

**City Councillor  
Joseph A. DelGrosso  
City Council Chambers  
Journal  
August 04, 2014**

Regular meeting of the Revere City Council was called to order at 6:03 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, Giannino, Guinasso, Haas, Morabito, Novoselsky, Penta, Powers, and Council President Zambuto were present. Councillors Patch and Reardon were absent.

Communications

- 14-182 3. Comm. from the Mayor requesting the acceptance and approval of M.G.L. c. 44 § 31 Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations.

As you are aware the City of Revere experienced a level EF-2 Tornado as defined by the National Weather Bureau on Monday July 27, 2014. The damage to properties was extensive in the Central business district of the City. All municipal buildings are presently being assessed for damages. City Hall had severe damage to some offices, the roof and its structure. Many homes and businesses were devastated.

My great appreciation is extended to not only the City's Fire, Police and Public Works Departments but also to the numerous State and Municipal agencies that sent personnel and equipment to assist in the City's hour of great need. The cleanup operation was a herculean task but was approached both methodically and efficiently. Most fortunately and importantly severe bodily injury or death did not occur during the turbulence of weather with over 120mph winds.

At this time, in order that the City and School Departments return to business as usual I respectfully request that your honorable body approve the proposed City Council motion:

*“Upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance and with the approval of the Mayor: Be it ordained that the Revere City Council declare an emergency as outlined in M.G.L. C44 SEC 31 which allows cities to make emergency expenditures incurred in response to the Tornado damage occurred in July of 2014.”*

On Monday July 27, 2014 the Director of Finance, George Anzuoni, was contacted by the Department of Revenue to discuss the options that the City of Revere had available in accordance with the municipal finance laws of Massachusetts. It is his recommendation that the City declare a local state of emergency in order to utilize this section of the Massachusetts General Laws.

**The approval of this motion will allow the City to continue immediately with the cleanup and repairs to City roadways and properties without the reimbursement from the insurance companies and state agencies. It allows for a municipality to over expend appropriations during the fiscal year in which they are incurred. Any unreimbursed costs (deficits) will be reported to the Board of Assessors to be raised in the fiscal year 2016 tax rate.**

**Once this declaration is made by your honorable body I will request the approval of the Director of Accounts, Mr. Gerard Perry.**

**I, wholeheartedly support the declaration of emergency and the utilization of Chapter 44 Sec 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws.**

**Motion offered by the Revere City Council: That the City Council hereby declares an emergency as outlined in Massachusetts General Laws c. 44 § 31 which allows cities to make emergency expenditures such as those incurred by the City of Revere in response to the tornado damage that occurred in July of 2014.**

**Motion ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Giannino, Guinasso, Haas, Morabito, Novoselsky, Penta, Powers, and Council President Zambuto voting "YES". Councillors Patch and Reardon were absent.**

**Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Zambuto: That the City Council now stands adjourned to meet on Monday, August 11, 2014.**

**Ordered adjourned at 6:55 P.M.**

**Attest:**

**City Clerk**