white pavement markings against a black contrast with the letter H (facing magnetic north) centered within an equilateral triangle in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) specifications and other applicable federal and state regulations.**
- 6. The touchdown pad boundary safety zone shall be clearly marked on the ground with white pavement markings against a black contrast. The dimension of the safety zone boundary shall be in compliance with FAA specifications and other applicable federal and state regulations.**
- 7. The landing pad area shall be set back a minimum of 400-feet from any residential use or district.**
- 8. In addition to the boundary safety zone delineation, the heliport area shall be surrounded on all sides by safety perimeter chain link fencing having a minimum height of 6-feet.**

9. A separate parking area shall be clearly marked for the operators of the heliport and customers within the property boundary.

10. That the hours of operation not commence before 8:00 A.M., and not to exceed one-half hour after sunset.

Motion to grant relief requested to the petitioner was declared Ordered with conditions.

Motion to Grant with conditions was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Correggio, Guinasso, Haas, Novoselsky, Patch, Reardon, Zambuto and Penta voting “YES.” Councillors Arrigo, Giannino and Powers voting “NO.”

Councillor Novoselsky moved – immediate reconsideration on the vote taken hoping it would not prevail.

Reconsideration was declared Lost.

Councillor Novoselsky referred back to the regular order of business.

Communications

12-139 7. Comm. from the Mayor:

Attached, please find a copy of the Capital Improvement Program for Fy 13-Fy17, this document provides a fairly comprehensive listing of projects and priorities for the ensuing years. The Program also includes the priority areas for street and sidewalk reconstruction in the current construction season.

Also included in this package is an updated infrastructure Report.

I will be happy to discuss the Capital Improvement Program with the City Council or its Public Works Sub-committee at your convenience.

Ordered received and placed on file.

12-140 8. Comm. from Benny Wong Vice President of MA Development Finance Agency:

On April 12, 2012, the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency gave preliminary approval to issue a revenue bond on behalf of lighthouse of Revere, Inc. The proposed project would be located in Revere, Ma., at the address listed on the attached summary included for your information. The bond would be issued pursuant to Chapter 23G and 40D, of the General Laws.

The Agency’s policy is to advised the appropriate local and regional planning agencies to ascertain the relationship of a proposed project to any existing state, local or regional comprehensive plan.

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the project and to request that you advise in the event that the proposed project conflicts with an existing local or regional comprehensive plan. If you would like further information on the project, or if you would like the Agency to consider any comments you may have, please give me a call.

Ordered received and filed.

12-141 9. Comm. from Laurie Giardella:

Please be advised that pursuant to the provisions of c. 32, Section 103 (j), the Revere Retirement Board recently voted to increase the base upon which the cost of living adjustment (COLA) for retirees is calculated from \$12,000 to \$13,000.

G. C. 32, Section 103 (j) permits local retirement systems to increase the base, in \$1,000 increments, with the maximum base not to exceed \$18,000. In order to take effect, the proposed increase requires the approval of the legislative body, in accordance with C. 32Sss. 55 and 63. The Revere Retirement Board hereby respectfully requests the Council's consideration.

As you may know, when the retirement Board votes to grant cost of living increases to retirees, the amount of any increase may not exceed 3% of the first \$12,000 in benefits. This limit on the COLA base has not been increased for retirees since 1966. We have many retirees who do not receive the \$30.00 per month maximum, because their benefits are less than \$12,000 per year. If approved, the proposed \$1,000 increase to the base would increase the maximum COLA per retiree from \$360 to \$390 annually, or \$30.00 to \$32.50 monthly.

To determine the financial impact of this request, the Revere Retirement Board requested the assistance of an Actuary of the Vision of Public employees Retirement Administration Commission in calculating the cost to the city associated with this increase. The Actuary has determined that for our System, each \$1,000.00 increase in the COLA base will require an additional appropriation by the City of \$110,000.00 annually. For our system, a \$6,000 increase in the base from the current level of \$12,000 to the maximum \$18,000 would require an additional appropriation by the City of \$660,000.00 annually.

The vote before you at this time will require a \$110,000 additional appropriation to the City's FY 2013 budget, if the \$1,000 increase in the COLA a base receives the approval of the City Council mandated pursuant to GL ch. 32, ss 22 (7) ©, and the Mayor and if the Retirement Board then votes to grant a 3% COLA to the retirees for FY 2013. It is important to note that acceptance of an increase to the COLA base pursuant to c. 32, s 103 (j) may not be revoked.

Although the Retirement Board recognizes the City's current fiscal constraints, we respectfully request the Council's approval of this increase.

Ordered referred to Ways and Means.

Motions

12-130B 10. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Mayor, in the interest of public safety, request the DCR Costal Office to look into the feasibility of increasing the brightness of the lamps on Revere Beach Boulevard.

12-131 11. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Mayor request the DCR Costal Office clean the sand from the grates around the trees. In the present condition the sand may impede the growth of the trees.

12-132 12. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillors Arrigo and Patch: That the Mayor request Mass Highway to inspect and repair the underpasses at Copeland Circle, and further to paint under the overpass at Malden, and Sargent Streets.

12-133 13. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That the Mayor request the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with our Veterans Director, to arrange to erect a veterans memorial sign in memory of the three Nigro Brothers, veterans of World War II, as follows:

Nigro Brothers Memorial

Warren	Robert	Arthur
Tech./Sgt.	P.F.C.	F. – 2nd Class
USA	USA	USN

Further, that the said memorial sign be erected on the northerly side of Hastings Street at the intersection of Elmwood Street and that the sign be dedicated on Memorial Day, May 28, 2012 at a suitable time for family.

12-134 14. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That the Mayor direct the DPW to remove the grass on the sidewalk 51 Dawes Street and replace with asphalt. Please complete as soon as possible as a matter of public health and safety.

12-135 15. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Patch: That the Mayor request the Director of Inspectional Services and the Chief of Police to investigate the legality of parking tractor trailers (Milton Cat Generators 1-800-821-6412) on Northgate property next to the Four Points Sheraton.

12-136 16. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Powers and Correggio: That the Mayor request the DPW Sign Department, in conjunction with our Veterans Director, to install a memorial sign for Joseph Felzani, US Army, WWII, at an appropriate location in the Rice Avenue/Goodwin Avenue area.

12-137 17. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Correggio That the Mayor request the Chief of Police to call for extra police

surveillance, from Friday evening to Sunday morning, on Malden Street and Rumney Road for illegal littering and dumping and that the police be directed to strictly enforce the current littering laws. Over the past three weeks, thousands of lottery tickets were littered throughout the entire length of Malden Street from Broadway to Washington Avenue. Further, that the Chief of Police look into the feasibility of installing surveillance cameras at various locations along Malden Street and that the City Council review and amend the Revere Revised Ordinances to provide for tougher littering laws.

12-137A Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Penta: That the Mayor request the State Treasurer to look into the feasibility of a 5 cents return on all non-winning lottery tickets. This will further prevent littering on our city streets.

Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Zambuto: That the City Council now stand adjourned to meet on Monday, May 14, 2012.

Attest:

**Ashley E. Melnik
City Clerk**