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CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by Committee Chairs. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time. The purpose of this meeting is to prepare agendas for subcommittees for Council consideration. No discussion or comments will be entertained unless requested upon by the Committee Chairs.

Roll Call

President's Notes

- Return to in person/hybrid subcommittee meetings for Council and training of Hybrid meetings by Committee Chairs.
- Status with documentation on Sidewalk Ordinance enforcement.
- Emergency meeting to discuss policing in Greenfield.
- Update/status on proposed amendments to Charter Chapters 7-7 and 7-8 Citizens' initiatives and petitions.
- Proposal to establish a Community Task Force submitted by Councilor Marianne Bullock.
- Approval to repurpose \$57,955.54 of previously authorized financial orders for parts and repair of transfer station doors.
- Invite Fernando Fleury to discuss Zoom technology in Council hybrid and subcommittee meetings submitted by Councilor Desorgher.
- Public input/comment at subcommittee meetings submitted by Councilor Virginia Desorgher.
- Audit: discussion re-appointments submitted by Councilor Desorgher.
- Appropriate \$45,000 from Fund 8400 General Stabilization for establishment expenses of a Public Safety Community Task Force.
- Mayor's Appointments – Meckenzie Sarage, Human Rights Commission.

Economic Development Committee

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 6:00 pm, Zoom Conferencing System, unless otherwise posted.

Agenda Items

- Parking and Bike Lane on Main Street (continued).

Appointments and Ordinance Committee

Regular Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at 5:30 PM, Zoom Conferencing System, unless otherwise posted.

Agenda Items

- Mayor's Appointments – Meckenzie Sarage, Human Rights Commission.
- Update/status on proposed amendments to Charter Chapters 7-7 and 7-8 Citizens' initiatives and petitions.

Community Relations and Education Committee

Regular Meeting: Monday, August 15, 2022, 6:00 PM, Zoom Conferencing System, unless otherwise posted.

Agenda Items

Discussion Items

- Housing in Greenfield.
- Police audit and community engagement.

Ways and Means Committee

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 600 PM, Zoom Conferencing System., unless otherwise posted.

Agenda Items

- Take from table Order no. FY22-155 Appropriate \$175,000 for police audit.

Discussion Items

- Equity
- Status of the Fire Department Building Project, including financials, projected costs, etc.

City Clerk Report –

DRAFT - City Council Meetings and Agendas items, August 17, 2022

- Take from table Order no. FY22-155 Appropriate \$175,000 for police audit.
- Mayor's Appointments – Meckenzie Sarage, Human Rights Commission.
- Amendments to Rules of Procedure (individually listed).

First Readings -

- Approval to repurpose \$57,955.54 of previously authorized financial orders for parts and repair of transfer station doors.
- Appropriate \$45,000 from Fund 8400 General Stabilization for establishment expenses of a Public Safety Community Task Force.

Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L.c 30A § 18-25.

UPDATED LANGUAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY TASK FORCE PROPOSAL

Councilor Bullock

Jul 19, 2022,
8:19 PM (12
hours ago)

to me, Councilor, Mayor, Kathy

Apologies! That was a previous draft. Here is the current version.

DRAFT:

Fund a task force and robust community engagement process for defining a transformational vision for public safety that shifts resources from enforcement and punishment to prevention and wellness into subsequent budget cycles. (Long Term Vision)

(Short Term) City-Community Task Force meets regularly over an 18 month period to create recommendations for policy, structural changes, and improve quality of life of our community regarding public safety. The City-Community led task force will continue its work after 18 months (potentially with new appointments and a new configuration) to implement a redistribution and redesign of public safety plans for the City.

The task force's scope includes a work group to support the auditors in completing their report with appropriate input and understanding of the unique needs of Greenfield. Other working groups may be created for implementation and research of relevant programming to support public safety in Greenfield. The task force should have a keen interest in reimagining public safety mechanisms for the City and shifting the reliance on police towards community based projects to address social problems in more budget friendly and equitable ways.

The taskforce will become part of the Charter language acknowledging the Task Force as part of our governance and be made an ordinance to appropriately integrate the taskforce into the City.

The Mayor and Council are urged to support the taskforce in finding funding, implementing recommendations, hiring and developing public safety structures designed by the taskforce.

The City-Community task force will:

Co-create a framework for public safety alongside the audit process.

Identify key roles that police hold in our community and who is to fulfill these roles and responsibilities beyond the police department.

Ensure community voices and experiences are at the center of the audit process and decisions of public safety and budget allocations for our City.

Conduct community listening sessions

Develop a survey to be mailed to all residents in collaboration with the audit.

Form recommendations alongside audit and present to the council.

Review General Orders and provide comparison/recommendations

Build with existing coalitions in our community to integrate projects and opportunities that may already exist

Identify upstream mechanisms that prevent the need for policing and invest in impacted communities to address long standing inequities.

Identify implementation of next steps for city public safety initiatives

Plan for feasibility of a public safety // community care department that would address community wellbeing (housing, peer response, harm reduction, etc)

The task force will be made up of approximately 20 people in order to staff working groups

The Taskforce is appointed by nomination to the City Council after having demonstrated interest and commitment to the process and evidence based policy shifts, along with 3 appointments from the Mayor. More members of the community may apply to the task force, but it should never be made up by more public safety officials than community members.

4 people who have been impacted by policing/criminal justice system (stipends)

2 survivors / “victims of crime” (stipends)

2 City Councilors

1 School Committee member

2 staff from the public schools

1 member from the public safety commission

2 residents from each precinct + 1 resident from the 2 neighborhoods most impacted by policing in Greenfield (stipend)

1 person with finance/municipal budget experience

1 person with experience in restorative justice/criminal justice reform

1 academic with experience in the area of CJR / Prevention etc.

5 members of social service agencies

2 public health officials

1 County Court Employee

2-4 Youth under age 18

Re: Community Task Force Proposal

Roxann Wedegartner

Mon, Jul 25,
4:23 PM (16
hours ago)

to Councilor, Kathy, me, Councilor, Councilor, Dani

Greetings, Marianne,

I've read through your proposal and there are many things of interest to me, a few details that would need discussion, and a couple of things that need to be clarified. I know that you said you are on vacation this week and I'm gone next week on vacation, so it looks like it would be potentially the second week in August before we could meet and talk.

Meanwhile, who would appoint the members of the task force needs to be clarified up front. Your proposal seems to say that it would be the Council that would appoint the task force members. Under the charter, Article 3, Section 3-3 it states that the Mayor is the appointing authority for *all City Officers, department heads, and members of multiple-member bodies for whom no other method of appointment or selection is provided by the Charter*. Article 2, Section 2-10, states that terms by which the City Council may vote to *reject* appointments within a 30-day period. So, I will be making the appointments to the Task Force. Of course, as I do so, I would be seeking your guidance as the author of the proposal and any guidance the Council President or others wish to provide.

I also wanted to point out that making the task force a part of the Charter language is basically asking for a Charter change, which can be a lengthy process. While it may certainly be possible, I don't think it's something you'd want to have happen in the beginning. Making it an ordinance is also problematic, without further explanation.

On task force numbers and membership, the list in your proposal tallies up to more than 45 people. But your narrative says "approximately 20 members". I know from past experience that 20 members on a committee or task force is too large. For example, the Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence has 7 members, which is too small in this case. The two Building Committees would be more appropriate in size. They each have 13 members. I'd like to recommend a 13-member Task Force with 2 alternates who could step up should someone decide to leave or simply couldn't make a scheduled meeting. This way you have an odd number (helps avoid tie votes) and you have enough members to have small working groups when necessary. I think with this number you could still achieve the mix of represented roles that you want to have.

I think that's it for now, but I think there are other details and processes that we will need to discuss. I will contact you when I return from my vacation on the 9th.

Sincerely,
Roxann

Roxann Wedegartner

Mayor
City of Greenfield
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**CITY of GREENFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

Councilor _____ :
Second by Councilor _____ :

The City Council,

Upon recommendation of Mayor Wedegartner and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws,

Moved that it be ordered,

THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL APPROVES REPURPOSING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,955.54 OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED FINANCIAL ORDERS FOR THE PARTS AND REPAIR OF TRANSFER STATION DOORS.

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>Deerfield Street Ret.Wall:</u>	40184990.5841	\$19,241.60
<u>Silver St.:</u>	40174990.5845	\$24,917.83
<u>Generator:</u>	40181920.5850	<u>\$13,796.11</u>
		Total: \$57,955.54

Majority Vote Required (7).

Vote:

Explanation or supporting rationale:

Balance in Accounts:

Deerfield Street Ret.Wall:	40184990.5841	Balance: \$19,241.60
Silver St.:	40174990.5845	Balance: \$24,917.83
Generator:	40181920.5840	Balance: \$13,796.11

Each of the prior financial order balances being utilized came from a stabilization or the reserve fund (no borrowing was involved).

Attachments: DPW Superintendent Memo



Roxann Wedegartner
Mayor

City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Public Works

Marlo M. Warner II

Director of Public Works
189 Wells Street • Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone 413-772-1528 • marlo.warner@greenfield-ma.gov

July 25, 2022

To: City Council
From: Marlo Warner

Re: Transfer Station Overhead Doors

Dear City Council,

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$ 57,955.54 to repair and replace large overhead doors at the Transfer Station. The source of funding will come from repurposing three previous projects. The balances from these three accounts were voted from stabilization and reserve fund which makes the funds available from previous years.

Deerfield Street Retaining Wall account 4018.4990.5841, \$19,241.60
Silver Street Reconstruction account 4017.4990.5845, \$24,917.83
Generator Replacement account 4018.1920.5850, \$13,796.11

Currently there are two doors that are in disrepair, one is locked in the down position and the other has been secured open. These large overhead doors are commercial grade and approximately 25 years old. The size is specific to our building and will have to be fabricated to fit our building with a 4-8 week wait period for delivery once funding is available. There are some other repairs that need to be done to the openings due to wear.

Thank you for your consideration in advance.

Marlo M. Warner II

Director of Public Works

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	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANSFERS/ ADJUSTMENTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
<u>4017 FY17 Capital Outlay Orders</u>							
<u>5841 Capital Site Improvements</u>							
<u>40174990 5841 Sidewalks</u>	250,000	0	250,000	250,000.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL Capital Site Improvements	250,000	0	250,000	250,000.00	.00	.00	100.0%
<u>5845 Capital Site Improvement</u>							
<u>40174990 5845 Silver St</u>	0	450,161	450,161	425,243.17	.00	24,917.83	94.5%
TOTAL Capital Site Improvement	0	450,161	450,161	425,243.17	.00	24,917.83	94.5%
<u>4018 FY18 Capital Outlay Orders</u>							
<u>5841 Capital Site Improvements</u>							
<u>40184990 5841 Retain Wal</u>	62,250	0	62,250	43,008.40	.00	19,241.60	69.1%
TOTAL Capital Site Improvements	62,250	0	62,250	43,008.40	.00	19,241.60	69.1%
<u>5850 Capital Additional Equipment</u>							
<u>40181920 5850 Generator</u>	75,000	-6,995	68,005	54,208.89	.00	13,796.11	79.7%
<u>40184990 5850 SaltBrine</u>	60,000	-18,005	41,995	41,995.00	.00	.00	100.0%
TOTAL Capital Additional Equipment	135,000	-25,000	110,000	96,203.89	.00	13,796.11	87.5%
GRAND TOTAL	447,250	425,161	872,411	814,455.46	.00	57,955.54	93.4%

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Liz Gilman **

Councilor DeSorgher

July 26, 2022

12:31 PM
(3 hours
ago)

to Kathy, Councilor, Councilor, Geneva, me

Yes, thank you for the reminder. Please invite Fernando Fleury to our next council meeting if Sheila and Dan agree that is a good idea.. I believe we need a discussion on how GCTV interfaces with our technology and am hoping that someone from IT will be present for our next three meetings. The zoom has been very problematic for many. No one is able to start subcommittee meetings easily. This email perhaps should go to Fernando.... I leave that to you

After the meeting, someone asked if we could have public input at subcommittee meetings. We did this at Ways and Means and it sometimes happens at CRE. Could we discuss that.?

I am sending you in another email reply from the AG office. It appears to me the chair makes the decision on how technical difficulties are handled during the voting process. Also, as long as the web address is public, a new address 48 hours prior to meeting is not necessary. It says giving as much notice as possible. I leave the decision on the interpretation of AG email to those more versed in the subject than me i.e. Clerk Scott and our parliamentarian.

Audit: discussion re appointments

BTW Huge thank you to Kathy and Tammy who have worked very hard to make our last few meetings successful. You always give it your all....but the last two months added so much. I understand you even set up a practice meeting prior to our last meeting. I do not say thank you often enough. I am so thankful for all you do... and always with a smile.

Gratefully, Ginny

**City of GREENFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**

Councilor _____ :

Second by Councilor _____ :

The City Council,

Upon recommendation of the Mayor Wedegartner

Ordered that,

The sum of \$45,000 be appropriated from Fund 8400 General Stabilization for the expenses of a Public Safety Community Task Force.

Two-thirds Majority Vote (9)

Vote:

Explanation of supporting rationale:

Current General Stabilization Balance: \$2,154,818.43 (there is a pending financial order for a Police Audit).

INFORMATION:

- 1. Mayor has recommended a reduction in the Police Audit down to \$100,000**
- 2. Once the Community Task Force structure is finalized and a stipend amount verified, a second financial order will be submitted for the stipend amount.**

Attachments:

Memo from Mayor Wedegartner



City of
GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MEMO

TO: President Sheila Gilmour

FROM: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner

CC: Tammy Marciel, Clerk to Council; Kathy Scott, City Clerk, Vice President Guin, City Councilors, Chief of Staff Dani Letourneau

DATE: 7.26.2022

RE: Financial Order for Community Task Force on Policing in Greenfield

Greetings, Councilors,

I am pleased to present this financial order to you along with the tabled order to fund the racial bias and operations audit of the Greenfield Police Department.

Task Force Financial Order

As noted on the Financial Order, this order asks for \$45,000 to be appropriated from General Stabilization for expenses incurred by the Community Task Force on Policing in Greenfield. It is my intention to have the task force financial order total at least \$75,000 as stated by the Council at its July 20 meeting. Per the Financial Order, once the task force structure is finalized and a stipend amount verified, a second financial order will be submitted to cover the stipend amounts.

I anticipate discussing further process and procedural aspects of the task force's scope of work with Councilor Bullock next month when our mutual schedules permit.

Audit Financial Order

Per the Financial Order submitted here, I am requesting that the tabled audit be amended down to \$100,000.

The audit is important to Greenfield in order to bring more transparency to what are the operational weaknesses and strengths (budgeting, hiring/promoting, culture, accountability, etc.) and to what extent those operational aspects exhibit racial bias. I strongly believe that we

cannot move forward fully from the jury finding in the Buchanan/Dodge case without accurate data about our PD rather than perceptions. Additionally, the audit needs to be conducted by an outside consultant with demonstrated skills and expertise in public safety department audits so that the audit is not perceived by citizens and the police department as skewed in any specific direction.

As with any outside professional service that we procure, the City pays for expertise that we don't possess within the City's departments. In order to get the quality expertise that we would want for this important endeavor, we need to be able to have a realistic dollar figure for the Request For Proposal (RFP) that would attract a worthy client. The selection of a group to conduct the audit must be done under the 30-B procurement process. An RFP for the project will be posted as required under 30B. As is usually done in that process, a small committee of reviewers will be charged with reviewing the RFP responses, ranking them, and then choosing one under the laws governing how to make that choice. My current thoughts for a committee are: Susan White of the Public Safety Commission; Chair of Ways & Means; an additional member of the Council; a member of the public appointed by me; and Me. Of course, Council member appointments would be up to President Gilmour.

Respectfully submitted,



Mayor Roxann Wedegartner

CITY COUNCIL ORDER
City of GREENFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilor _____ :
Second by Councilor _____ :

The City Council,

Moved that it be ordered,

THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO CHARTER SECTION 2-10, AFFIRMS THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: MECKENZIE SARAGE, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025.

Majority Vote Required.

VOTE:

Explanation of supporting rationale: Charter Section 2-10 does not call for a formal vote to affirm the appointees but does say that “at least nine (9) members shall be necessary to reject an appointment proposed by the Mayor”

ROXANN WEDEGARTNER
Mayor



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City of
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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

MEMO

TO: Sheila Gilmour, City Council President
Dan Guin, City Council Vice President
FROM: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner
DATE: July 26, 2022
RE: August Appointments to City Boards and Commissions -

I submit the following names for appointments and reappointments to these City Boards and Commissions:

Appointments:

- Meckenzie Sarage; Human Rights Commission; June 30, 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roxann Wedegartner".

Mayor Roxann Wedegartner



Mayor of Greenfield <mayor@greenfield-ma.gov>

Getting Involved

1 message

Meckenzie Sarage <meckenzie.sarage@greenfield-ma.gov>
To: humanrights@greenfield-ma.gov

Tue, Jul 19, 2022 at 12:25 PM

Hello,

I am Meckenzie Sarage and I am currently an intern for the Office of the Mayor. In the fall-spring semesters, I attend Boston University. I plan to double major in International Relations and Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights. It's fair to say that I will be planning my future career around the crime of Genocide and the human rights violations that surround it. I'm interested in getting involved with this commission. Perhaps fulfilling a vacancy. I am a resident of Greenfield MA, my only hindrance is that I am in Boston for two thirds of the year. I'd love to offer my help for this commission.

Let me know if I could make a helpful addition to the Human Rights Commission. Many people disregard "human rights", assuming that a violation of one's rights is a phenomenon only felt in other countries. But human rights is a debatable term, and can be applied to the right of property, health care, etc. The United States is coming face to face with the reality of Human Rights. With the reversal of Roe v Wade (which stripped the precedent of privacy as a right). And most recently, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of expanding State authority to prosecute crimes on Native American land (in defiance of past treaties and tribal sovereignty). It's clear that human rights is something that is granted by the government. Which means that the government has the power to take away those rights. This authority needs to be checked by the people- which is why this commission is so important.

Thank you for reading this, and let me know how I can get involved,
Meckenzie Sarage

You can also contact me via my personal email, meckenziesarage4013@gmail.com.

Councilor Forgey

Tue, Jul 26,
5:05 PM (15
hours ago)

to me

Well it's late by 4 minutes, but can I ask that we get an update on the status of the FD BLD project, financials and all.

Thanks,
Chris