



CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting

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City Councillor  
Joseph A. DelGrosso  
City Council Chamber  
Journal  
Monday, January 28, 2019

Regular Meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 PM. Council President Arthur F. Guinasso presiding.

**Salute to the Flag**

1 Roll Call of Members

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jessica A. Giannino	Councillor	Present	
Patrick M. Keefe	Council Vice-President	Present	
Joanne McKenna	Councillor	Present	
Steven Morabito	Councillor	Present	
Ira Novoselsky	Councillor	Present	
Charles J. Patch	Councillor	Present	
John F. Powers	Councillor	Present	
Dan Rizzo	Councillor	Present	
George J. Rotondo	Councillor	Present	
Anthony T. Zambuto	Councillor	Present	
Arthur F. Guinasso	Council President	Present	

2 Approval of the Journal of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019

**RESULT: ACCEPTED**

- 3 19-020 Communication from the City Solicitor requesting that the City Council enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy concerning Stvil v. City of Revere to operate an autobody shop at 855 Broadway.

**RESULT: TABLED [UNANIMOUS]** **Next: 2/11/2019 6:00 PM**  
**AYES:** Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

**Public Hearings**

- 4 19-021 Hearing called as ordered on a petition by National Grid to excavate, run and maintain electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of

electricity in accordance with the plan on file for service at 123 Shirley Ave., Revere, MA 02151.

**Proponents**

Brandon Powell, National Grid

**Opponents**

None

**“SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT THE PETITION OF NATIONAL GRID TO EXCAVATE, RUN AND MAINTAIN ELECTRIC CONDUITS, TOGETHER WITH SUCH SUSTAINING AND PROTECTING FIXTURES AS IT MAY FIND NECESSARY FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRICITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN ON FILE FOR SERVICE AT 123 SHIRLEY AVE., REVERE, MA 02151?”**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>GRANTED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

**Communications**

President Guinasso requested suspension of the City Council Rules of Order for the purpose of taking up several communications out of order as department heads were in attendance to address the Council.

- 5        19-022        Communication from the Election Commissioner seeking approval for an exemption for City employees to work at the polls on Election Day.

Diane Colella, Election Commissioner addressed the City Council on this matter.

**“IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF MGL c. 268A, s. 20, SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN EXEMPTION TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO WORK AT THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY?”**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

- 6        19-025        Communication from the City Auditor requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$85,000 for Griswold Park.

Richard Viscay, City Auditor and Don Ciaramella, Water & Sewer Superintendent addressed the City Council on Griswold Park.

**“SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$85,000 FROM THE CAPITAL PROJECT RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE ST. MARY’S PARK ACCOUNT TO FUND THE COMPLETION OF GRISWOLD PARK?”**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

- 7      19-026      Communication from the City Auditor requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$115,000 for the COPS Program which supports the School Violence Prevention Program.

Richard Viscay, City Auditor addressed the City Council on the grant. Councillor Rotondo questioned if some of the grant money could be used to install security cameras at parks.

**“SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND TO THE POLICE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS ACCOUNT FOR COPS PROGRAM?”**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

- 8      19-023      Communication from the Mayor relative to the Revere Fire Department Memorandum of Agreement.

Lt. Kevin O'Hara, Revere Fire thanked the City Council for their support and accolades after the approval of the appropriation to fund the new contract.

**“SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE APPROPRIATION NECESSARY TO FUND THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF REVERE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT COVERING FISCAL YEARS 2019 - 2021?”**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

- 9      19-024      Communication from the Mayor relative to a loan order request in the amount of \$3,800,000 for water main Improvements.

Nick Rystrom, City Engineer provided a brief summary of the work that will be completed with these funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ORDERED TO PUBLIC HEARING - CC</b>	<b>Next: 2/11/2019 6:00 PM</b>
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**Point of Personal Privilege**

In accordance with Rule 15 of the City Council Rules of Order, Councillor Rotondo offered a point of personal privilege for the purpose of defending his integrity and character as he was

assailed, questioned, and impugned by an employee of the City of Revere and City Council candidate during a podcast.

John Viarella, Director of Human Resources indicated that the matter Councillor Rotondo is referring to is being dealt with internally.

Councillor Patch also took this time to offer a point of personal privilege to announce that he will not seek re-election and will be retiring from office at the end of his term.

### **Public Works Sub-Committee Report**

The Public Works Sub-Committee met on January 28, 2019 at 4:00PM. Members of the committee that were present were Councillors Morabito, Patch, Guinasso, and Chairwoman McKenna. Committee members Rotondo and Zambuto were absent.

- 10      19-010      Motion presented by Council Vice-President Keefe: That the Mayor request the City Engineer, and the Water Sewer Superintendent to investigate, identify and help correct numerous water displacements and/or natural springs running off of Vane street onto subsequent hills. The freezing runoff is posing a hazard to the neighborhood, specifically the hills connected to Vane Street. The city shall require home-owners affected by natural spring run off to complete a waiver so that the city may complete the necessary repairs to mitigate the problem.

Don Ciaramella, Water & Sewer Superintendent addressed the committee on this matter and has come up with a solution. He will request funding for the project in the next budget.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>ORDERED AS AMENDED VOICE VOTE</b>
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### **Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee Report**

The Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee met on January 28, 2019 at 4:30PM. Members of the committee that were present were Councillors Novoselsky, Powers, Zambuto, Guinasso, and Chairman Keefe. Committee member Rizzo was absent.

James Rose, Director of Parking and Paul Argenzio, DPW Superintendent and Traffic Commission Chair addressed the committee relative to the motions concerning Traffic Commission regulations.

- 11      18-368      Motion presented by Councillor McKenna, Councillor Giannino: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to reduce the price of commercial vehicle permits for vehicles registered to the City of Revere from \$420.00 to \$300.00. The cost for commercial vehicle permits for vehicles registered in any other city shall remain at \$420.00. The cost of the permit shall also be prorated based on the month the permit is purchased.

**RESULT: ORDERED AS AMENDED VOICE VOTE**

12      18-384      Motion presented by Councillor McKenna, Councillor Giannino: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to review and establish a city-wide resident parking program utilizing the attached proposed Traffic Commission regulation.

**RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE**

13      18-399      Motion presented by Council Vice-President Keefe: That the Mayor request the Traffic Commission to repeal the provision of the commercial vehicle parking ordinance which allows for the permitting of take-home company vehicles not registered to the City of Revere.

**RESULT: ORDERED - VOICE VOTE**

**Public Safety Sub-Committee Report**

The Public Safety Sub-Committee met on January 28, 2019 at 5:00PM. Members of the committee that were present were Councillors McKenna, Patch, Powers, Guinasso, and Chairman Novoselsky. Committee member Rotondo was absent.

14      18-257      Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the City of Revere change its building code to mandate any building with 20 units or more and 3 or more floors, must maintain an AED on each floor.

**RESULT: ORDERED AS AMENDED VOICE VOTE**

15      18-263      Motion presented by Councillor Rotondo: That the Mayor, Fire Chief and Chief of Police meet in executive sessions to speak about the security profile at the very successful Sand Castle event.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

16      18-280      Motion presented by Councillor Morabito: That the Mayor request MassDOT to investigate the feasibility of re-allowing a U-turn on North Shore Road between Shawmut Street and Revere Street for traffic traveling northbound on Route 1A. Residents traveling to their homes in the lower Ward 5 neighborhood must wait in severely congested Revere Street traffic. Further, this would help alleviate the traffic in the Revere Street area by not forcing certain traffic northbound.

This matter did not receive a favorable recommendation from the Public Safety Sub-Committee.

**RESULT:** DEFEATED - ROLL CALL [1 TO 10]  
**AYES:** Morabito  
**NAYS:** Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

17      18-281      Motion presented by Councillor Giannino, Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor request the DPW to investigate the feasibility of using a more visible paint color for crosswalks. The Revere Beautification Committee and Beachmont Improvement Committee would like to see a brighter color such as red, to draw more attention to the crosswalks.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

18      18-285      Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor direct the Director of Inspectional Services to appear before the City Council to discuss policies and procedures pertaining to the City's ongoing and future efforts to combat rat infestation.

**RESULT:** PLACED ON FILE

19      18-344      Hearing called as ordered on the application of TA Revere, LLC, 28 State Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02109 requesting a Chapter 148 License from the Revere City Council for aboveground storage of 6,020 gallons of gasoline contained within 301 vehicles to be parked in a parking garage at a residential apartment building at 650 Ocean Avenue, Revere, MA 02151 (Tax Map 10, Block 166 & 168, Lots 13C).

Colleen Wynne, Community Manager at Greystar addressed the City Council on this application. Greystar is the new management company for 650 Ocean Avenue after the original applicant, TA Revere, LLC sold the property.

**“SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL GRANT A CHAPTER 148 LICENSE TO GREYSTAR, 374 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 202, BOSTON, MA 02210 FOR ABOVEGROUND STORAGE OF 6,020 GALLONS OF GASOLINE CONTAINED WITHIN 301 VEHICLES TO BE PARKED IN A PARKING GARAGE AT A RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT BUILDING AT 650 OCEAN AVENUE, REVERE, MA 02151 (TAX MAP 10, BLOCK 166 & 168, LOTS 13C)?”**

**RESULT:** ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

20      18-350      Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor request the Chief of Police to brief the City Council in Executive Session on school safety

preparedness and what measures have been taken to identify and combat acts of violence should a response be required.

**RESULT: ORDERED AS AMENDED VOICE VOTE**

21      18-352      Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the City Council request Dan Cameron from National Grid to appear before a City Council Sub-Committee to discuss measures both the city and residents can take to prepare for winter storms that could cause power outages, and how the city and residents can deal with outages should they occur.

**RESULT: REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

22      18-355      Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor instruct the Chief of Police to appear before the City Council to discuss the increase in crime on Broadway, Coolidge Street, and Rose Street as outlined in the October 24, 2018 edition of the Revere Journal.

**RESULT: REFERRED TO PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Appointments Sub-Committee Report**

The Appointments Sub-Committee met on January 28, 2019 at 5:00PM. Members of the committee that were present were Councillors Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Powers, Guinasso, and Chairwoman Giannino.

23      19-006      Communication from the Mayor relative to the appointment of J. Masterson Construction as Licensed Drain Layer.

**"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF J. MASTERSON CONSTRUCTION AS A LICENSED DRAIN LAYER?"**

**RESULT: ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**  
**AYES:**            Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

24      19-008      Communication from the Mayor relative to the Council on Elder Affairs appointments.

Stephen Fielding, Elder Affairs Director and many members of the Council on Elder Affairs addressed the City Council.

**"SHALL THE CITY COUNCIL CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL ON ELDER AFFAIRS?"**

**RESULT:** ORDERED - ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]  
**AYES:** Giannino, Keefe, McKenna, Morabito, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Rizzo, Rotondo, Zambuto, Guinasso

**Motions**

25      19-027      Motion presented by Councillor Novoselsky: That the Mayor request the License Commission to reduce the fees to Veteran's organizations in the City of Revere who have a 501(c)(19) IRS code by 50%.

**RESULT:** ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

26      19-028      Motion presented by Councillor McKenna: That the Mayor request the Water & Sewer Department to install trench drains on the following streets to alleviate flooding from Belle Isle Marsh and ocean storm surges: Pearl Avenue, Crystal Avenue and Belle Isle Avenue. Over the last two years, the high tide levels are causing major flooding on these streets and the lack of storm drains are a contributing factor of the flooding.

**RESULT:** ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

27      19-029      Motion presented by Councillor Rizzo: That the Mayor request the Director of Finance to update the City Council on the status of a \$25 million Transportation Bond Bill that was authorized by the legislature back in 2015 to allow for a commuter rail station at Wonderland Dog Track.

**RESULT:** ORDERED - VOICE VOTE

**Adjournment - February 11, 2019**

Ordered adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Attest:

City Clerk