



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE  
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community/Government Center  
Tribal Council Chambers – 483 Great Neck Rd S – Mashpee, MA 02649  
Wednesday September 7, 2022-5:30p.m.-8:00p.m.  
Available via zoom

**Meeting Minutes**  
(Approved 9/21/2022)

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brian Weeden called to order the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 5:40p.m.

Regular session began at 5:40p.m.

Meeting extended to 8:30 p.m.

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Entered into executive session 8:30 p.m.

Exited executive session at 8:40p.m.

Regular session adjourned at 8:40p.m.

**Members in attendance:**

Chairman Brian Weeden, Vice Chairman Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Secretary Cassie Jackson, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham, Councilman Domingo Tiexeira, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Councilwoman Rita Gonsalves, Councilman Nelson Andrews Jr., Councilwoman Yvonne Avant(5:50p.m.), Councilman David Weeden.

Guests: Rebekah Salguero, Amber Tubbs

Quorum (10)

**Opening Prayer**

Sonya Frye-Thorton

**Commencement**

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to commence the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting at 5:40p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

Note: Councilwoman Avant not present for vote.

**Approval of Agenda**

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council meeting agenda of September 7, 2022.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Note: Councilwoman Avant not present for vote, Add CDC request of \$2500 to budget discussion

## **Meeting Minutes**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve meeting minutes of August 17,2022 with edits.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Note: Councilwoman Gonsalves not present for vote, Dr. Cotton was not present for attendance

## **Appointments/Resignations**

*Motion made by Councilman Weeden 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the appointment of Chester Soliz to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Land Planning and Use Committee.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Note: Councilwoman Avant not present for vote

*Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson Graham to accept and approve the appointment of Councilman Tiexeira to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Enrollment Committee.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those Recused: Councilman Tiexeira*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tobey 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve the appointment of Councilman Tiexeira as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Representative/Liaison to the City of Taunton.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those Recused: Councilman Tiexeira*

*Motion passed.*

## **Public Comment**

None.

## **Old Business**

### Meeting Dates

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to cancel the September 11, 2022 General Membership Meeting and reschedule to September 25, 2022.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to schedule the 2022 Annual Balance Budget Vote for September 25, 2022.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed*

### Budget Review

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to accept and approve the 2022 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe budget as presented in the amount of \$13,474,237.00.*

*All those in favor: Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham*

*Motion passed.*

Note: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham bring Tribal Court budget request back to the table for increase in employee wages.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Family Relations Ordinance**

**Base Motion:** *Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to accept and approve the posting of the notice of synopsis of the proposed ordinance titled 2022-ORD-002 Mashpee Wampanoag Family Relations Ordinance on September 8, 2022 for public comment.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

**Amended Motion:** *Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to table and postpone the posting of notice until the establishment of the subcommittee*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed*

**Final Motion:** *Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to table the posting of the notice and synopsis of the proposed ordinance titled 2022-ORD-002 Mashpee Wampanoag Family Relations Ordinance on September 8, 2022 for public comment.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> by Secretary Jackson to accept and approve subcommittee working group for the Child Family Ordinance and Family Relations Ordinance consisting of Nichole Fredricks, Attorney Victoria Miranda, Councilman Aaron Tobey, Councilwoman Edwina Johnson-Graham and Attorney Rebekah Salguero.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

### **MWTC Recess**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to recess the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Regular Meeting at 7:14 p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

### **MWTC Reassembly**

*Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to reconvene the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Regular Meeting at 7:49p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chairman Hendricks to extend the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Meeting to 8:30p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

### **Approval of Agreements with Shellfish Farm Personnel**

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2022-RES-051 Approval of Agreement for Services Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Independent Contractor Cheenulka Pocknett.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Secretary Jackson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Avant to table remaining contracts for the shellfish farm personnel.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Councilwoman Gonsalves*

*All those opposed: Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey*

*All those abstained: Councilwoman Avant.*

*Motion failed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Andrews 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tobey to accept and approve 2022-RES-052 Approval of Agreement for Services Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Independent Contractor David Pocknett Jr.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira,*

*Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Vice Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to accept and approve 2022-RES-053 Approval of Agreement for Services Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Independent Contractor Nathan Mills.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira,*

*Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Tiexeira to accept and approve 2022-RES-054 Approval of Agreement for Services Between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and Independent Contractor Vernon Pocknett Jr.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira,*

*Councilwoman Gonsalves, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those abstained: Secretary Jackson.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Johnson-Graham to accept and approve 2022-RES-056 approval of construction contract with Champion Builders IHS project.*

*All those in favor: Councilwoman Johnson-Graham, Secretary Jackson, Vice Chairman Hendricks, Councilman Tiexeira, Councilman Andrews, Councilman Weeden, Councilman Tobey, Councilwoman Avant.*

*All those recused: Councilwoman Gonsalves.*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilman Andrews to extend the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Meeting to 8:40p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

*Motion made by Vice Chairman Hendricks 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to go into executive session at 8:30p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present*

*Motion passed.*

Exited executive session at 8:40p.m.

## **Adjournment**

*Motion made by Councilman Tiexeira 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilwoman Gonsalves to adjourn meeting at 8:40p.m.*

*All those in favor: Unanimous by all present.*

*Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cassie D. Jackson*

MWTC Secretary