

**CITY OF WOBURN
JANUARY 19, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WOBURN CITY HALL**

Roll Call

Campbell	Ferullo
Concannon	Gately
Demers	Mercer-Bruen
Dillon	Tedesco

Higgins

President Higgins announced that Alderman Gately would participate in this meeting under the City of Woburn Remote Participation Policy.

The City Council observed a moment of silence in recognition of the turmoil at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. over the past week.

Pursuant to Title 2, Article III, Section 2-13 of the 1989 Woburn Municipal Code, as amended, His Honor the Mayor Scott D. Galvin delivered the State of the City Address. State Representative Richard Haggerty was in attendance. Motion made and 2nd to suspend the rules to hear from His Honor the Mayor, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. The Mayor’s address was as follows:

State of the City of Woburn, Massachusetts

Good evening honorable members of the Woburn City Council, State Representative Rich Haggerty and Members of our State Delegation, School Committee, City Board Members, Department Heads, Staff, Guests and residents at home.

I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to present this year’s State of the City address to the good citizens of our great City. Thank you to my wife, Eileen and our children for your love and support over the past year.

The past year has been a year like no other. I think back to last January’s Inaugural Ceremony, which seems like light years ago, and the stark contrast to this year’s State of the City Address. Last year we had a full house with family, residents, friends and City worker’s sitting and standing shoulder to shoulder for the Inauguration of our City’s newly elected officials.

Little did we know at the time how drastically our lives would change. A new reality that none of us could have imagined or anticipated. Tragically, the corona virus was growing and spreading in China as we celebrated the City's Inaugural exercise last January—soon to become a worldwide pandemic.

We have lived through some hard times in the past, but this virus has inflicted an unprecedented crisis on all of us. It has claimed the lives of too many of our dearest citizens and has touched every one of us and every aspect of our lives.

Local business owners have suffered devastating financial losses, their operations severely curtailed or forced to close due to State restrictions to protect the health of our residents. Despite Federal, State and local aide, many business owners will never recover.

It has been said that a crisis builds character, but it also reveals character. As I stand in front of you tonight, I have never been prouder of our City, nor have I ever been prouder to be your Mayor. We are a great City because we are made up of incredibly strong willed and caring people.

I have seen neighbors looking after their elderly neighbors; I have seen resident groups forming on social media to support one another and charitable causes for those in need; I have seen residents supporting local businesses and restaurants in an effort to support them in gratitude for their unwavering support of our community's cherished local traditions and charitable organizations; I have seen people painfully staying away from loved ones during the Holiday season in order to keep them safe and healthy.

Across this City, I have seen so many sacrifices being made for the benefit of others in big and small ways, and it moves me as I'm sure it moves all of you.

Our City also remains strong because of our dedicated work force. Our first responders, health care professionals, and City employees have reported to work continuously each day in service of our community—right from the onset of the pandemic and in spite of the personal risk to themselves and their families.

Our Police Department have done an outstanding job keeping our residents and City safe and always with bravery, compassion and professionalism.

The Woburn Fire Department has worked tirelessly and courageously on the front lines, providing leadership in the faithful delivery of EMS and fire safety services to our residents and businesses as the corona virus spread in our households and the community they serve and protect.

Our DPW has also continued to go above and beyond. In addition to paving our streets, repairing and replacing water mains and managing numerous public works and building projects—they serve as vital support to the public safety efforts of our first responders.

City Hall Department Heads and employees have provided uninterrupted service to our residents since the pandemic began. They are dedicated professionals and staff who have been instrumental in implementing innovative best practices that continue to benefit residents and save taxpayer dollars.

The Board of Health staff has worked tirelessly to track Covid cases, follow up with contact tracing, update residents and employees on new CDC guidance, provide support and logistics for free Covid testing and clinics for the administration of vaccines.

Our teachers, administrators, and custodians have met and excelled in the difficult challenge of simultaneously educating our students both virtually and in person. They all deserve a big shout out for their collective commitment to safely and compassionately provide our children with education in the classroom.

With the strong support and approval of the City Council, we have used CARES Act funds to support struggling families and businesses during the corona virus pandemic, including:

- Funding to ensure all students were provided lap top computers to assist with virtual learning; and
- Funding to provide daily free breakfast and lunch for Senior Citizens in need; and
- Funding for assisted learning centers at the Woburn Boys & Girls Club and the YMCA to allow students in hybrid model to receive additional in person learning and help parents continue working; and
- Funding to provide free weekly Covid testing for all residents and City employees; and
- Funding for administrative costs to run free vaccine clinic.

Working together, we were also able to use \$3.5 million of our reserves strategically to lower the tax bill for Woburn residents and businesses providing much needed financial.

Although we are experiencing a surge in new corona virus cases, there is reason to be optimistic and hopeful for better days to come. The approval and rollout of the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will stop the spread of the virus and help us return to our normal way of life. Governor Charlie Baker and the Mass Department of Public Health are building out infrastructure across the Commonwealth to ensure the vaccine is available to everyone in a planned, phased approach.

The City of Woburn was approved to administer the vaccine to our First Responders, which we started successfully last week. In addition, we advised Mass DPH that we will continue administering the vaccine to all Woburn residents and employees, in accordance with the Commonwealths prioritized phased plan.

We continue to expect negative budgetary impacts into FY 22. The Covid-19 global pandemic has created a time of unprecedented financial turmoil for local, state and federal governments. There is significant uncertainty surrounding revenue projections for local and state revenues, as levels for both are expected to be lower than FY 20. In addition, commercial property values are facing strong downward pressure, which will further contribute negatively to reduced revenue.

Although we received federal stimulus funding, distributed by the Commonwealth, those funds could not be used for lost revenue needed to fund the budget. However, they have been helpful in addressing unbudgeted expenses caused by the corona virus pandemic. We are hopeful that the next round of stimulus funding under the Biden administration will provide revenue relief for anticipated reductions in local receipts, State aide and commercial tax revenue.

On a positive note, our solid financial position, strengthened by years of conservative budgeting, increasing our reserves along with growing our tax base, will serve the City well as we navigate through the crisis. We will prepare a budget for FY 22 that serves our residents and businesses to the best of our ability, maintains essential services and programs, supports educational needs, and makes targeted critical investments to move our City forward.

Yesterday, the nation honored the memory of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service, and on a day at the beginning of a new year and a critical moment of necessary reflection to examine where we are as a nation in terms of creating a more just, humane, equitable and peaceful society.

Tomorrow, we will witness the inauguration of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. In spite of the unsettling turmoil surrounding this nation's critical peaceful transfer of power, there is plenty of reason to be hopeful that this new administration will provide leadership aimed at meeting the challenge and continued hard work of healing divisions for the greater good of our nation.

No matter for whom you voted, we must come together and do our part here in Woburn by respecting one another, treating each other with civility and kindness, and keeping our focus on working together with great ideas to achieve our common goals as Americans and residents of a truly wonderful community.

In the coming year, we will continue to focus on the important issues that strengthen our community and make Woburn an inviting, affordable and desirable place to live, work and raise a family.

That means strong fiscal management, solid schools and learning opportunities, job opportunities, recreational activities and facilities, safe neighborhoods, energy efficiency, sustainability, smart growth, innovation, continued investments in City infrastructure, fostering culture diversity, support and respect for one another and, as always, an open-door policy at City Hall.

Thanks again to everyone across the City for your strength, compassion and perseverance over the last year. We still have plenty of hard work ahead of us, but there's real light as we move together through the winter months and look ahead to better days ahead.

Motion made and 2nd that a copy of the address be received and made part of the record, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

Motion made and 2nd to return to the regular order of business, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

VOTED to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's Journal and to APPROVE, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Presentation by Mayor Scott D. Galvin and Planning Director Tina Cassidy relative to the Woburn Center safety improvement project. Motion made and 2nd to suspend the rules for the purposes of hearing from the Mayor and Planning Director or their designees, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. Appearing was Mayor Galvin and he stated that this project has been in the works for two or three years, and this started as a small project to create more downtown parking. Rich Benevento, WorldTech Engineering, LLC, 300 Tradecenter Dr #5580, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 stated that a traffic analysis and design work were performed in support of a funding request, that the Engineering Department was looking at parking and traffic optimization in the downtown area, that in May 2017 his company was brought in to perform a traffic study and alternatives analysis, that in February 2018 findings were presented to the Planning Department, Woburn Redevelopment Authority and the Engineering Department, that in September 2019 a Road Safety Audit was completed which looked at near term improvements and the bigger picture, that in October 2019 the City was encouraged by the State to submit for funding for improvements to Woburn Center, that in December 2019 the project was deemed eligible for State and Federal funding, that the project will benefit the city and the region and therefore received approval, that in March 2020 the project was programmed on the FY2025 TIP for \$16,680,000.00, that the project received a score of 75, that the next lower project was for work in Rutherford Avenue in Boston which received a project score of 59, that the goals of the project include increased safety which is paramount, improved traffic circulation and congestion, optimized parking, transforming the area into a pedestrian oriented central business district, and expanded sidewalks, streetscape and placemaking such as outside dining, that the City adopted the Complete Streets program, that this project is a Complete Streets program eligible for Federal funding, that the project will enhance Woburn Common, that there is a vehicle crash cluster near the Woburn Common and a pedestrian crash cluster in a much larger area which were both identified, that over five years there were 162 crashes of which eighteen involved injuries and eight involved pedestrian or bicyclist crashes, that a development concept was prepared with new traffic signals, safer pedestrian crossings,

additional green space, additional parking and redirected traffic, that the project limits extend from Court Street to Mann's Court, the Woburn Common, past High Street and up to Greenwood Avenue, that the project will be 100% construction funded with 80% of Federal Funds and 20% of State funds and no City contribution, that the project will be advertised by October 1, 2024, that the City is responsible for design, environmental permits and right-of-way issues, that this will be a City design although MassDOT requirements must be followed, that the design costs are generally 10% to 15% of construction costs, that reviews by MassDOT take place at 25%, 75%, 100% and Plans, Specifications and Estimates design stages, that the preliminary design fee is approximately \$736,800.00 which is 4.35% of construction costs, that there will not be significant environmental planning because this is an urban area but there may be need for right-of-way easements, that the preliminary design includes a topographic survey, public outreach, community meetings and a 25% design public hearing, that the layout of the project must be determined before more detailed design aspects can be prepared, that the City wants community buy-in of the project, that once the design public hearing is held the project will go to final design, and that once the advertisement date is set the projects move quickly to construction. Motion made and 2nd that the Powerpoint presentation be received and made part of the record, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. Mayor Galvin stated that the next step for the City is to provided design funding, and that he wants to know if there is support in the City Council to move forward with funding the project. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that she supports moving the project forward, that it often takes time for these projects to come to completion but the process has to start, that she wants significant community outreach, and that the project effects the whole city. Mr. Benevento stated that often projects can take fifteen years to complete, that when a project is on the TIP it moves the project forward, and that the City wants to avoid the project falling off the TIP. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that the longer the process takes the more money that has to be expended for updated and revised designs. Alderman Concannon stated that he supports the project for the safety improvements, improved access to the Woburn Common, more efficient traffic flow, and additional parking. Alderman Tedesco stated that he supports the project and moving forward with funding the design. Alderman Ferullo stated that the design concept is a good proposal and a significant improvement over the work initially performed by the City to envision necessary changes. Mr. Benevento stated that the project reclaims Woburn Center and makes the area less of a cut through for trucks and other traffic which it often is rather than a destination. Alderman Campbell stated that she approves the idea of making Woburn Center a destination and reclaiming Woburn Center, that she will support the design funding, and that she believes a pedestrian bridge tying the Woburn Common to the commercial area on the opposite side of Main Street would be beneficial. Mr. Benevento stated that because this is a Complete Streets project all users must be accommodated including vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles and transit such as bus stops and the facilities have to be enhanced to do so, and that while a pedestrian bridge may not be part of the design the finished project must allow pedestrians to move across the street safely.

Motion made and 2nd to return to the regular order of business, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

NEW PETITIONS:

Petition by Woburn Avalon LLC, 600 Atlantic Avenue, 20th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 for an Inflammable License to allow 9,040 gallons of gasoline (20 gallons each in 452 automobiles) in automobile tanks parked in parking garage at 290 Mishawum Road. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

Petition by ECA NEMA Brightfields I LLC and ECA NEMA Brightfields II LLC, 282 Moody Street, Suite 202, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453 for Site Plan Review to allow one 2,451 MWAC ground-mount solar photovoltaic energy generating facility and one 498 kWAC ground-mount solar photovoltaic energy generating facility at the Industri-Plex site at 134 Commerce Way, 39 Atlantic Avenue, 132 Commerce Way, four parcels off New Boston Street, 30 Atlantic Avenue and 0 New Boston Street. Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEARING, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the petition by Alderman Tedesco to amend the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, by adding a new Section 2 Definitions “Pet Recreation and Pet Day Care Facility”, new line 5.1.35b Pet Recreation and Pet Day Care Facility less than or equal to 5,000 sq. ft. by right use in I-P, IP-2, I-G and B-I, new line 5.1.35c Pet Recreation and Pet Day Care Facility greater than 5,000 sq. ft. special permit use in I-P, IP-2, I-G and B-I, and new note 28 in Section 5.1 as set forth in the December 15, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting Journal. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. President Higgins stated that the Planning Board will not meet to hold a public on this matter until January 28, 2021. Alderman Tedesco stated that that Planning Board has to hold a public hearing before the City Council can act, that he suggests this matter be referred to committee pending the report from the Planning Board, that a company wants to open this type of business, and that the proposal defines the use and sets conditions of operating such a business. Motion made and 2nd that the public hearing be opened for public comments, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None. Motion made and 2nd that a communication be sent to the Planning Board to provide commentary as to areas of the city which may be effected by the ordinance and what the impacts will be, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes; Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco

– Yes; Higgins – Yes. Motion made and 2nd that the PUBLIC HEARING be CONTINUED TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021, THAT THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES and that a communication be forwarded to the City Solicitor requesting a review of the language and advising the matter is still under review by the Planning Board, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LICENSES:

On the petitions for renewal of First Class Motor Vehicle Sales Licenses by C.N. Wood Enviro, LLC; and Northeast Tree, Inc., committee report was received “ought to pass with existing limits and conditions”. Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

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On the petition for renewal of First Class Motor Vehicle Sales License by Gordon Colonial, Inc. dba Colonial Cadillac, committee report was received “ought to pass with existing limits and conditions and upon receipt of insurance binder”. Alderman Tedesco stated this matter could be laid on the table with a communication sent to the petitioner indicating action will not be taken on the petition until the insurance binder is filed. Alderman Mercer-Bruen stated that she has noticed not everything has been received in committee, and that the filings should be complete before review by the City Council. Alderman Concannon stated that since the license has expired he would prefer to approve the license pending receipt of the insurance binder so the license can issue as soon as the insurance binder is received. Alderman Demers stated that he is concerned about approving a license without having the necessary paperwork. Alderman Ferullo stated that there was information received about the insurance but not the insurance binder. Alderman Tedesco stated that he could support granting the license if the insurance binder is filed within a certain amount of time. President Higgins stated that it would be difficult to retract approval if the license has been granted. Alderman Dillon stated that because of the current conditions due to the pandemic it is more difficult to obtain something as simple as an insurance binder. Motion made and 2nd that a communication be sent to the petitioner advising the insurance binder must be filed forthwith and that the business is currently operating without a license, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. Motion made and 2nd that the FIRST CLASS MOTOR VEHICLE SALES LICENSE be APPROVED with the existing limits and conditions and only upon receipt of the insurance binder from the petitioner, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes;

Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

Note: On January 20, 2021 at 10:39 a.m., President Higgins filed a notice of her intent to move for reconsideration of her vote approving the petition.

On the petitions for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales Licenses by Anchor Auto Sales, Inc.; and Michael R. Celeta, III dba Central Automotive, committee report was received “ought to pass with existing limits and conditions”. Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

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On the petition for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales License by Cambridge Road Auto Service, Inc. dba Woburn Plaza Shell, committee report was received “ought to pass with existing limits and conditions and upon receipt of insurance binder”. Motion made and 2nd that communication be sent to the petitioner advising the insurance binder must be filed forthwith and that the business is currently operating without a license and that the SECOND CLASS MOTOR VEHICLE SALES LICENSE be APPROVED with the existing limits and conditions and only upon receipt of the insurance binder from the petitioner, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

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On the petition for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicles Sales License by Southside Associates, Inc. dba Burke’s Garage, committee report was received “ought to pass with existing limits and conditions and upon receipt of insurance binder and Treasurer/Collector certificate”. Motion made and 2nd that the communication be sent to the petitioner advising the Tax Collector Certificate must be filed forthwith and that the business is currently operating without a license and that the SECOND CLASS MOTOR VEHICLE SALES LICENSE be APPROVED with the existing limits and conditions and only upon receipt of the Treasurer/Collector Certificate from the petitioner, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

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FINANCE:

On the Order to transfer the sum of \$5,000,000.00 from Unreserved Fund Balance Acct to Stabilization Fund Acct, committee report was received “ought to pass”. Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes;

Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

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On the Order to re-adopt and accept the provisions of M.G.L. Ch.32B, §20 establishing the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, committee report was received “ought to pass”. Motion made and 2nd that the COMMITTEE REPORT be ADOPTED, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

Presented to the Mayor: January 21, 2021 **s/Scott D. Galvin January 21, 2021**

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

A communication dated January 8, 2021 was received from Charles O’Connor, Parking Clerk, Police Headquarters, 25 Harrison Avenue as follows:

Council Members,

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 20½ I am submitting the following parking ticket report. Figures cited below are for the Month of January 2020 to November 2020: Number of violations issued 538, Number of violations paid 258, Number of violations outstanding 265, Amount collected and submitted to Collectors Office \$27,254.60, Parking fines referred to the Handicap Commission \$7,500.00.

There is a backlog of 1479 unpaid tickets dating from January 2004 to December 2019. A 21 day late notice is sent to vehicle owners who have not paid the fine. After 28 days, if the fine still has not been paid, that information is forwarded to the Registry of Motor Vehicles for administrative action.

Respectfully submitted, s/Charles O’Connor, Parking Clerk

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

A communication dated January 4, 2021 was received from Thomas C. Quinn, Jr., Building Commissioner as follows:

Re: Woburn Municipal Code Title 15 Article VIII 15-42

Dear Members of the Council:

With regard to the above referenced section of the Woburn Municipal Code, I submit the following quarterly nuisance report for the period October 1, 2020 thru December 31, 2020.

8 Russell Court matter with City Council
14 Hilltop Parkway matter with City Council

As always if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

s/Thomas C. Quinn, Jr., Building Commissioner

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

A communication dated January 14, 2020 was received from City Solicitor Ellen Callahan Doucette as follows:

Re: NAI, Inc. v. Woburn City Council

I received a draft Settlement Agreement regarding the above-captioned matter which I wish to discuss with the Council.

I am requesting that this matter be referred to the Liaison Committee for a meeting to be held on Monday, January 25, 2020, in executive session under M.G.L. c.30A, §21(3)(for purposes of discussing pending litigation).

All documents related to the Settlement Agreement will be provided to each Alderman in advance of that meeting.

Sincerely, s/Ellen Callahan Doucette, City Solicitor

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LIAISON, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

A communication dated January 5, 2020 was received from State Representative Richard Haggerty as follows:

Subject: Designation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge in Woburn

Dear Mayor Galvin and Woburn City Council Members:

It is my pleasure to announce to you all that Governor Baker recently signed House Bill 4206 into law as Chapter 202 of the Acts of 2020, officially designating the bridge to be constructed on New Boston Street in Woburn as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge. I filed H.4206 in honor of Woburn's Vietnam Veterans and with the support of you all and my colleagues from the State Legislature, Senator Friedman and Representative Ciccolo, we were able to see this bill signed into law.

If you have any questions, please give me a call any time or email.

Very sincerely, s/Richard M. Haggerty, State Representative, 30th Middlesex District

Motion made and 2nd that the MATTER be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS: None.

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN, ROLL CALL: Campbell - Yes; Concannon - Yes; Demers - Yes, Dillon - Yes; Ferullo - Yes; Gately – Yes; Mercer-Bruen - Yes; Tedesco – Yes; Higgins – Yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST:

William C. Campbell
City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council