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1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting, February 10, 2014.
2. PUBLIC HEARING On the Petition of NGRID and Verizon to relocate existing PC6 Laviolette Street 35' south towards the entrance to Lake Williams Condos. This will be used as a primary riser pole to feed a padmounted transformer. This is required to provide service to new building, Order No. 14-1005671.
3. PUBLIC HEARING On the Petition of NGRID and Verizon to relocate the following poles on West Hill Road: P12 (4' North), P15 (4' North), P18 (5' North), P27 (8' South), P28 (6' South), P31 (5' South), P30 (3.5' South) and installation of new Guy Stub Pole 12-84, Order No. 14-1005672.
4. PUBLIC HEARING On the Application for Special Permit from Bohler Engineering on behalf of VNG Co. to propose construction of a new compressed natural gas (CNG) facility with one new dispenser including minor site modifications and product piping at 413 Lakeside Avenue, Order No. 13/14-1005581C.
5. Communication from the Mayor re: DPW transfer requests totaling \$59,000.00 from and to various accounts as noted on the spreadsheets due to a noticeable increase in water main breaks.
6. Communication from the Mayor re: Fire Department transfer request in the amount of \$30,000.00 which moves funds from Educational and EMT to Contract Services for the purpose of utilizing an outside consulting firm to review policies, procedures, and overall operations of the Fire Department.
7. Communication from the Mayor re: Deficit Spending for Ice and Snow Account, cross referencing Order No. 14-1005686.
8. Communication from the Mayor re: Conservation Commission Appointments for the following with noted expiration terms:
Alan White, March 6, 2017, Lawrence Roy, March 7, 2016, Edward Clancy, March 6, 2017, John Skarin, March 7, 2016, David Williams, March 2, 2015 and Dennis Demers, March 2, 2015.
9. Application for Taxi License, Solomon Senteza, d/b/a Marlborough Taxi, 54B Charlesbank Way, Waltham, MA 02453. Note: Applicant stated that his business address is his residence in Waltham.
10. Application for Taxi License, Frank Sengabi, d/b/a Time Saver Transport, 900 Main St., Waltham, MA 02451. Note: Applicant stated that his business address is in Waltham.
11. Minutes, Conservation Commission, August 18, 2011, May 17, June 7, & June 21, 2012, February 7, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 25, May 9, May 23, June 6, July 1, July 18, August 22, September 5, September 19, October 3, October 17, November 7, November 21 and December 5, 2013.
12. Minutes, Recreation Commission, October 9, 2013.
13. Minutes, Planning Board, January 27, 2014.
14. Minutes, Marlborough Community Development Authority, November 21, and December 19, 2013.
15. Communication from Hanover Insurance Group, on behalf of Kathleen Blaisdell, 162 Kings Grant Rd.
16. Communication from Hanover Insurance Group, on behalf of Allan Black, 40 Bowstring Way.
17. Communication from Amica Mutual Insurance Company, on behalf of Louise Elias, 79 Deerfield Run, Unit 79.
18. CLAIMS:
 - A. Brad Leonard, 176 Beach St., other property damage
 - B. Daniel Donovan, 12 Fair St., other property damage
 - C. Alton Bradshaw, Jr., 66 Farrington Lane, residential mailbox claim 2(b)
 - D. Axel Knaf, 502 Williams St., pothole or other road defect

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

19. The review of first responders being equipped with Naloxone "Narcan" to assist in life saving measures related to heroin overdoses. Refer to Human Services Committee.Submitted by Councilor Oram

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

From Finance Committee

20. **Order No. 14-1005662 – Mid Year DPW Transfers for \$16,300.00.** The Finance Committee reviewed the Mayor's letter dated January 23, 2014 requesting two mid year transfers from within various DPW accounts totaling \$16,300.00. The purpose is to fund line items associated with interim/temporary promotions due to absences and vacancies, police overtime for details associated with water and sewer repairs, and overtime incurred from water main breaks. **The Finance Committee voted 4 – 0 (Councilor Irish absent) to approve the two transfers.**

From Urban Affairs Committee

21. **Order No. 14-1005670 - Communication from Tim Cummings, MEDC-Urban Land Institute (ULI TAP) Technical Assistance Program Final Report: Coordinating Action in Downtown Marlborough.**
-REFER TO URBAN AFFAIRS

A presentation of the final recommendations was made by the ULI panel of experts. In attendance were:

- Dick Lampman, G. Greene Construction (TAP Co-Chair - Construction)
- Scott Payette, Scott Payette Architects (TAP Co-Chair - Design)
- Andrew Suttor, Riemer & Braunstein
- Michelle Anders (SP), ULI Boston
- Michael Miller, MassDevelopment

Also in attendance was Tim Cummings, Executive Director MEDC

The panel presented the results of their observations, interviews, and discussions outlining their process, Planning Considerations, Challenges & Opportunities, Vision, and Recommendations.

Among other items of note the panel opined that downtown parking is "abundant" and that we only utilize approximately 50% of available-sufficient to support quite a bit of future growth.

Granger Boulevard is well under capacity and thus one or more lanes can be eliminated and used for bike lanes or pedestrian areas, streetscaping, or other visually appealing purposes. Recommended eliminating the "slip lane" feeding onto Granger from Route 20.

There is an opportunity to extend business hours to enhance the restaurant business. Lighting downtown, and in cross streets and alleys may need to be improved.

The current zoning is outdated and does not allow for mixed-use development and thus should be updated by means of an overlay district. A boutique type hotel may work well in an underutilized site, along with a gym/fitness center, and entertainment.

Allow for zero-foot setback minimums, change FAR (floor area ratios) requirements, change parking requirements to 2.5 space/1000 sq. ft. versus the current 10 space/1000, enforce current on-street parking regulations, and advertise free parking.

Establish a clearinghouse for incentives, financing, and tax credit programs.

Other recommendations were to maintain Main St. as a two-way thoroughfare, add bicycle lanes, extend the bike path downtown, reuse the US Postal Service Distribution Center parcel, and allow “blade” signs downtown.

Tim Cummings of the MEDC agreed to form a committee including local residents, MAPC, and city councilors to further study the details of a zoning change, gather stakeholder input, and make a recommendation back to the City Council for action by the beginning of May, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Clancy to table, carried 5-0.

From Operations and Oversight Committee

22. **Order No. 14-1005647 - Communication from Mayor Vigeant requesting that a proposed Order which would revoke the City's acceptance of MGL Chapter 41, Section 100B and City of Marlborough, City Code Section 125-49, Retiree Indemnification Review Board be referred to the Operations and Oversight Committee for further discussion.**

-REFER TO OPERATIONS AND OVERSIGHT

Mayor Arthur Vigeant came before the Operations and Oversight Committee on February 3, 2014 to discuss the revocation of MGL Chapter 41, Section 100B per his letter dated January 9, 2014 to the City Council. In forty-one years there have been at most three cases of medical expenses, co-payments and medicines not covered by insurance, reimbursement to police officers or firefighters who have retired due to disability. Although the reimbursements were not for large amounts, the Mayor is concerned about potential abuse in the future as labor attorneys become involved in the reimbursement requests. The Committee believes the Mayor should provide some alternate solutions before revoking this local option.

Councilor Delano makes a motion to refer back to the Mayor. Councilor Landers seconds the motion to refer back to the Mayor. No discussion on the motion, all are in favor. It is approved, 3-0.

From Rules Committee

23. Overview of the Rules and minor technical adjustments as necessary – recommendation of Committee to approve minor technical adjustments. Vote 3-0 (copy of proposed Rules 2014 provided in councilors' mailboxes)