

**City Councillor
Joseph A. DelGrosso
City Council Chamber
Calendar
October 24, 2016**

4:00 P.M. Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee Meeting

5:00 P.M. DPW Sub-Committee Meeting

6:00 P.M. Salute to the Flag

Roll Call of Members

Approval of the Journal of the meeting of October 3, 2016.

A Certificate of Appreciation will be awarded to Pamela M. Anderson for her extensive volunteerism and in depth community involvement serving the residents of Revere and surrounding communities.

Public Hearings

16-259 Hearing called, as ordered, relative to an Ordinance amending Title 12, Chapter 12.04, Section 12.04.080(A) Street and Sidewalk Openings.

C-16-08 Hearing called, as ordered, on the application of East Boston Savings Bank, 126 Squire Rd., Revere, MA 02151 seeking permission from the City Council to construct a 20' x 40' accessory garage within the private commercial parking lot at 126 Squire Rd., Revere, MA.

C-16-09 Hearing called, as ordered, on the application of Robert Inello, 727 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA, seeking permission from the City Council to expand a nonconforming structure and nonconforming use by removing the existing building and constructing an 18 unit residential apartment building on Lots 5 & 6 at 727 Revere Beach Parkway, Revere, MA.

Committee Reports

Report of the Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee

Report of the DPW Sub-Committee

In accordance with Rule 23 of the City Council Rules of Order, the following motions or communications are being reported out of committee with the recommendation to be placed on file.

16-045 Motion of Councillor Rotondo requesting that all pharmacies offer Narcan over the counter and that all municipal buildings stock Narcan in the AED cases.

16-079 Motion by Councillor Giannino relative to an ordinance designating all public parks as “Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Weapon Free Zones.”

16-220 Motion by Councillor Rotondo relative to having MRC as additional medical staff for any event on Revere Beach.

Communications

Comm. from Joseph A. Festa, 385 Broadway, Revere, MA requesting that the City accept a donation of land for conservation purposes for certain lots of land location on Douglas Street and Weeden Street.

Comm. from the Mayor relative to re-appointments to the Board of Assessors, Library Board of Trustees, and the License Commission.

Comm. from the Mayor relative to new appointments to the Commission on Disability, Planning Board, Cultural Council, and Library Board of Trustees.

Comm. from the Mayor relative to an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Chelsea and Winthrop to enable the creation of the North Suffolk Public Health Collaborative.

Motions

16-285 Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Mayor request the Traffic Engineering Division of MassDOT to examine the roadway area on 1A at the intersection of Revere Street. This is an area that has been prone to high speed and several accidents have occurred there in the past. Just recently a vehicle jumped the curb and landed in a bedroom occupied by a child.

16-286 Motion presented by Councillor Novoselsky: That the Mayor request and authorize National Grid to install a new flood light on Pole 1157 at 175 Garfield Avenue for security at the new playground.

16-287 Motion by Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to establish resident parking on George Ave., Henry St., and Wave Ave. Further, that resident parking on Bennington Street be extended to the Boston/Revere line and that Bradstreet Ave. resident parking be extended to 125 Bradstreet Ave. These streets are inundated with commuters utilizing the Beachmont Train Station.

16-288 Motion by Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor request Community Development to add the following streets to the Capital Improvement Plan: Siren Street, Pebble Avenue, Agneous Street and Ocean View Avenue. These four very small streets are considered paper streets and have a gravel surface instead of an asphalt surface. The streets when plowed uproot the gravel making it impossible at times for the residents to exit their homes. This could prove to be catastrophic if there was a fire or medical emergency. The residents pay the same taxes as everyone else in the city and should not endure this situation every time it snows.

16-289 Motion by Councillor Morabito: That the Mayor request the MIS Department to upload all city permit and license applications on the city's website and add it to the "quick links" tab on the home page.

16-290 Motion presented by Councillor Keefe: That the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to order a cleanup of the small lot the corner of Vane and Dale Streets. Further, that the small plot of land on Burbank Street, adjacent to Proctor Avenue be cleaned. These pieces of land are unkempt city properties that have been seen as potential dumping areas and harboring rodents.

16-291 Motion presented by Councillor Keefe: That the Mayor request the owner of Angelo's Towing on Park Avenue to appear before the City Council to discuss the misuse of business by operating an active tow lot in a residential neighborhood and storing vehicles on private residentially zoned properties.

16-292 Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the City Council establish a 6 month moratorium preventing the granting of variances in the City, unless due to an emergency basis. Further, that a 6 month moratorium on the construction of residential properties greater than 4 units within the City be initiated to study the following: future population growth, projected student growth, projected traffic increases and patterns, need for senior housing, highest and best use of commercial zoned property and owner engagement, to additionally study social, health and welfare needs of our children, future EMS, police, water and sewer infrastructure needs while presenting an inclusive framework for a comprehensive plan regarding the future of the City for the next 5 years.

At a minimum we publically engage the assistance of all residents. Especially those residents with engineering, community planning, education expertise in any field requisite subject matter and experts regarding the City's history and infrastructure to assist in the framework. Lastly, that the City Council ask for local officials, PTA, residents, business owners and community groups to also participate. The goal of a comprehensive plan would be identify shared values and a collective vision for the entire City. The ultimate goal of this effort is to slow the growth of residential properties while studying future needs as permitted by MGL.

16-293 Motion Presented by Councilor Rotondo: That the Mayor request the Board of Health to provide the Council with a copy of the City's current tobacco regulations.

16-099 Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor and City Solicitor appear before the Council to provide to provide the scope, role and authority of the position of Chief Administrative Officer.

16-055 Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor provide the City Council with what remains in free cash.

16-124 Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor provide Council with the amount of overtime dollars utilized for the months of August, April and December over the last two years as requested and agreed upon by Mayoral aide Omar Boukili during the March 22nd City Council meeting.

16-294 Motion presented by Councillor Guinasso: That the Mayor request the Department of Public Works to install a “Dangerous Curve” sign at the corner of Revere Street across from Dam Dart Depot on the easterly side of Revere Street going towards the beach in an easterly direction.

16-295 Motion presented by Councillor Giannino: That the City Council approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the intent of Charter Schools in the United States and Massachusetts was to close gaps that traditional public schools were struggling with; for example, behavioral issues and Interrupted Formal Educations; and

WHEREAS: since the inception of Charter Schools twenty-three years ago, more and more Charter Schools have focused on academically advanced programming which is something that traditional public schools have never struggled with, essentially rendering the expansion of Charter Schools wasteful and redundant; and

WHEREAS: Charter Schools were intended to be incubators of innovation, but that is not the case. When Charter Schools struggle to help students achieve, the students are sent back to the Revere Public Schools to properly educate those students with unique learning or behavioral needs. The Revere Public Schools has three Expanded Learning Time Schools and one Innovation School, which has developed, implemented, and fully integrated more innovation than any Charter School has; and

WHEREAS: Revere’s projected payments to Charter Schools for this year is \$2,023,121.00 for 258 Revere students who are enrolled at various Charter Schools. If the Revere Public Schools had an additional two million dollars in the budget, class size would be reduced at the elementary level, the City would be able to hire additional ELL and SPED teachers to work with students who have high needs, and hire additional social workers to help students with social and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS: the Revere Public Schools is an Urban District that performs extremely well, despite challenges with large numbers of students with specialized needs. The City has five Level 1 schools, which is the highest rating given to a school by the State. The remainder of the schools are Level 2. The high performance of the Revere Public Schools would be easier to achieve if large sums of funding were not diverted to Charter Schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City Council of the City of Revere, Massachusetts go on record as being opposed to Question 2 relative to Charter School Expansion on November 8, 2016.