

**REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

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Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chambers, Room 219, City Hall, on Monday evening, February 6, 2023.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Elizabeth Kazinskas called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

**CALL OF THE ROLL**

City Clerk Titi Siriphan called the Roll of Members. Nine (9) Councillors were present including Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Elizabeth Kazinskas, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh. One (1) Councillor attended the meeting via telephone conference, Ronald Cormier.

**WARD 3 COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT****#10889**

President Elizabeth Kazinskas announced the Ward 3 Councillor appointment for term expiring January 1, 2024. The City Clerk's Office has received 4 letters of interests:

- Michael Cormier, 64 Jean Street
- Jeffery Palmieri, 69 Greenwood Street
- Anthony Richard, 296 Parker Street
- Paul Tassone, 52 Church Street

President Elizabeth Kazinskas opened the nominations for Ward 3 Councillor.

Councillor James Boone nominates Paul Tassone for Ward 3 Councillor.

Councilor Judy Mack nominates Anthony Richard for Ward 3 Councillor.

There being no further nominations, President Elizabeth Kazinskas entertained a motion to close nominations.

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted on call of the roll, nine (9) yeas, James Boone, Craig Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Elizabeth Kazinskas, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh, to close nominations.

On call of the roll:

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Councillor James Boone voting PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Craig R. Cormier voting for PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Ronald Cormier voting for PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Aleksander H. Dernalowicz voting for PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Karen G. Hardern voting for PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Dana M. Heath PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor Judy A. Mack voting for ANTHONY RICHARD  
Councillor Elizabeth J. Kazinskas ABSTAINED  
Councillor George C. Tyros voting for PAUL TASSONE  
Councillor James M. Walsh voting for PAUL TASSONE

A brief recess was taken to administer the oath of office for Paul Tassone.

Meeting resumed \_\_\_\_\_

**OPENING PRAYER**

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the Opening Prayer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Kazinskas led the Council in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

**OPEN MEETING RECORDING & PUBLIC RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Elizabeth Kazinskas announced to the assembly that the Open Meeting Recording and Public Records Announcement. Any person may make a video or audio recording of an open session of a meeting or may transmit the meeting through any medium subject to reasonable requirements of the chair as to the number placement and operation of equipment used so as not to interfere with the conduct of the meeting. Any person intending to make such recordings shall notify the Chair forthwith. All documents and exhibits used or referenced at the meeting must be submitted in duplicate to the chair as they become part of the meeting minutes pursuant to General Law Chapter 38 Section 20.

**READING & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, George Tyros, and James Walsh to waive the reading and accept the



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MINUTES of October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting and November 7, 2022 Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board.

Councillor Paul Tassone abstained.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**  
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**#10886**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to place on file, *A Notification from the Mayor Regarding Free Cash Appropriation Proposals*.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**  
**ORDERS**

**#10887**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor George Tyros, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO THE ENGINEERING DEPT - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT UPTOWN ROTARY ACCOUNT.

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of Four Thousand Forty Dollars and No Cents (\$4,040.00) from Free Cash to the Engineering Dept. – Capital Improvement Uptown Rotary Account.

**#10888**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Dana Heath, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:



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BOND ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN CITY COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF VARIOUS AIRPORT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDNER AS FOLLOWS:

That there be raised and appropriated the sum of Five Million Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$5,380,000) to pay costs of airport capital improvements, including, but not limited to, (i) designing and reconstructing runway 18/36, (ii) rehabilitating taxiway A; (iii) shifting/reconfiguring taxiway D; (iv) installation of NAVAID – runway 36; (v) install NAVAID runway 18 REILS; (vi) installation of an airfield electrical vault; (vii) installation of a lighted wind cone; (viii) replacement of airfield guidance signs, (ix) obstruction removal for runway 36 approach, and (x) the payment of all other costs incidental and related to each of the foregoing, and to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, be and hereby is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(12), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. The Mayor is authorized to accept and expend any federal or state grants that may be available to the City on account of the projects described above. The amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order shall be reduced to the extent of any federal or Commonwealth grants received by City on account of the projects approved by this vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**#10881**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Dana Heath, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh that the following ORDER ought to pass:

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FROM FREE CASH TO FAA AIRPORT RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY SYSTEM – CITY PORTION

ORDERED: That there be and is hereby appropriated the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$134,500.00) from Free Cash to the Airport Runway and Taxiway System – City Portion.

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**#10885**

On a motion made by Councillor Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Councillor Dana Heath, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to refer *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 171, Thereof, Entitled "Personnel," to Change Compensation Schedule 1, Yearly Salaries, Mayor and City Councillors*, to the Committee of the Whole

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE****#10880**

Councillor George Tyros requested MORE TIME on *A Measure Confirming the Mayor's Appointment of Leonette Roy, to the position of Housing Authority Member, for term expiring December 27, 2027.*

There being no objection, more time was granted.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES****SAFETY COMMITTEE****#10861**

Councillor Craig Cormier requested more time on *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 600, Entitled "Vehicles and Traffic," Section 42, Entitled "One Way Street."*

There was no objection. More time was granted.

**#10882**

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to GRANT, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class II, Gardner Five Star Auto Sales, 407 Chestnut Street.*

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**#10883**

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor Karen Hardern, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to GRANT, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class II, Riverside Auto, 65 Riverside Road.*

**#10884**

On a motion made by Councillor Craig Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Boone, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to GRANT, *An Application for Motor Vehicle Dealers License, Class III, Riverside Auto, 65 Riverside Road.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councillor Dana Heath would like to congratulate Mr. Paul Tassone on his election of Ward 3 Councillor. He would also like to thank Mr. Anthony Richard for “putting his name in the ring” Ward 3 Councillor. He has known Mr. Richard for a long time.

Councillors George Tyros, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Judy Mack, Craig Cormier, Karen Hardern, James Walsh and Elizabeth Kazinskas, all would like to thank those who showed interest in applying for the Ward 3 vacancy and congratulations to Mr. Tassone.

Councillor Paul Tassone would like to thank everyone who voted for his election for Ward 3 Councillor and thank those who applied and show interest for the position.

Councillor Walsh encourages residents to seek an election term for office for those who are interested this fall.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

President Elizabeth Kazinskas led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councillor Judy Mack and seconded by Councillor Paul Tassone, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Elizabeth Kazinskas and Councillors James



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Boone, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Karen Hardern, Dana Heath, Judy Mack, Paul Tassone, George Tyros, and James Walsh to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: March 20, 2023