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# City of Quincy Massachusetts

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### Monday, September 18, 2023 The Great Hall - Historic City Hall 1305 Hancock Street

### **City Council Meeting** 6:30 PM

### IN MEMORIAM Richard H. Meade

1. Broadband Update

2.	2023-096 – Ordinance - Amending Chapter 375 Zoning - Creation of a Congregate Over 55 Housing Overlay District	Mayor Koch
3.	2023-097 – Resolve - Urging the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to Expedite the Approval of Quincy's Municipal Aggregation Program Application	Councillor Andronico Councillor Cain
4.	2023-098 – Gift - \$750.00 from Schlager Auto Body Repairs, Inc. for D.A.R.E.	Mayor Koch
5.	2023-099 – Gift - \$7,500.00 from Copeland Family Foundation Inc. for Animal Shelter	Mayor Koch

It is anticipated that one or more matters contained within the City Council Calendar, including any or all listed items pending in Committee, may be discussed and acted upon at this meeting. For a full Council Calendar, go to www.quincyma.gov

### CITY OF QUINCY IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2023-096

ORDERED:

September 18, 2023

Ordinance - Amending Chapter 375 Zoning - Creation of Special District – 8.6 Over 55 Housing Overlay District

#### INTRODUCED BY: WARD TWO COUNCILLOR – ANTHONY J. ANDRONICO WARD THREE COUNCILLOR – IAN C. CAIN

#### CITY OF QUINCY IN COUNCIL

ORDER NO. 2023-097

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September 18, 2023

### A Resolve Urging the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to Expedite the Approval of Quincy's Municipal Aggregation Program Application

**WHEREAS,** the residents and businesses of the City of Quincy experienced a sharp and unsustainable rise in energy prices over the past year, with rates from National Grid soaring to a staggering 39.7 cents per kWh in February 2023<sup>1</sup>, placing an undue burden on our community's economic well-being; and

**WHEREAS,** the neighboring municipality of Boston secured an energy rate of just 10.9 cents per kWh in February of 2023<sup>2</sup> through their successful municipal aggregation program, and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Quincy has actively pursued a solution to mitigate the financial strain caused by these exorbitant energy prices by submitting plans for a municipal aggregation program to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in January of 2021, following our authorization of this concept in April 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** since the commencement of 2022, the DPU has approved 19 new municipal aggregation programs for various municipalities across the state of Massachusetts<sup>3</sup>, demonstrating the feasibility and success of such programs in providing stable energy prices to residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS,** the standard product of Quincy's municipal aggregation program would include 10% more local renewable energy than required by the State, providing cleaner electricity to our community and contributing to the growth of renewable energy in our region; and

**WHEREAS,** a municipal aggregation program would enable residents to lock in energy rates for two to three years, offering much-needed stability, while the existing utility provider, National Grid, adjusts its rates every six months; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.nationalgridus.com/media/pdfs/billing-payments/electric-rates/ma/resitable.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.boston.gov/departments/environment/community-choice-electricity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.mma.org/dpu-seeks-feedback-on-municipal-aggregation-investigation-through-sept-18/

**WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the City Council to advocate for the best interests of the residents and businesses in Quincy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Quincy City Council does hereby call upon the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to provide an immediate and comprehensive update on the status of Quincy's application for a municipal aggregation program, including any potential obstacles or delays in its approval by Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Quincy City Council urges the DPU to expedite the approval process for Quincy's municipal aggregation program application, recognizing the urgent need to stabilize energy costs for our residents and businesses in light of the recent and anticipated energy price increases and the significant disparity in energy costs between Quincy and neighboring municipalities;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolve shall be transmitted to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU), the Massachusetts Governor's Office, our State Representative(s) and State Senator, with the request for their support in expediting the approval of Quincy's municipal aggregation program application and addressing the energy cost disparity faced by our community.

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**BE IT ORDAINED** that the City of Quincy accept the following gift upon the conditions attached and herein set forth:

DONOR	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
Schlager Auto Body Repair, Inc.	\$750.00	D.A.R.E. Program

Deposit To: 31194 - 484000

# QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT

## GIFT ACCOUNT

# SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

TO: The Quincy City Council

Please accept the following gift

PURPOSE: DONATION FOR DARE PROGRAM TOTAL AMOUNT \$750.00

ACCOUNT # 31194-484000

DONOR: SCHLAGER AUTO BODY REPAIR, INC

CONTACT: JIMMY SCHLAGER



### ADDRESS: 299 CENTRE ST QUINCY MA 02169

Mark P. Kennedy Chief Of Police

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