

**Municipal Council  
Special meeting in person**

**June 14, 2022  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.**

Roll Call attendance vote with Angelo, Bennett and Dolan absent.

Salute to the flag.

Council voted 8 yeas – 0 nay (Angelo, Bennett and Dolan absent.) to suspend the rules.

The rules were suspended, as there would be no public hearings and no committee of the whole.

Clerk Jackson read the Mayor’s Communication

June 14, 2022

Dear Municipal Councilors:

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding the receipt the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$16,054.00. No match is required by the City of Attleboro. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to approve the expenditure of such funds by the Council on Aging to fund the Outreach/SHINE Counselor.

In order for this grant to become effective for July 1, 2022 to pay associated salary and benefits for FY 2023, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding the award of the FY2023 Regional SHINE Grant in the amount \$93,259.00. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to approve the expenditure of such funds by the Council on Aging for expenditure during FY2023 and approve any further grant amendments.

In order for this grant to become effective for July 1, 2022 to pay associated salary and benefits for FY 2023, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding a chair that the Auditing/Accounting Department would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
1	Office Chair	Poor

I respectfully submit a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding a meter that the Water Department would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition: (Copies in your packets)

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
1	HACH Water Meter Model FL900.97	Working S/N 181200004414

I respectfully submit for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Kevin Smith, 85 Steeplechase Circle, Attleboro to fill an unexpired term on the Historical Commission as an alternate member. Term to expire February 2024.

I respectfully submit a communication from Chief Assessor Julie Hobson regarding the need for funds to purchase office chairs. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$800.00 from Account 11411000-530895 (Assessor – Legal Services) to Account 11411000-542010 (Assessor – Office Supplies).

In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Economic Development Director Catherine Feerick regarding the receipt of the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) Small Business Acceleration Grant through MassDevelopment in the amount of \$50,000.00. \$45,000 of the funds received will help TDI Partnership explore the concepts of a Business Improvement District and connect downtown property owners with the information and materials they need to make an informed decision. \$5,000 of the funds will supplement the existing Co.Sign program, where ten downtown businesses will receive a new storefront sign. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve expending such funds and any future grant amendments.

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh requesting to amend Vote #21 of December 21, 2021 where Your Honorable Body appropriated \$88,000 for the construction of pickleball courts at the Finberg Field Complex. As you are aware, there was an environmental clean up at this facility a few years back. As part of this process, the new tennis courts were constructed. At the conclusion of the project, D.E.P. reinstated the Activities & Use Limitations (A.U.L.) that the facility has been under for decades.

Prior to moving forward on the pickleball courts, David Polcari of C.D.M. was contacted to review the existing A.U.L. to determine what, if any, impact it may have on the construction of said courts.

It was determined that the A.U.L. is in force for the entire Finberg parcel, not just the easternmost section where there was once a dump and where all past environmental issues have been located. This meant that though we were planning to construct the

courts on the western side of the facility, in an area where there have never been any environmental issues, we would be required to hire a Licensed Site Professional (L.S.P.) to oversee the project and to test materials etc.

Though the odds of this are very low, moving forward at this location could lead to another lengthy and costly environmental clean up and we should seek an alternative site to construct the pickleball courts.

Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body amend Vote # 21 of 12/21/21 to read: Appropriate \$88,000.00 from Free Cash to Recreation Site Improvement for Pickleball Courts, Amenities and site improvements to be constructed at a location to be determined.

In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need to use unexpended funds from completed CIP projects. As you are aware, there are a number of capital projects underway within the Recreation Department. Per Vote #21 on 12/21/21, Your Honorable Body appropriated \$88,000.00 for the construction of pickleball courts. Having solicited quotes on different aspects of the pickleball courts, it is now clear that the \$88,000.00 will not be sufficient to complete the project.

Fortunately, we have completed two other projects under budget. Namely, the “Remediation of Four Softball Infields at S.A. Veteran’s Memorial Park” which was completed at \$7,522.00 under budget and the “Conley and Poncin-Hewitt Basketball Courts” which came in \$3,485.00 under budget.

Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve the balance of \$7,522.00 in unused funds, originally appropriated for “Remediation of Four Softball Infields at S.A. Veteran’s Memorial Park”, per Vote #29 on 12/7/21, be approved to be used for the construction of pickleball courts in the city. The funds would remain in the same account: Account 1100630-584010 (Continuing Appropriate Recreation – Site Improvements)).

Additionally, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve the balance of \$3,485.00 in unused funds, originally appropriated for the “Conley and Poncin-Hewitt Basketball Courts” per Vote #16 on 11/16/21, be approved to be used for the construction of pickleball courts in the city.

Moreover, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$3,485.00 from Account 16301000-584029 (Recreation - Outdoor Facility Improvements) to Account 1100630-584010 (Continuing Appropriate Recreation – Site Improvements). The total appropriation requests will bring this account to \$99,007. Though the amount will not totally fill the gap, these funds will put us in a better position as we look to move forward on construction of the pickleball courts in FY23. (Copies in your packets)

In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds to purchase new chairs for the MIS group. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$1,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 11331000-542020 (Budget & Administration – Supplies Office Equipment). (Copies in your packets)

In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

I respectfully submit a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the need for funds for new sidewalk on Park Street. The Department of Public Works has received numerous requests, for a new sidewalk to be installed on Park Street, from Hope Gardens to Briggs Corner. The residents feel and I, along with Public Works agrees, that a new sidewalk in this area, would greatly improve the safety of the traveling public. Considering the high costs associated with the installation of a new sidewalk of this proposed length, we are recommending a multi-year approach, to making this new sidewalk a reality. The first phase would be to construct a new sidewalk on the outbound lane of Park Street, from Briggs Corner to Wilmarth Street. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$315,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3573 – Park Street Sidewalk Construction. This funding request includes a contingency for price escalation. In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

For Your Information: I regret to inform Your Honorable Body that we have received the resignation of Rosa Lopes from the Cultural Council. Please join me in thanking Ms. Lopes for her service to the City.

I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds for permit software upgrade. During the fiscal 2023 budget discussions, a number of departments touched upon a forthcoming upgrade to our current online permitting system. This is the system that the Building Inspection department uses for their online permitting and other departments were looking to take advantage of for their operations as well.

The administration has not yet ironed out what modules the City wants to add to other departments, but there is an upgrade within the existing Building Inspection module that we would like to complete in advance of June 30, 2022. The timing is important to be able to take advantage of \$5,000 worth of state grant money for the upgrade.

A communication on the larger module rollout and a request for that funding will come at a later date when more is known.

Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$8,500 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 12401000-585050 (Protective Inspection – Computer Software). (Copies in your packets) In order to be able to process this request for the end of FY2022 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2022.

Sincerely,  
Paul Heroux, Mayor

Voted unanimously to enter recess 7:14 pm.  
**7:52 back in session.**

President called for committee reports.

**License** Committee Chair Waterman called for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

**Public Works** Committee Vice-Chair Blais called for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

**Finance** committee Chair Conti brought forward the following votes:

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve a 36-month facilities management services agreement with Sodexo with two (2) one-year renewals for the Attleboro Schools.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, and Dolan absent) to authorize that the \$394.26 unexpended balance from February 2018 authorized debt to purchase fire department vehicles, be used to reduce the borrowing for the ambulance voted on February 15, 2022, vote number nine. The money is in Fund 3550.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$184.00 from 3557-599000 Police Department Vehicles – Other Financing Uses to 3566 -499000 Fire Engines – Other Financing Sources to reduce future borrowings. This balance is from a debt authorization in July 2020 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping police vehicles.

Voted on Roll Call 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to close Fund 3335 Franklin Street Water Main to the Water Enterprise fund by transferring \$5,413.67 from account 3335-599000 Franklin Street Water Main – Other Financing Uses to 61004-499000 Water Enterprise Fund – Other Financing Sources.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to close out the Finberg Field Fund 3548, remediation project, by transferring \$133,590.19 from 3548-599000 Finberg Field Other Financing Uses to 10004-499000 General Fund – Other Financing Sources.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to close the project Fund 3553, ARA DEP Cleanup, and move the balance to the general fund by transferring \$4.12 from 3553-599000 ARA DEP Cleanup – Other Financing Uses to 10004-499000 General Fund Other Financing Sources.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to appropriate \$198,599.02 from Account 6100-359000 (Water Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6100-553150 (Water Enterprise Fund – Water Meter Supplies). These funds be used to purchase approximately 675 meters with associated fittings, supplies, equipment and one new set of meter reading equipment and will also allow the purchase of one new laptop computer in order to continue the Water Meter Replacement Program for Fiscal 2022.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer the balance of \$4,600 in the Silo project from Account 3229-599000 (Silo – Other Financing Uses) to Account 60004-499000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Other Financing Sources) to close Fund 3229 Silo capital project fund.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer the remaining balance of \$5,810.06 of the Sludge Pump project from Account 3228-599000 (Sludge Pump – Other Financing Uses) to Account 60004-499000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Other Financing Sources) to close the Sludge Pump capital project fund.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$656.49 from 3554-599000 (Sanford Parking Garage- Other Financing Uses) to 10004-499000 (General Fund – Other Financing Sources) to close this fund.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve the full proposal of three (3) years with two, one (1) year options, pending funding annually, for the Whitsons Culinary Group requested by Attleboro Public Schools.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to appropriate \$959,157.04 of available free cash from account 1000-359000 General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to account 1000-321200 General Fund – Fund Balance Reserve for Expenditures. This appropriation is to reduce the Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Levy.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to appropriate \$309,729.59 from Account 6100-359000 (Water Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings) to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 Water Enterprise Budget.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve the solid waste fee of \$274.72. This is a \$23.66 increase from Fiscal Year 2022.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve the solid waste fee of \$57.35 per unit to be credited to Fund #2604 Residential Special Waste Disposal for Fiscal Year 2023.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to appropriate \$14,680.84 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings) to fund the Wastewater Betterment's Share of debt in the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to appropriate \$269,605.66 from Account 6000-359000 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund - Retained Earnings) to fund the Fiscal Year 2023 Wastewater Enterprise Budget.

Councilor DeSimone, member of **Traffic and Transportation** Committee called for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Kobus of the **It & Infrastructure** brought forward the following vote:

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve the transfer \$5,497.19 to close the Munis Upgrade fund 3525-599000 (Munis –Other Financing Uses) as follows:

\$1,768.54 to 60004-499000 – Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Other Financing Uses

\$1,768.54 to 61004-499000 – Water Enterprise Fund – Other Financing Uses

\$1,960.11 to 10004-499000 – General Fund – Other Financing Uses

**Zoning and Land Use** Committee Vice Chair Conti called for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

**City and Property** Chair Reynolds brought forward the following votes:

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to declare the following Health Department vehicle as surplus and available for disposition:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Condition</u>
2009	Ford F150	1FTRF14W69KC60012	151,288	Poor

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to declare surplus and available for trade in value the following Thermal Imaging Cameras:

MSA Evolution 5600 (#A0-58621-B11) manufactured in 2011

MSA Evolution 5600 (#A0-85377-H12) manufactured in 2012

MSA Evolution 4000 (#A1-1397-K00) manufactured in 2000

Bullard QXT (#DX00408) manufactured in 2017

Bullard QXT (#DX00410) manufactured in 2017

Bullard QXT (#DX00409) manufactured in 2017

Voted unanimously (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to accept the generous donation of a brand-new Husqvarna 450-20 Rancher Chainsaw with an estimated value of \$450 from Peter Sauer of Attleboro to the Park & Forestry Department.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to declare the following Personnel Department items as surplus and available for disposition:

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
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Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$1,500.00 from Account 11241000-578390 (City Wide – Reserve for Cannabis Impact) to Account 11331000-558010 (Budget & Administration – Data Processing Supplies) to purchase an additional box of Purchase Order forms before fiscal year end.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to declare the following Attleboro High School items as surplus and available for disposition:

Consolidated Inventory

Item Description		
2bot Model Maker	1	
5 Gallon Coffee Maker	1	
Air Purifier	4	
Archery Target	1	
Autoclave	1	
Badminton Net	10	
Band Saw	2	
Bausch and Lomb 3' standing microscope	2	
Black Board	1	
Book Shelf	43	
Bulletin Board	2	
Calculator	104	
Cassette Players	4	
CD Players	2	
CD Rom Players	4	
Chair	128	
Changing Table	7	
Clay Adams Safety Centrifuge	3	
Coat Rack	1	
Coffee maker	1	
Compressor	1	
Computer Desk	3	
Coordinate Grid Screen	7	
Credenza	1	
Desk	57	
Desk w/ Chair	34	
Desktop Computer	4	
Disc Sander	1	
Dishwasher	1	
Drill Press	12	
Dry Storage Racks	7	
Electric Piano	4	
Electronic Calculator	1	



Electronic Race System	1
Exam Table	1
Fan	2
File Cabinet	60
Foam Wing Cutter	1
Folding Table	2
Foot Locker	2
Free Standing Desk	6
High Chair	2
Hobart 20 Qt Mixer	1
Hobart 50 Qt Mixer	1
Hockey Net	8
Instrument Locker	109
Jointer	2
L Shape Table	1
Lab Bench	1
Laptop Cart	2
Locker Door	1
L-Shaped Desk	2
Mail Sorter	2
Maps	13
Metal Computer Table	1
Office Chair	32
Ohaus Triple Beam Balance	1
Pack and Play	1
Panini Press	1
Paper Towel Dispenser	4
Piano	2
Posters	12
Pottery Wheel	1
Prep Cart	1
Printer	3
Projector	4
Projector Cart	1
Projector Screen	3
Puppet Theater	1
Record Player	1
Rectangular Table	41
Refrigerator	1
Rolling Rack	12
Round Table	6
Scissors	13
Shelf	3
Sink	2
Sitting Chair	9
Slide Projector	1

Slide Rule 43  
 Slide Rule Kit 1  
 Small Table 6  
 Speakers 4  
 Storage Cabinet 30  
 Strut Tamer 1  
 Table Saw 2  
 Teacher Desk 20  
 Television 3  
  
 Toy Bin 1  
 Toy Kitchen 1  
 Trapezoid Desk 22  
 Treadmill 2  
 TV Cart 2  
 Vacuum 1  
 VCR 1  
 Washing Machine 1  
 White Board 1  
 Wing Tester 1  
 Wooden Cabinet  
 Wooden Rocking Boat 1  
 Wooden Shelf 1  
 Work Bench 27  
 Writer Plus Machine  
 Yoga Mat

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to approve the donation of streetlight/sidewalk light box wraps valued at \$5,200 from Keep Attleboro Beautiful.

**Voted 4 yeas – 4 nays** (Reynolds, Holmes, Conti, DiLisio nays) (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) a motion appropriate \$2,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 11241000-530101 (City Wide – Professional Services) to wrap eight more electrical light boxes with artwork throughout the city. **Motion Fails**

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to declare as surplus and available for disposition the following Park and Forestry items:

1 Ricoh Aficio color copier	MPC2050	V2294907071	Very Poor
1 Cannon Image Runner	2200	XLM35731	Not Working

**Personnel, Veterans and Human Services** Vice-Chair Waterman brought forward the following vote:

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$2,000.00 from Account 15431000-577210 (Veterans – Parades & Memorials) to Account 15431000 - 558315 (Veterans – Replacement of Flags).

**Ordinances, Elections and Legislative Matters** Committee Chair DeSimone called for a meeting at the next appropriate time. (A charter objection was called as the Chair brought out for a vote the Ordinance regarding Mayor Vacancy).

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

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$10,000.00 from Account 12101000-511000 (Police – Salary and Wages) to Account 1100210-582509 (Police Continuing Appropriation – Amory) to relocate the police armory to a former storage room in the basement.

Voted 8 yeas – 0 nays (Angelo, Bennett, Dolan absent) to transfer \$295.01 from 3556-599000 (Fire Department Vehicles – Other Financing Uses) to 3566 -499000 (Fire Engines – Other Financing Sources) to reduce future borrowings for the fire engine.

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

The council voted to adjourn at 8:20 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