**Monday, February 20, 2017**

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7 P.M.

Six members are present. Councilman Beauchamp is absent.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: Edward Tupper, Charles Lemoine, Albert G. Brien and Debra Chom.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6th, liquor hearing held February 7th and special meeting held February 15th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

17 CO 09 Communication from Planning & Development Director regarding Capital Improvement Program 2018-2022.

17 CO 10 A communication from City Solicitor submitting request to pay property damage claim of Ladda Thefkayxone.

17 CO 11 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding ordinance 17 O 5 establishing building permit fees.

17 CO 12 A communication from City Solicitor submitting request to pay property damage claim of Jo Ann Renaud.

17 CO 13 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding ordinance 17 O 7.

17 CP 10 Monthly odor report from CH2M Hill.

17 LC 06 Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilors Brien and Sierra it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for coin-operated machine, 1 application for pool table license and 1 application for quarterly entertainment license

17 LC 07 A request of Knight of Columbus to hold a tag day license on Saturday, May 13, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, May 20, 2017 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the license be granted, a voice vote on same being 5-1 with President Gendron voting no. Ray Riel addressed the council.

17 LC 08 A request of Woonsocket Redskins Youth Football & Cheerleading Organization to hold a tag day license on Saturday, June 10, 2017 with a rain date of Saturday, June 24, 2017 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the request be granted, a voice vote on same being 5-1 with President Gendron voting no. Tony Gabriel addressed the council.

17 CP 09 A request of Councilman Fagnant to address the following items: letter to City of Woonsocket from Daniel M. Keyes, Town of Blackstone, MA, seeing things from both sides, regarding double sided printing and waste of copy paper, snow storm of Thursday, February 9 and the conditions of the roads and municipal lots, zoning compliance determination of Pioneer Printing, 951 Park Avenue overhanging sign and Woonsocket material facility, 943 River Street items accepted for free.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilwoman Murray passed.

Councilwoman Sierra passed.

President Gendron spoke about carbon monoxide exposure to a family in Smithfield and asked to make sure that all detectors are working properly.

Councilman Brien spoke about monthly odor reports submitted by CH2M Hill and responses and requested a work session. He addressed our state delegation and city council partnership and the proposed legislation (H5494) regarding retiree benefits.

Councilman Cournoyer passed.

Councilman Fagnant passed.

17 O 04 An ordinance to amend the existing homestead exemption policy and outline procedures for its application, which was passed for the first time on February 6th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following resolution:

17 R 23 A resolution authorizing the negotiation of a purchase and sales agreement to sell the former Woonsocket Middle School to the Tai-O Group for redevelopment of the property is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 4-1 with Councilwoman Murray voting no and Councilwoman Sierra recusing herself from both

discussion and vote.

17 O 05 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket Chapter 7 entitled “building regulations” is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Brien that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: in Section 1 paragraph with \* insert “application” after additional; insert “approximately” before three dollars; insert “or the vendor directly. Adjustments may be made to this fee as per the contract terms.” after Island, a roll call vote on same unanimous. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

17 O 06 An ordinance adopting a Capital Improvement Program for the City of Woonsocket for fiscal years 2018-2022 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Sierra seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 O 07 An ordinance amending City of Woonsocket Code of Ordinances, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” to amend the Downtown Overlay District is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, advertised for public hearing and referred to the Planning Board for advice and recommendation, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 O 08 An ordinance transferring funds (various accounts) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilors Brien and Sierra it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilwoman Murray voting no.

17 O 09 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 14 entitled “Miscellaneous Offenses and Provisions” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Sierra seconded by President Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilwoman Murray voting no. Councilwoman Murray made a motion to remove from the table, however, her motion failed for lack of a second.

17 R 20 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 R 21 A resolution amending the Rules of Order of the City Council is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be passed, however the motion failed on a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilwoman Murray voting yes.

17 R 22 A resolution authorizing Mayor to solicit proposals for property located at Map G2, Lot 5-79, more commonly known as Ayotte Field, located at the corner of Providence Street and Smithfield Road is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, however the motion was defeated on a unanimous nay vote.

17 R 24 A resolution accepting quitclaim deed for property located at Plat 58, Lot 5 Woonsocket, Rhode Island is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk