

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
192nd Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 17, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
John Zon Community Center  
35 Pleasant Street  
**Council Vote Summary**  
**WEBSITE VERSION**

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**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Order no. FY 19-082**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Wheeler, second by Councilor Dolan, it was, unanimously, **TABLED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTS MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 90 SECTION 18B AS DESCRIBED IN ATTACHED (EXHIBIT A).

**EXHIBIT A**

***Chapter 90: MOTOR VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT***

***Section 18B: Establishment of designated safety zones for ways in city or town; violation***

Section 18B. (a) Notwithstanding section 18 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the city council, the transportation commissioner of the city of Boston, the board of selectmen, park commissioners, a traffic commission or traffic director of a city or town that accepts this section in the manner provided in section 4 of chapter 4 may, in the interests of public safety and without further authority, establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city or town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the department if the same is a state highway. Such safety zones shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.

(b) The operation of a motor vehicle in such zone at a speed exceeding the speed limit established under this section shall be a violation of section 17.

**DISCUSSION:** Chairperson Gilmour reported the Appointment and Ordinance Committee forward a unanimous positive recommendation with an amendment to remove the proposed resolution in its entirety. Other discussion included:

- The related motion for MGL 90 Section 17C was moved to the City Council's May agenda. Both motion should be heard at the same time in May.

**Order no. FY 19-088**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Berson, it was, unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION TITLED "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGING THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL OF MASSACHUSETTS" AS EXHIBIT A.

**EXHIBIT A**

**Resolution in Support of Changing the State Flag and Seal of Massachusetts**

Whereas the history of the State of Massachusetts is replete with instances of conflict between the European colonists and the Native American nations of the region, who first extended the hand of friendship to the colonists on their shores in 1620, and helped them to survive starvation during the settlers' first winters on their land;

Whereas members of the Native nation for whom the State of Massachusetts is named were ambushed and killed by Myles Standish, first commander of the Plymouth Colony, in April of 1623, barely two years after the Pilgrims arrived on their shores;

Whereas the naked colonial broadsword above the head of the Native man on the Massachusetts state flag and seal is copied from Myles Standish's own broadsword, borrowed from the Pilgrim Hall in Plymouth by the illustrator Edmund Garrett in 1884;

Whereas the belt binding the Native man's cloak on the flag and seal is modeled after a belt worn by Metacomet, known to the English as King Philip, who was among the Wampanoag leaders who resorted to a mutually destructive war in 1675-76 in defense of Native lands against colonial encroachment;

Whereas the proportions of the body of the Native man in the flag and seal were taken from a Native skeleton kept in Winthrop, the bow modeled after a bow taken from a Native man shot and killed by a colonist in Sudbury in 1665, and his features taken from a photograph of an Ojibwe chief from Great Falls, Montana, considered by the illustrator to be a "fine specimen of an Indian," though not from Massachusetts;

Whereas Native nations within the boundaries of Massachusetts were kept in a state of serfdom, and their members legally considered incompetent wards of the state until the nonviolent action of the so-called Mashpee Rebellion of 1833 led to the granting of Native self rule by the Massachusetts legislature in 1834, as if the sovereign right of Native self-government was the Massachusetts legislature's to confer;

Whereas Native Americans were legally prohibited from even setting foot in Boston from 1675 until 2004, when that law was finally repealed;

Whereas the 400th anniversary of the landing of the colonists at Plymouth Plantation, which gave rise to the long chain of genocidal wars and deliberate policies of cultural destruction against Native nations of this continent, is approaching in the year 2020, affording every citizen of the Commonwealth a chance to reflect upon this history and come to a new awareness of a better relationship between the descendants of the Euro-colonial immigrants and the Native nations of these shores;

Whereas Native Americans have long suffered the many abuses of racism, the appropriation of their symbols, the diminution and pollution of their ancestral lands and the encroachment of their cultural lifeways;

Whereas the Town City of Greenfield, settled in 1753, shares a rich Native history, going back 12,000 years, and has put in place a Native American Burial Ground Ordinance;

And whereas the Town City of Greenfield has within the township a protected 67-acre Native village and burial ground at Wissatinnewag;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town City Council of Greenfield, Massachusetts hereby adopt this resolution in support of HD.2968 H2776 and SD.1495 S1877, a "Resolve Providing for the creation of a Special Commission relative to the Seal and Motto of the Commonwealth, and request that Representative Paul Mark and Senator Jo Comerford continue their strong advocacy and support for the aforementioned Resolve (HD.2968 H2776 and SD.1495 S1877) in the General Court. and that the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, after holding a public hearing on the Resolve report it out favorably, and if the legislation shall pass that the governor shall sign it and work with members of the General Court to ensure its enactment.

**Order no. FY 19-0100**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE § 565-8, RULE 8, ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS. A. AGENDA. (1), AS FOLLOWS:

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (VOLUNTARY)
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**
7. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES AS NEEDED, BY INVITATION**
8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**
10. MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS
11. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS OR SIMILAR PAPERS
12. REPORT OF COMMITTEES
13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
14. OLD BUSINESS
15. NEW BUSINESS
16. MOTIONS FOR RECONSIDERATION
17. ADJOURNMENT

**Order no. FY 19-125**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD BY DELETING THE WORD "TOWN" AND INSERTING IN ITS PLACE THE WORD "CITY" THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT

**Order no. FY 19-126**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Pyfrom, it was, unanimously, **VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL AMEND THE CITY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE, CHAPTER 565, BY DELETING THE WORD "TOWN" AND INSERTING IN ITS PLACE THE WORD "CITY" THROUGHOUT THE DOCUMENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Renaud, second by Councilor Gilmour, it was, **MOVED:** A RESOLUTION THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL ENCOURAGE STOP & SHOP TO SETTLE A FAIR AND EQUITTABLE CONTRACT WITH THEIR STRIKING UNION EMPLOYEES NOW.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Allis, second by Councilor Renaud, it was, **MOVED:** THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL DEDICATE A PAGE IN THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES TO THE MEMORY OF RICHARD HENRY.