

**City Councillor
Joseph A. DelGrosso
City Council Chamber
Journal
March 7, 2016**

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

President Giannino presiding.

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

1. Roll Call: Councillors Guinasso, Haas, Keefe McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rotondo, Zambuto and President Giannino present.

2. Motion of Councillor Novoselsky: That the rules of order be suspended at this time for the purpose of entering into Executive Session to discuss Stvil vs. Arrigo et al No. 2012CV-4524-H Suffolk Superior Court.

Motion was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Guinasso, Haas, Keefe McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Zambuto and President Giannino voting “YES”. Councillor Rotondo voting “NO”.

The Council moved into Executive Session at 6:07 P.M.

Executive Session

16-50 Comm. from Attorney Ira Zaleznik requesting to meet in Executive Session to discuss Stvil vs. Arrigo, et al.

Comm. from Attorney Ira Zaleznik:

Please accept this letter as my request to appear before the City Council at its next available meeting on March 7, 2016 at Revere City Hall to discuss the above referenced civil action. I am requesting that the City Council agree that I may meet with the City Council in Executive Session. An Executive Session is permitted under the Open Meeting Law under G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a) (3): “To discuss strategy with respect to..... litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on thelitigating position of the public body and the chair so declares.” I am copying the City Solicitor on this request so that he may attend the meeting as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Ordered received and filed.

City Council was reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

The Chair referred back to the regular order of business at this time.

3. The Journals of the meeting held on February 1, 2016 were declared approved as presented.

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Ordered received and placed on file.

The Revere City Council now observed a moment of silence on the first anniversary of the passing of the late Ward One Councillor Richard Penta.

12-02 4. Joint meeting of the utility companies for the purpose discussing double poles.

Addressing the Council at this time were the following in attendance

Tim Kelly, Comast and Dan Cameron, National Grid

Ordered received and placed on file.

Public Hearings

CZ-16-02

16-048

5. Hearing called, as ordered on An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Revere – Flood Plain District.

Proponents

Mayor Brian Arrigo
Frank Stringi, City Planner

Opponents

None

Addressing the City Council on the subject matter were the following:

Ralph DiCicco
Joan DiPenachio, 77 Bennington Street
Greg LaCedra, 118 Pearl Avenue

Hearing held, subject matter referred to the Zoning Committee.

Unfinished Business

16-40 6. Re: Hearing called, as ordered on the petition of Verizon for joint pole relocation on Fernwood Avenue.

Subject matter remain on the tabled until March 14th.

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16-18

7. Ways and Means Committee Report from the meeting of February 22, 2016.

The Committee on Ways and Means recommends adoption of the following motions:

16-015 8. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor and City Council obtain an audit of all municipal offices, to review the appropriations of grants, the allocation of no interest loans as well as the operations and procedures of all offices in city government as economically feasible. Further, that said audit be conducted by the State Auditor as was previously performed on the DPW.

Ordered taken from table and referred back to Ways and Means Committee.

16-018 9. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the City of Revere establish an ordinance creating a municipal facilities fund, in which 10-20% of certified free cash be transferred to this fund on an annual basis.

Motion was taken from the table and declared LOST on a Roll Call: Councillors Rotondo voting "YES". Councillors Guinasso, Haas, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Zambuto and President Giannino voting "NO".

16-029 10. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor look into the feasibility of urban farming and husbandry as permitted in the City of Boston.

Ordered taken from the table, and referred to the Zoning Committee.

16-034 11. Motion presented by Councillors Rotondo and Keefe as amended:

That the Mayor request the appropriate department to address the following quality of life issues.

A large piece of graffiti (approx. 3 feet by 3 feet) has been on the side of this brick building for at least a year. (Note that a fire occurred in the building in April 2015; the graffiti pre-existed the fire.) Abandoned home at 24-26 Furness. Home abandoned for five years, and you and I discussed it during your campaign stop. Overgrown shrubs overspill into the sidewalk, and there is an accumulation of debris around the perimeter of the building. (Note that the property was in foreclosure proceedings in December 2014 and remains abandoned and unmaintained.)

Addressing the Council at this time was Omar Boukili, Mayors Administrative Chief Assistant

Motion was taken from the table and Ordered as amended.

16-035 12. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor look into the feasibility to legally intervene in the rezoning of FEMA and MEMA flood zone maps. The rezoning will have a significant effect on over 25% of the homeowners in Revere.

Ordered taken from the table and placed on file.

16-036 13. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor look into the feasibility of establishing a volunteer medical response team. The purpose of this team would be to identify health care professionals who would volunteer and work with the Fire Chief to provide first aid during events, such as the sand castle event.

Motion was taken from the table and Ordered.

Committee Report

14. Appointment sub-committee Report

16-41 The Appointment sub-committee recommends confirmation of the following appointment.

Appointment of Masterson Construction Corporation, 46 Prince Street, Danvers, Ma., 01923 as a Licensed Drainlayer for the City of Revere.

Motion to confirm the appointment was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Guinasso, Haas, Keefe McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rotondo, Zambuto and President Giannino voting "YES"

Communications

16-49 15. Comm. from Nicholas Bua:

I have received a request from the family of Carl C. Tranfaglia to have a Memorial Square designated in his honor. The family wishes to have the Memorial Square pole to be installed on the corner of Cambridge Street and Warren Street.

Mr. Tranfaglia served in the United States Navy from August 14, 1947 as a sonar man 2nd class and was Honorably Discharged.

A copy of his DD-214 discharge is on file.

Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Novoselsky: That the Veterans Affairs Director be requested to have the Public Works Department construct the memorial honoring Carl C. Tranfaglia, prior to Memorial Day, and further request the DPW have all pending memorial plaques constructed by Memorial Day.

Motions

16-042 16. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillors McKenna and Novoselsky as amended: That the Mayor request the DPW sign Department to install signage indicating that Revere is a Purple Heart City at all entrance ways into the city and in front of the American Legion Building.

Currently, there is no recognition throughout the city of this great honor that the City of Revere beholds. The acknowledgement of a Purple Heart is the oldest United States Military decoration, established in 1782 by George Washington, the purple badge is awarded to members of the Armed Forces who have been wounded in action by enemy forces, Veterans will be in attendance to a speak.

16-043 17. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Novoselsky: That the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to include in the next fiscal year budget the replacement of all street lamps on Shirley Avenue to a higher wattage. This request is in the interest of public safety as the lights are dim and bulbs are old.

16-044 18. Motion Presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Revere City Council and Mayor of Revere respectfully draft a letter to Mayor Joseph Curtatone to ask if he would withdraw his legal action upholding the construction of Wynn Casino and subsequent jobs fair.

Motion was declared Lost on a Roll Call: Councillors Rotondo and Zambuto voting “YES”. Councillors Guinasso, Haas, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers and Giannino voting “NO”. Councillor Keefe voting “PRESENT”.

16-045 19. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request all pharmacies to offer Narcan over the counter without a prescription. Further that every municipal building have Narcan placed in every AED case; Likewise, that every school nurse and community health nurse be stocked with Narcan.

Motion was referred to Public Safety Committee.

16-046 20. Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request a representative from Speaker DeLeo Office, Senate President Rosenberg, Governor Bakers office, MGH Center for Addiction Medicine clinical director Dr. Jonathan E. Alpert, Cambridge Health Alliance Division of addiction John R. Knight, MD, and Debi A. LaPlante, PhD or current chairs. Chris Alba, Revere Cares, North Suffolk mental Health, representatives of the Suffolk County District Attorney’s office and Suffolk County Sheriff’s office, Supt. of Schools of Revere and the Chiefs of both Fire and Police Dept. To discuss the feasibility of turning the old Mckinley School into a regional adult and adolescent addiction recovery treatment center and addiction resource facility.

Motion was referred to Public Safety Committee.

16-047 21. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillors Powers and Giannino: That the Mayor direct Planning and Community Development to seek out monies through grants or other sources to replace the outdated play structure at Gibson Park.

16-048 22. Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Patch: That the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to replace the lights underneath the Malden and Sargent Street bridges with efficient LED lights as a matter of public safety. The lights are currently burned out and the areas are very dark at night.

 Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Zambuto: That the Revere City Council now stands adjourned to meet in regular session on Monday evening, March 14th, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

 Ordered adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

 Attest:

 Ashley Melnik
 City Clerk