

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES, CHARTER & RULES
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022, AT 6:48 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WOBURN CITY HALL

Voting members present: Chairman pro tem Richard Gately, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and Councilor Robert Ferullo. Absent: Chairman Joseph Demers and Councilor Darlene Mercer-Bruen

Non-voting members present: President Michael Concannon, Councilor Joanne Campbell, Councilor Jeffrey Dillon, and Councilor Charles Viola

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 28, 2022; in favor, 3-0.

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Order amending Title 3 of the Woburn Municipal Code § 3-34 Demand fees - unpaid taxes: Motion made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to receive and make part of the permanent record a relevant memorandum from Treasurer/Collector Timothy Donovan dated April 8, 2022; approved, 3-0. Chairman pro tem read a portion of the memo as follows: “To President Concannon and City Councilors: In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 60, Section 15, I wish to request the following demand fee increase on the following tax bills: Real Estate Tax bills – increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00, Personal Property Tax – increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00, Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00, MGL Chapter 60, Section 15(2) allows fees be added to the tax and collected as part thereof for each written demand provided for by law for not more than \$30. Per our review of several surrounding cities and towns, most charge a demand fee at \$15.00 or above. Due to a clerical oversight, the requested changes to real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax demand fee increases were not included in the original request to increase fees on all late water/sewer bills which was accepted and approved in December 2021. We feel that the proposed increase of demand charges will greatly assist the city in improving cash flow and help prevent the occurrence of delinquent taxes. Your consideration of this proposal is appreciated.” Motion made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro that the order “ought to pass;” approved, 3-0.

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MOTION made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to adjourn; in favor, 3-0. Chairman pro tem Gately adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Gordon Vincent
Clerk of Committees

