

**City Councillor
Joseph A. DelGrosso
City Council Chamber
March 10, 2014**

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

President Zambuto presiding.

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

2. Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Guinasso, Haas, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Reardon and President Zambuto present. Councillors Patch, Penta and Giannino were absent.

3. Approval of the Journal of the meeting of February 24, 2014 and February 27, 2014.

The Journals were declared approved as presented.

Committee Reports

4. Report of the DPW Sub-Committee

- Winthrop Avenue Sewer Project
- Pothole Repair – city wide
- Snow Removal from streets and sidewalks over the past several storms.

Ordered received and placed on file.

5. Report of the Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee

14-101 An Amendment to the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Ordinance.

Subject matter is now before the City Council on a second reading.

An Ordinance Amending Title 2, Chapter 2.88, Section 2.88.020 Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere.

Be It Ordained By The City Council Of The City Of Revere As Follows:

Section 1. Section 2.88.020 Hours, Rate and Abatement is hereby amended by deleting the word “eight” and inserting in place thereof the word “twelve”.

Section 2. Section 2.88.020 Hours, Rate and Abatement is hereby amended by deleting the words “five hundred” and inserting in place thereof the words “seven hundred and fifty”.

Subject matter was Ordered on a second, third and final reading.

Subject matter was Ordered ENGROSSED AND ORDAINED on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Guinasso, Haas, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Reardon and President Zambuto voting, “YES”. Councillors Patch, Penta and Giannino were absent.

14-031 6. An Amendment to the Sale of Tobacco Products Ordinance

An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 8.36, Sale of Tobacco Products

Be It Ordained By The City Council Of The City Of Revere As Follows:

Section 1. Title 8, Chapter 8.36 Sale of Tobacco Products is hereby amended by deleting the word “eighteen” in all instances and inserting in place thereof the word “nineteen” in all instances. This amendment shall be in effect from June 1, 2014 to June 1, 2015.

Section 2. Title 8, Chapter 8.36 Sale of Tobacco Products is hereby amended by deleting the word “nineteen” in all instances and inserting in place thereof the word “twenty” in all instances. This amendment shall be in effect from June 1, 2015 to June 1, 2016.

Section 3. Title 8, Chapter 8.36 Sale of Tobacco Products is hereby amended by deleting the word “twenty” in all instances and inserting in place thereof the word “twenty-one” in all instances. This amendment shall take effect on June 1, 2016.

Section 4. Title 8, Chapter 8.36, Section 8.36.040 is hereby amended by changing the title of the section to “Age Verification” from “Sales to Minors”.

Ordered referred back to Committee.

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7. Report of the Appointments Sub-Committee

- Re-appointment to the Election Commission, for a 3 year term, expiring on April 1, 2016, Mr. Robert Scrima, 40 Eastern Ave., Revere, MA.**
- Re-appointment to the Planning Board, for a 5 year term, expiring on January 1, 2019, Mr. James Giovanni, 59 Larkin St., Revere, MA.**
- Re-appointment to the Planning Board, for a 3 year term, expiring on January 6, 2017, Mr. Louis Ciarlone, 410 Park Ave., Revere, MA.**

- **Re-appointment to the Planning Board, for a 3 year term, expiring on January 6, 2017, Mr. John Desimone, 65 Fairfield St., Revere, MA.**
- **Appointment to the Planning Board, for a 3 year term, expiring on January 6, 2017, Mr. Sal Amico, 54B Keayne St., Revere, MA.**
- **Appointment of Michael Zaccaria, 123 Cushman Ave., Revere, MA as a Constable.**

Motion to confirm appointments w declared Ordered as presented on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Guinasso, Haas, Morabito, Novoselsky, Powers, Reardon and President Zambuto voting, "YES". Councillors Patch, Penta and Giannino were absent.

Communications

14-55 8. Comm. from the City Clerk:

Re: Petition to Abandon a Certain Portion of Brookdale Street

In addition to your petition requesting abandonment of a certain portion of Brookdale Street, you will need to submit a plan as required by Section 12.12.030 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere (R.R.O.) An Engineer or surveyor should be able to draw up the plans in accordance with the stated provisions. I have attached a copy of the ordinance for your review.

You will also need to submit a check to the City Clerk's Office in the amount of \$180.00 made payable to the Revere Journal for the public hearing advertisement as required by R.R.O. Section 12.12.050.

Your petition will appear on the Revere City Council agenda of March 10, 2014. The public hearing will not be scheduled until the required plan and check are submitted.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact me.

Ordered referred to Economic Development Committee.

14-56 9. Comm. from the Mayor:

Re: Appointment of Chairman of Historical Commission

I respectfully request that the City Council consider the appointment of John Henry, 324 Edgemere Road, Lynnfield, Ma., as Chairman of the Historical Commission for a three year term.

Please present this appointment at the next City Council meeting on Monday, March 10, 2014. Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Ordered referred to the Appointment sub-committee.

14-57 10. Communication from the Mayor:

RE: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

It is with great pleasure that I submit for your review and edification the first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that the City has ever produced. This report compiles financial information from numerous areas of city government and the community at large. The annual audit as of June 30, 2013 is included. The statistical data and the trending over the past ten years allow for a more intense review of the City's of financial performance.

This document has been produced in a format consistent with the recommendation of the Government Financial Officers Association. Further, the City has applied for a "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence In Financial Reporting Program" from the GFOA.

When I came into office a little over two years ago, it was one of my goals to improve the way that the City approached financial reporting, budgeting and fiscal responsibility. This report is a step in that direction. This report has been received and being looked upon by various financial institutions in a very favorable way. It has been noted that this type of progressive reporting is what money markets look for and expect from cities and towns. Please remember that this is a work in progress and will continue to evolve to meet the vigorous standards set forth by the GFOA.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to George Anzuoni, Director of Finance, for his diligence and commitment to the completion of this report. If there are any further questions please contact him directly.

14-58 11. Comm. from the Mayor:

Re: Standard and Poor's Rating Services Report-Upgrade

On January 29, 2014, George Anzuoni, the Director of Finance and I, along with Ms. Cynthia McNerney of First Southwest Financial Advisors participated in a bond rating conference call with Ms. Apple Lo, a credit rating analyst with Standard and Poor's Rating Services. Numerous topics concerning the City's finances, future economic outlook, educational expense and debt service were discussed in intense detail. Additional reports and supporting documentation were then forwarded to Ms. Lo at her request. After a full review, and satisfied that the city had provided all the necessary documents requested, the City of Revere was granted a bond rating of AA- with a stable outlook. This is an upgrade from last year's A+ rating. The city is now in a *high grade investment* category.

As you are aware, S&P rates the financial stability of countries, corporations and municipalities across the globe. With this upgrade, the City will be able to be more competitive in the financial markets and realize a substantial savings in the interest costs that will be due and payable for the issuance of future debt.

At this time, I would like to address your attention to the outlook for the City as stated in the report:

“The stable outlook reflects our opinion of Revere's strong budgetary performance, supported by very strong liquidity and budgetary flexibility. For these reasons, we do not expect to change the rating within the outlook's two-year time frame. Credit improvements depend on the significant mitigation of the city's long term liabilities, and maintenance of its strong budgetary performance.”

This upgrade would not have been possible without the help and support of the City Council by working hand in hand with my administration to improve the City of Revere that we all hold dearly.

In closing, I would like to once again re-offer my thanks and gratitude to George Anzuoni, the Director of Finance, for his invaluable assistance in helping to secure this upgrade.

Ordered referred to Ways and Means.

Motions

14-59 12. Motion presented by Councillor Novoselsky: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to amend Title 10 of the Revere Revised Ordinances as follows:

Section 1. Title 10, Chapter 10.32, Section 10.32.160 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere Buses and Taxis Away From Stops or Stands is hereby amended by adding the following sub-sections to the end of the section.

- A. The owner or lessee of any bus, taxicab, hackney, pupil or livery shall be allowed to park in metered parking spaces, provided such owner or lessee pays the parking meter and does not violate the time limit restrictions of the metered parking space.**
- B. The owner or lessee of any bus, taxicab, hackney, pupil or livery shall be allowed to park in parking spaces designated as “15 minute parking” or “30 minute parking”, provided such owner or lessee does not violate the time limit restrictions of parking spaces designated as such.**

Ordered referred to the Traffic Commission and to Legislative Affairs.

Ordered on a Motion of Councillor President Zambuto: That the Revere City Council now stands adjourned to meet on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Ordered adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Attest:

City Clerk