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Motion made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Hawksley.

Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Hawksley, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Wilson. The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

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Roll call was taken on the motion. Voting aye: Mr. Amrhein, Mr. DeLeone, Mr. Ferrara, Mr. Hawksley, Ms. Shaffer, Mr. Turner, Ms. Wallach, and Mr. Wilson. The motion carried by a voice vote of 8-0.

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