CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting



City Councillor Joseph A. DelGrosso City Council Chamber – Revere City Hall 281 Broadway, Revere, Massachusetts 02151 Calendar Monday, September 27, 2021, 6:00 PM

5:00PM Committee of the Whole Meeting

- 1. <u>21-295</u> Motion presented by Council President Zambuto: That the City Council award a Certificate of Commendation to Bianca Fiore in recognition of her ranking first in her Freshman class at Revere High School.
- 2. <u>21-297</u> Motion presented by Councillor McKenna: That the City Council award a Certificate of Appreciation to Carole Smith, owner and teacher of Revere's Happy Day Nursery School in recognition of providing a learning foundation to young students for 40 years.
- 3. <u>21-303</u> Motion presented by Council Vice-President Visconti: That the City Council award Certificates of Commendation to the 2021 Revere Youth Baseball Minor League Champions, the Reds, and the Major League Champions, the Phillies.
- 4. **21-305** Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Revere City Council recognize Douglas Goodwin and Nick Maglione for their hard work during the CV19 surge and thereafter to ensure students and families had access to food and school materials whether they lived in Revere or not due to displacement.
- 5. <u>21-309</u> Motion presented by Councillor Giannino: That the City Council award a Certificate of Commendation to Massachusetts State Trooper Carlo Mastromattei for leading the investigation into the abandonment of a dog on Revere Beach and quickly bringing an animal abuser to justice.
- 6. <u>21-311</u> Motion presented by Councillor McKenna, Councillor Guinasso: That a Certificate of Commendation be awarded to Fiore's Market in recognition of their retirement after 43 years in business providing the highest quality hand cut meats and groceries to generations of Revere residents.

Salute to the Flag

- 7. Roll Call of Members
- 8. Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021

Executive Session

9. <u>21-313</u> Motion presented by Councillor Serino: That the City Council enter into Executive Session under purpose 3 of the Open Meeting Law, to discuss with the Mayor and City Solicitor, potential litigation that is clearly and imminently threatened and likely, relative to the proposed use of the Quality Inn as a homeless transitional center.

Public Hearings

- Hearing called as ordered on a petition of Victoria Scaramuzzo, 60 Geneva Street, Revere, MA 02151 and Johnny Peguero and Ivonne Florez Montoya, 56 Geneva Street, Revere, MA 02151 to discontinue and abandon a certain portion of Italia Avenue as illustrated on the petitioners' plan.
- Hearing called as ordered on a proposed amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere requested by the applicant, Enterprise Rent-A-Car Company of Boston, LLC, 50 Tomahawk Drive, Building #49, East Boston, MA 02128: An Ordinance Providing for Automotive/Truck Rental Office and Storage Use by Special Permit in the HB District Section 1. Section 17.16.040(D) Business Uses and Consumer Services, Generally Table of Uses of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by allowing Automotive/truck rental office and storage use by Special Permit^^^ in the HB District. Section 2. Section 17.16.040 Generally Table of Uses of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Revere is hereby amended by inserting the following new footnote ^^^: 1.

Allowed vehicles as part of the "Automotive/truck rental office and storage" shall be limited to no more than a GVW 10,500 lb limit. 2.

Vehicle capacity shall be limited to up to 50 rental vehicles on site at any one time. 3. There shall be a minimum lot size of ½ acre for any property seeking such a use by Special Permit. 4. No stacking of vehicles will be allowed on site. 5. No repair, maintenance, or body work shall be allowed on site. 6. Applicants must agree to install and provide substantive screening and buffering on site.

- Hearing called as ordered on a proposed loan order in the amount of \$3,000,000 to pay costs of constructing, reconstructing, laying, relaying, extending, lining and/or relining water mains, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.
- Hearing called as ordered on a loan order in the amount of \$5,000,000 to pay costs of constructing, reconstructing, paving, repaving and/or repairing roads, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.
- 14. **21-316** Hearing called as ordered on a loan order in the amount of \$175,000 to pay costs of purchasing a backhoe for the Department of Public Works, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.
- Hearing called as ordered on a loan order in the amount of \$1,725,000 for the purpose of acquiring by eminent domain the property located at 29 Thayer Avenue as more completely described in the deed from Thayer Avenue, LLC, dated July 31, 2012, recorded at the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 49938, Page 53, and to take any other action incidental and related thereto, for recreational and open space purposes.

Unfinished Business

Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the City Council amend the Rules or Order to permit the submission of a maximum of 10 motions per meeting when the City Council meets twice in any given month. Further, that at the discretion of the President, that a Councillor be permitted to speak on 4 motions.

Communications

- 17. **21-317** Communication from the Election Commissioner requesting approval the warrant calling for the local election on November 2, 2021.
- 18. **21-331** Communication from the Mayor relative to a Home Rule Petition for Easement and Fee Transfers on Revere Beach Parkway from state agencies to the City of Revere for municipal purposes

Motions

- 19. **21-318** Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request the Superintendent of Public Schools and the High School Building Committee to provide the Revere City Council with copies of all selection sites and possible land taking of each site. Additionally that School Building meetings be advertised broadly and recorded by RevereTV with translation in Spanish and Arabic.
- 20. 21-319 Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request the Superintendent of Public Schools, Director of Finance, City Engineer, Chief of Planning & Community Development, the City Planner, School Committeeman Ferrante, and a representative from Left Field Group to provide an update on the new High School Building project to include plans, potential location selection sites, the address of possible land takings, cost of takings, and approximate cost to build a New High school in the possible various locations. As well as timeframe from selection and completion. Furthermore that a letter be sent to every Revere Resident as to the project and it's undertaking.
- 21. **21-320** Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the City of Revere establish a Revere Futures Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to act as a think tank for Revere in the realm of education, business, and infrastructure. In addition, committee members would also help to foresee and mitigate future problems and challenges, then present several proposals and solutions to be presented to the Mayor. This group would also be instructed to actively search for future potential candidates that could help the membership grow and evolve.
- 22. **21-322** Motion presented by Councillor Morabito: That the Mayor and the Traffic Commission look into launching a slow streets pilot program in the City of Revere to slow down drivers by introducing speed tables, speed humps, crosswalks, signage, and bollards to help curb the excessive speeding on cutthrough streets, especially on streets nearby schools and city recreational spaces.
- 23. 21-323 Motion presented by Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor request a representative from Stop & Shop (Furlong Drive), Target, and Big Lots to appear before the City Council to address the overwhelming number of shopping carts from these stores being dumped around the City of Revere. Within the last month and a half, the City has picked up over 150 shopping carts belonging to these stores from the City streets.
- 24. **21-324** Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor or his designee provide the City Council with an update on the construction of the new DPW facility.

- 25. 21-325 Motion presented by Council Vice-President Visconti, Council President Zambuto, Councillor Serino: That the City Council go on record in support of Mayor Arrigo's letter to the Boston Public Health Commission regarding the use of the Quality Inn as a homeless transitional center. Further, that Council be recorded as opposed to the proposal by the Boston Public Health Commission and its partners to utilize the Quality Inn in North Revere for such purposes.
- 26. **21-326** Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor request the City Solicitor and the Director of Public Health to draft a letter to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health requesting explanation on the legality of using a hotel as an unlicensed healthcare facility.
- 27. **21-327** Motion presented by Councillor Serino: That the City Council request the manager of, or a representative from, the Quality Inn appear before the City Council to discuss the company's plans for future use of the Morris Street site.
- 28. 21-328 Motion presented by Councillor Serino, Council Vice-President Visconti: That the Mayor request a public meeting and public process to discuss any proposal to utilize the Quality Inn as a homeless transitional center. Residents of North Revere should be invited to this meeting, and it should be hosted by the Quality Inn, the Boston Public Health Commission and any stakeholder seeking to use the hotel for such purposes.
- 29. **21-329** Motion presented by Council Vice-President Visconti: That the Mayor request the City Solicitor to file a request with the City of Boston under the Massachusetts Public Records Law (MGL Chapter 66, Section 10) seeking any and all financial records relative to the costs associated with public safety and public works labor and resources expended to manage the homeless encampment crisis at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard.
- 30. 21-330 Motion presented by Councillor Keefe: That the Mayor request the City Solicitor to draft an ordinance providing for the Construction Oversight Department to provide written notice and daily fines for curb cuts and trenches that are found to be insufficient. Repairs shall be made within 5 days of written notice or a fine will be issued. In the event after 30 days after written notice to insufficiencies are not repaired, the City shall make the appropriate repairs and bill the company or companies responsible for the original work. Any companies found to be unresponsive or have unpaid fines exceeding 30 days, shall have any pending permits revoked until work is properly completed and all fines are paid.