



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

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To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 977 1764 7275

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Facebook Live.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) October 20, 2020

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

- a) 7:05 p.m.: Petition P-2020-019: Alteration of Premise to Class II Auto Dealer's License – 039 Auto Sales, Inc. 994 Bedford Street
This hearing was opened and postponed on 10/20/20 at the request of the Petitioner.
- b) 7:10 p.m.: Order O-FY21-020: General Fund Free Cash Allocation to Trust Funds
At their meeting held 10/26/20, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this measure. The Finance Committee meet 11/9/20. Their disposition will be provided upon receipt. This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing and may be finally considered this evening at the conclusion of the hearing pending a Finance Committee disposition.
- c) 7:13 p.m.: Order O-FY21-021: Transfer Order - Police Department Capital Items
At their meeting held 10/26/20, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this measure. The Finance Committee meet 11/9/20. Their disposition will be provided upon receipt. This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing and may be finally considered this evening at the conclusion of the hearing pending a Finance Committee disposition.
- d) 7:15 p.m.: Order O-FY21-022: Transfer Order - Senior Center Capital Transfer
At their meeting held 10/26/20, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this measure. The Finance Committee meet 11/9/20. Their disposition will be provided upon receipt. This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing and may be finally considered this evening at the conclusion of the hearing pending a Finance Committee disposition.
- e) 7:18 p.m.: Order O-FY21-023: Transfer Order - Capital - Complete Streets Engineering
At their meeting held 10/26/20, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this measure. The Finance Committee meet 11/9/20. Their disposition will be provided upon receipt. This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing and may be finally considered this evening at the conclusion of the hearing pending a Finance Committee disposition.

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)
- b) COVID-19 Update
- c) Rainbow's End Ground Test Results
- d) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Order O-FY21-019: Acceptance of a Grant - Center for Tech and Civic Life COVID-19 Response Grant
The Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend this measure at their meeting held 9/21/20. The Finance Committee meet 10/19/20. Their disposition will be provided upon receipt. This measure may be finally voted this evening pending a disposition from Finance Committee.

M. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance D-FY21-003: Zoning Ordinance - Zoning Map Amendment - Pleasant Street
A duly advertised joint public hearing was held by the Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Community & Economic Development Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval with proposed amendments. The Planning Board voted not to recommend approval as written, however would support the measure with the proposed amendments by the Community & Economic Development Committee. This measure may not be finally voted this evening as further advertising is required pending the adoption of any amendments.

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance D-FY21-004: General Ordinance - Amend Section III "Council Meetings" of the Council Rules and Procedures (Councilor George)
- b) Order O-FY21-024: Waive Annual Licensing Fees - 2021 (Councilors Fitzgibbons and Rushton)
- c) Order O-FY21-025: FY2021 Classification Tax Allocation-Adoption of Residential Factor (Town Manager)
- d) Resolution R-FY21-002: Town Council Meeting Dates - 2021 (Councilor George)
- e) Resolution R-FY21-003: FY2022 Budget Resolution (Councilor Wood)
- f) Resolution R-FY21-004: Early Voting Location Resolution (Councilor Wood)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-020

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: October 20, 2020
First Reading: October 20, 2020
Second Reading/Hearing: November 10, 2020
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-020

GENERAL FUND FREE CASH ALLOCATION TO TRUST FUNDS

ORDERED, in accordance with the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to make the following transfers.

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
GF UNDESIGNATED	09905990-596120	TRANSFER OUT TO TRUST	\$ 2,205,366.00
Total:			\$ 2,205,366.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
GF STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80054-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 1,560,000.00
CAPITAL STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80104-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 400,000.00
OPEB STABILIZATION TRUST FUND	80114-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 100,000.00
EMPLOYEE LIABILITY TRUST FUND	80044-497000	TRANSFER FROM GF	\$ 145,366.00
Total			\$ 2,205,366.00

Explanation:

Recommended allocation of the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance (Certified Free Cash) to the established Trust Funds as noted above.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee - This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered this evening pending committee dispositions.	10/26/20: 11/3/20:

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-021

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: October 20, 2020
First Reading: October 20, 2020
Second Reading/Hearing: November 10, 2020
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-021

TRANSFER ORDER - POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ITEMS

ORDERED, in accordance with of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the following transfer.

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Capital Stabilization	80105-596010	TRANSF FROM CAP STABIL	\$ 44,416.00
Total:			\$ 44,416.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Police Capital Outbuilding	TBA	POLICE OUTBUILDING	\$ 32,000.00
Police Capital Equipment	TBA	POLICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,416.00
Total			\$ 44,416.00

Explanation:

Police Chief requests funding of Priority Capital Equipment

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee - This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered this evening pending committee dispositions.	10/26/20: 11/3/20:

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES 2/3 OF FULL COUNCIL (6).



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-022

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: October 20, 2020
First Reading: October 20, 2020
Second Reading/Hearing: November 10, 2020
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-022

TRANSFER ORDER - SENIOR CENTER CAPITAL TRANSFER

ORDERED, in accordance with the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the following transfer.

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
SENIOR CTR CAPITAL	80125-596010	TRANSFER TO GF CAPITAL	\$ 2,000.00
Total:			\$ 2,000.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
General Fund Capital	TBA	SENIOR COA PROJECT	\$ 2,000.00
Total			\$ 2,000.00

Explanation:

Additional Funds necessary to complete site improvements completed in June with \$20,000 state earmarked grant

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Budget & Finance Committee • Finance Committee • This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered this evening pending committee dispositions.	• 10/26/20: • 11/3/20:



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-023

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: October 20, 2020
First Reading: October 20, 2020
Second Reading/Hearing: November 10, 2020
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-023

TRANSFER ORDER - CAPITAL - COMPLETE STREETS ENGINEERING

ORDERED, in accordance with the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to approve the following transfer.

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
CAPITAL STABILIZATION	80105-596010	TRANSFER TO GF CAPITAL	\$ 8,955.00
Total:			\$ 8,955.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
General Fund Capital	10123219-530001	TRANSPORT ENGINEER	\$ 8,955.00
Total			\$ 8,955.00

Explanation:

Town Manager -Transportation Engineering additional work - Complete Streets Green International \$8,955.00

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee - This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered this evening pending committee dispositions.	10/26/20: 11/3/20:



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-019

Introduced By:	Town Manager
Date Introduced	October 20, 2020
First Reading:	October 20, 2020
Second Reading:	November 10, 2020
Amendments Adopted:	
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Order O-FY21-019

ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT - CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

"An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;" and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a Private Non-profit grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL), therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the reimbursement of \$12,972.00 from CTCL, in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

In accordance with the "public purpose of planning & operationalizing safe & secure election administration"

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
- Budget & Finance Committee - Finance Committee	10/26/20: Vote 3-0 recommend approval 11/9/20:

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-003

Proposed Amendment

Introduced By:	Councilors Sousa, Losche, Rushton, and Gallagher
Date Introduced:	September 22, 2020
First Reading:	September 22, 2020
Second Reading:	November 10, 2020
Third Reading:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Ordinance D-FY21-003

ZONING ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – PLEASANT STREET

ORDERED, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A that the Town Council assembled votes to change the boundary of the Industrial E by rezoning the lots listed below to Business B:

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| • Map 71, Lot 12 | • Map 71, Lot 66 |
| • Map 71, Lot 16 | • Map 71, Lot 67 |
| • Map 71, Lot 18 | • Map 71, Lot 68 |
| • Map 71, Lot 19 | • Map 71, Lot 69 |
| • Map 71, Lot 20 | • Map 71, Lot 76 |
| • Map 71, Lot 21 | • Map 71, Lot 77 |
| • Map 71, Lot 22 | • Map 71, Lot 78 |
| • Map 71, Lot 23 | • Map 84, Lot 43(Only applies to |
| • Map 71, Lot 44 | portion Zoned Industrial E) |
| • Map 71, Lot 47 | |

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See attached Exhibit "Assessors Map of Proposed Zoning Change – September 22, 2020" and "Letter to Pleasant Street Abutters, dated September 3, 2020"

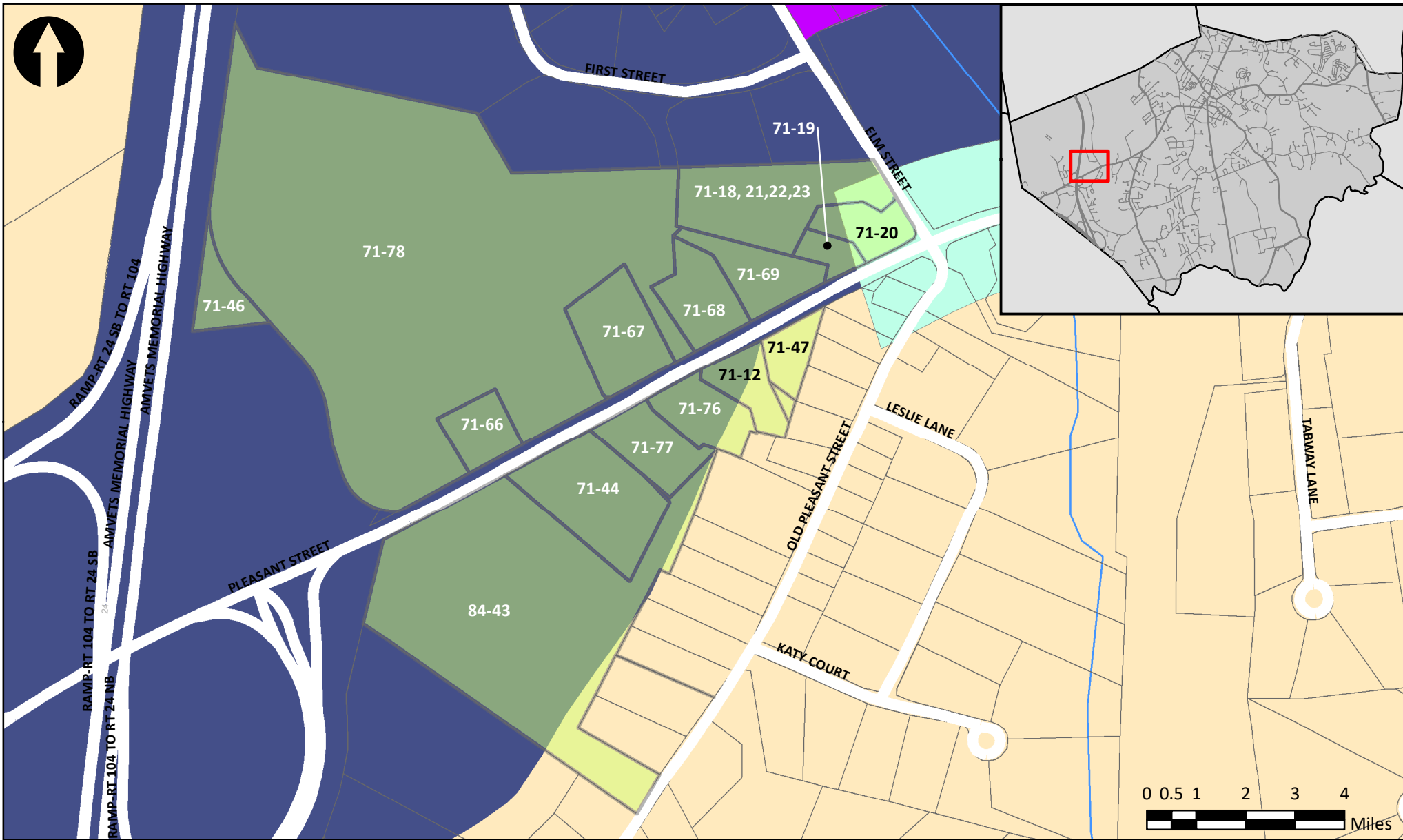
Explanation: The stretch of Pleasant Street between Elm Street and Route 24 is zoned Industrial. It is built out with the exception of two undeveloped properties. Most of the current uses do not conform to Industrial use, but are uses allowed in Business B. As a commercial entry to Bridgewater, these parcels are not appropriate as Industrial properties and are more appropriately zoned Business. For example, the lot on the corner of Elm and Pleasant has been rumored to be developed as a Five Guys, Panera, hotel, convenience store with gas station, and a tool rental among other things. Under current zoning, these uses are not allowed or require a special permit. Changing the zoning to Business B will make more of these uses allowable, thereby increasing the desirability of the parcels along this stretch and allowing the highest and best use. This proposed change also removes a small piece of the Gateway District which slices through Map 71, Lot 20.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board	• 11/4/20: At conclusion of a duly advertised public hearing, vote 3-0 recommend approval with proposed

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• Planning Board	amendment. • 11/4/20: At conclusion of duly advertised public hearing vote not to recommend as written, but would support with CEDC proposed amendment.
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**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
PLYMOUTH COUNTY
DRAFT ZONING MAP AMENDMENT
PLEASANT STREET
ORDINANCE D-FY21-003**

Source: Town of Bridgewater, MassGIS, Silva Engineering Associates
Prepared by: Elijah Romulus, Assistant Town Planner,
Community & Economic Development Department
October 20, 2020
Please note location of features and boundaries shown are
approximate and intended for planning and visualization.

Legend

Zoning District

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| Gateway Business District | Parcels Proposed for Rezoning to Business B |
| Industrial A | FY18/19 Parcel Boundaries |
| Industrial E | |
| Residential A/B | |



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
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November 5, 2020

Bridgewater Town Council
Academy Building
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

RE: Ordinance D-FY21-003 Zoning Map Amendment

Dear Council Members:

At its meeting last night, the Bridgewater Planning Board held a joint hearing with the Community and Economic Development Committee on the above referenced ordinance. After some discussion, the Planning Board voted unanimously to not recommend the ordinance as presented.

The Board would like to note for the Council that during the hearing the Community & Economic Development Committee proposed a possible amendment to the ordinance regarding maintaining the residential portion of Map 84 Lot 43. If the Council decides to adopt such an amendment, the Planning Board would recommend the adoption of the ordinance in that form.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jennifer L. Burke".

Jennifer L. Burke
Community & Economic Development Director



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-004

Introduced By: Councilor Shawn George

Date Introduced: November 10, 2020

First Reading: November 10, 2020

Second Reading:

Third Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY21-004

GENERAL ORDINANCE - AMEND SECTION III "COUNCIL MEETINGS" OF THE COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, Section III "Council Meetings" of the Town Council's Rules and Procedures reads in part:

"....No agenda item shall be brought forth after 10:30 p.m., unless approved by a majority of the then-present Councilors..." it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend Section III to read as follows:

..."Generally, Council meeting should not exceed three hours, therefore, no agenda item shall be brought forward after three hours unless approved by a majority of then-present Councilors..."

Explanation:

This amendment sets a specific timeframe for Council meetings regardless of start time.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-024

Introduced By: Councilors Fitzgibbons and Rushton
Date Introduced: November 10, 2020
First Reading: November 10, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-024

WAIVE ANNUAL LICENSING FEES - 2021

Whereas, the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic caused businesses to lose significant revenues, and;
Whereas, a succession of Governor's orders have shut down, limited, or restricted operating hours for almost all businesses, and;
Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater relies upon the commercial tax base to offset the residential tax burden, and;
Whereas, it is in the best interest of residents and businesses in Bridgewater to promote and sustain a vibrant business community, and;
Whereas, the Town issues annual licenses for many businesses and charges an annual licensing fee which increases the cost of doing business, and;
Whereas, the Town Council has expressed its desire to assist the business community in any way it can throughout this pandemic;
ORDERED, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled suspends the collection of local licensing fees for licenses renewing on January 1, 2021 for the following licenses:

- Antique Dealers
- Second Hand Gold/Pawn Shops
- Annual Entertainment Licenses
- Auto Amusement Licenses
- Lodging Houses
- Common Victuallers
- Class I, II, III Auto Dealers
- Alcohol.

Explanation: *This Order would waive business licensing fees due in December 2020 for re-licensing of Bridgewater businesses. This would be effective for this year only and would not waive the licensing process.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-025

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: November 10, 2020
First Reading: November 10, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-025

FY2021 CLASSIFICATION TAX ALLOCATION-ADOPTION OF RESIDENTIAL FACTOR

ORDERED that, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 56, the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt a residential factor of 1 for fiscal year 2021.

FURTHER ORDERED that; the Town Council authorizes the Chief Assessor to sign the LA-5 Recap relative hereto.

Explanation: The town council shall annually first determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in section two A of chapter fifty-nine and personal property for the next fiscal year. In determining such percentages, the town council, shall first adopt a residential factor. Said factor shall be an amount not less than the minimum residential factor determined by the commissioner of revenue in accordance with the provisions of section one A of chapter fifty-eight and shall be used by the board of assessors to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2021

Council Resolution: R-FY21-002

Introduced By: Councilor Shawn George
Date Introduced: November 10, 2021
First Reading: November 10, 2021
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Effective Date:

Resolution R-FY21-002

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES - 2021

WHEREAS: The Bridgewater Town Council Rules and Procedures, Section III Meetings states, "The Town Council will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the months of June, July and August, the Council will meet monthly on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday"; and

WHEREAS: Adoption of this Resolution, establishes regular meeting dates which are an exception to the aforementioned rule; and

RESOLVED: The following dates are established as regular meetings for the calendar year 2021 and regular meetings will be held in the Academy Building, Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater MA, to the greatest extent possible, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED: Due to COVID-19 restrictions relative to building capacity and social distancing requirements, remote participation for Councilors will be offered while allowable under the revised Open Meeting Law and meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.

January 5, 2021	June 29, 2021*
January 19, 2021	July 13, 2021*
February 2, 2021	August 3, 2021
February 23, 2021*	September 7, 2021
March 9, 2021*	September 21, 2021
March 23, 2021*	October 5, 2021
April 6, 2021	October 19, 2021
April 27, 2021*	November 2, 2021
May 11, 2021*	November 16, 2021
May 25, 2021*	December 7, 2021
June 1, 2021	December 21, 2021

*Exceptions to Section III of the Council Rules and Procedures are noted with an asterisk.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY21-003

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: November 10, 2020
First Reading: November 10, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY21-003

FY2022 BUDGET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: A methodical and disciplined approach to the operating budget is warranted.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to establishing guidelines and priorities for the Town Manager to develop the Annual Budget, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following Policy Guidelines for the Town Manager to use in creating the FY 2022 Budget:

The Town Council is adopting these budget policy guidelines pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. Based on these guidelines, the Town Manager will develop budgetary goals and the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

Introduction

The following financial principles set forth the framework for our overall fiscal planning and management of the Town of Bridgewater's resources and are designed to ensure the Town's sound financial condition, now and in the future.

Sound Financial Condition is defined as:

- Cash Solvency - the ability to pay bills in a timely fashion
- Budgetary Solvency - the ability to annually balance the budget
- Long Term Solvency - the ability to pay for future costs
- Service Level Solvency - the ability to provide needed and desired services
- Reserve Solvency – the ability to adapt and respond to economic conditions
- Bond Rating-AA

To this end we will adhere to the following financial policies.

[This section to be provided by suggested amendment by the Finance Committee]

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY21-004

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: November 10, 2020
First Reading: November 10, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY21-004

EARLY VOTING LOCATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a large number of Bridgewater voters chose to take advantage of Early Voting in the November election; and

WHEREAS, a large number of Early Votes were cast in person; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk office staff required constant contact with State resources from secure workstation computers; and

WHEREAS, the Early Vote location was in the same building as the Town Clerk's office, offering to minimize the travel of ballots and keeping those ballots secure; and

WHEREAS, using the Town Council Chambers as the primary location for the Early Vote offered a smooth, efficient, and safe path for the voters;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT; To make any future "Early Voting" process as efficient as possible, all Early Voting procedures shall occur within the building where the Town Clerk's office is located, preferably in the Town Council Chambers, or as determined to be the best location by the Town Clerk.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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