

**Municipal Council  
SPECIAL MEETING – ZOOM**

**May 12, 2022  
Tuesday, 6:49 P.M.**

Councilors on Zoom for the special meeting.

Clerk Jackson read the special meeting notice:

Date: May 10, 2022  
To: Members of the Municipal Council  
From: James DiLisio, President

Councilors:

By authority of Article 2, Section 2-7 (c) of the Attleboro Home Rule Charter, I hereby call a Special Meeting of the Municipal Council as follows:

Date: **Thursday, May 12, 2022**  
Time: **6:30 P.M.**  
Place: 77 Park Street, Council Chambers  
Purpose: To read into the record an omitted page from the Mayor’s Communication on May 3, 2022 and any legal business in front of the Council.

Sincerely,

James DiLisio, President  
cc: Mayor Paul Heroux

Council voted 9 yeas – 0 nay (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to suspend the rules.

Clerk Jackson then read the Mayor’s communication from May 3, 2022 page 3 that was omitted from the reading at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

11. I respectfully submit a communication from Chief of Police Kyly P. Heagney regarding the need to transfer funds to cover the overtime costs not reimbursed by the 911 Grant. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$9,753.71 from Account 12101000-513000 (Police – Overtime) to Account 12101000-599100 (Police – Transfer to 911 Grant). (Copies in your packets)

12. I respectfully submit a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding items that the Attleboro High School would like to declare as surplus. The School Committee approved the surplus of these items at their meeting on April 25, 2022. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to declare the attached list as surplus

and available for disposition. In addition, I respectfully request Your Honorable Body vote on this at your next available meeting, so that these items may be available for a school fundraising auction event prior to the demolition of the “old” high school. All proceeds from the auction will go to the General Fund. (Copies in your packets)

13. For Your Information: I regret to inform Your Honorable Body that we have received the resignation of Jason Gittle from the Planning Board effective July 1, 2022. Please join me in thanking Mr. Gittle for his service to the City.

14. I respectfully submit a communication from City Auditor Deborah Gould regarding the transfer of funds from Fund 3567 Police Body Cameras. As you are aware, Your Honorable Body voted to appropriate \$636,000 on February 15, 2022 to purchase body worn cameras, in-car video system and necessary associated computer software and technical components for the system operation. After a review of the paperwork, it was noticed that part of the proposal includes the unlimited cloud and software for a period of three years. Unfortunately, there was not a full understanding of the initial scope of the funding request prior to advising the Chief and the Administration with the original account number included in the Council Vote of February 15<sup>th</sup>. Chief Heagney was successful in getting the vendor to hold the quote for this project for the City, so that this matter could be sent to the Council for correction of the account numbers. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$636,000.00 from Fund 3567 Police Body Cameras to Account 1100210-584062 (Police Department Continuing Appropriation – Body Cameras) to properly account for the purchase of body worn cameras, in-car video system and necessary associated computer software and technical components for the system operation including the cloud-based components for three years. (Copies in your packets)

15. The City of Attleboro has been notified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of the award of \$616,254.81 for the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP). WRAP provides supplemental funding to cities and towns for improvements to their transportation networks in response to this past winter’s harsh weather. We are required to complete the work by June 30, 2023. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to approve the expenditure of such funds. (Copies in your packets)

There was no Clerk’s Communication.

The President then called for **Committee reports.**

**License** Committee Chair Waterman brought forward the following votes.

Voted 10 yeas – 0 nays (Kobus absent) to approve the Keep a Stand permit, as an emergency measure, for The Burgundian of 55 Park Street for six two person tables and chairs during operating hours from April through October 2022.

Voted 10 yeas – 0 nays (Kobus absent) to approve the Keep a Stand permit, as an emergency measure, for Morin’s Inc. 16 South Main Street for three (3) two person tables and chairs during operating hours from May through October 2022.

**Public Works** Committee Chair Dolan brought forward the following votes:

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to transfer \$13,500.00 from Account 6000-578300 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6000-548042 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Supplies Equipment Maintenance) to replace dimminutor cutter screens.

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to appropriate \$20,000.00 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6000-548042 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Supplies Equipment Maintenance) due to treatment plant equipment cost increases.

Finance committee Chair Conti brought the following forward:

Voted 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to authorize the Attleboro School Department to pay a previous year school bill totaling \$11,858.75 from Umass Chan.

**Traffic and Transportation** Committee Chair Bennett brought forth the following vote:

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to approve the proposed amendment to Ordinance 10-4.11 “Isolated stop signs” by adding Westbound drivers on Jewel Avenue at Hawthorne St.

**IT & Infrastructure** Committee Chair Kobus brought forward the following votes:

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to appropriate \$3,500.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to the following accounts to fund email encryption software and migrating data from old email servers:

\$1,900.00 to Account 11331000-524211 (Budget & Administration – Maintenance of Software)

\$1,600.00 to Account 11331000-530101 (Budget & Administration – Professional Services).

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 yeas (Holmes and Reynolds absent) to approve a 48-month lease agreement with HP Financial Services for the lease of 1000 Chromebooks for the Attleboro Public Schools.

**Zoning and Land Use** Committee Vice Chair Kobus brought the following vote forward:

Voted on Roll Call 8 yeas – 1 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent Conti nay) to waive the following fees for the Old colony Habitat for humanity construction on Pike Avenue:

Building Permit  
Mechanical Permit  
Electric (35%)  
Plumbing (35%)  
Gas/HVAC (35%)  
New Water Service Fee  
Sewer Connection

**City and Property** Committee Vice Chair Angelo requested a meeting at the next appropriate time.

**Personnel, Veterans and Human Services** Committee Chair Angelo brought forward the following votes:

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to appropriate \$1,262.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance – General Government) to Account 16101000-532010 (Library –Tuition & Books) for a contractual tuition reimbursement.

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to appropriate \$3,200.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 15101000-514030 (Health Department – Longevity) to pay longevity payment for the Solid Waste Manager.

**Ordinances, Elections and Legislative Matters** Committee Chair DeSimone brought the following forward:

Voted on Roll Call 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to strike the following:

FROM THE DOCKET OF JANUARY 18, 2022:– PH 2-15-22

To approve the following on Special Legislation Language: Vacancy in Office of Mayor -Special Election:

Motion to petition the General Court to enact the following legislation to amend the Attleboro City Charter by amending Section 3-8 (a) of the Attleboro City Charter, Vacancy of Office of Mayor Special Election, provided, that the Legislature may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 3-8 (a) Vacancy in Office of Mayor – Special election

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

**SECTION 1. Section 3-8 (a) Vacancy in Office of Mayor – Special Election**

(a) Special Election -- If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, by death, resignation, removal from office, failure to elect or otherwise, at any time preceding the last nine calendar months of the term for which the mayor was elected, the municipal council shall forthwith call a special election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Additionally, if a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor before the last nine calendar months of the term for which the mayor was elected, the clerk of the council shall forthwith call a special meeting of the municipal council, and the municipal council shall by majority vote of the full council, taken by a roll call, elect one of its members as mayor until a new mayor is elected by the people and sworn into office.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Public Safety Committee** Chair Blais brought the following vote forward:

Voted 9 yeas – 0 nays (Holmes, Reynolds absent) to transfer \$9,753.71 from Account 12101000-513000 (Police – Overtime) to Account 12101000-599100 (Police – Transfer to 911 Grant) to cover overtime costs not reimbursed by the 911 Grant.

Special Committee on Senior Tax Abatement calls for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

The council voted to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE)

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City Clerk/Clerk of the Council