**Monday, October 16, 2017**

At a public hearing of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

Five members are present. Councilors Beauchamp and Murray are absent.

The public hearing is held on the following two ordinances:

17 O 59 Amending Appendix C of the Code of Ordinances to create a Historic Structures Floating Overlay District.

17 O 60 An ordinance establishing a tax stabilization plan for Woonsocket Park Place for property located at 357 Park Place, Woonsocket.

There was no one present wishing to address the council.

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the hearing be and it is hereby adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

The regular meeting follows at 7 P.M.

Six members are present. Councilwoman Murray 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: Estelle Bubble, Albert G. Brien, John Reynolds Jr., Charles Lemoine, Judi Harmon and Susan Kirwan.

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 2nd be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp 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 62 A communication from Planning Board Chairman submitting response to request for advice and recommendation regarding historic structures floating overlay district.

17 CO 63 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding property damage claim of Michael Renzi.

17 CP 60 Monthly odor report from CH2M Hill.

17 M 17 Mayor’s veto of Ordinance 17 O 66 in amendment of Personnel Ordinance is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted to override notwithstanding the Mayor’s veto, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no.

17 M 18 A communication from Mayor to address the City Council regarding the Mayor’s Office.

17 LC 39 Application for William Allen d/b/a Li’l Archie’s to hold Class C rooming house license at 233 North Main Street, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the license be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous. William Allen addressed the council.

17 LC 40 Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 2 applications for daily entertainment licenses, 1 application for renewal of police constable license and 1 application for renewal of quarterly entertainment license.

17 CP 61 A request of John Messier to address the City Council regarding 122 North Main

Street project is read by title. Mr. Messier was present and addressed the council.

17 CP 62 A request of Public Works Director D’Agostino to address the City Council regarding Public Works Department is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilors Beauchamp and Fagnant it is voted that the communication be received and placed on file. Director D’Agostino addressed the Council.

17 CP 63 Request of Councilwoman Sierra to address the following: General Assembly Bill 5413B and how it affects business is read by title.

17 CP 64 Request of Councilman Fagnant to address the following items: press releases from all departments including the Mayor’s office, the addition of sodium silicofluoride in the City’s drinking water, 17 Miller Land bid proposal due on October 3, 2017 to demolish this residence, 471 Elm Street and Reed Avenue citizens complaint/danger issue pulling out of street at corner, vehicle assigned to Tax Assessor 2014 Chevy GEO and other vehicles in the city fleet and vehicle tax refunds due out citizens from recent over payments with a spring delivery is read by title.

17 CP 65 Request of Councilman Cournoyer to address the following items: FY 2018 budget/staffing, comprehensive plan update and minimum housing violations and enforcement is read by title.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilwoman Sierra addressed the status of animal shelter.

President Gendron passed

Councilman Beauchamp commented on dialogue regarding agenda items.

Councilman Brien thanked Chairwoman Plays and fellow Rotarians for Autumnfest. He congratulated Gary Lapierre and the Cercle Laurier regarding burial of time capsule and he discussed monthly odor report.

Councilman Cournoyer passed.

Councilman Fagnant discussed ethics complaints regarding recusals.

Councilwoman Murray was absent.

17 O 59 An ordinance amending Appendix C of the code of Ordinances, entitled “Zoning” to create a historic structures floating overlay district which was tabled at the meeting of September 5th, is read by title, and

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

17 O 60 An ordinance establishing a tax stabilization plan for Woonsocket Park Place for property located 357 Park Place, which was tabled at the meeting of September 18th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no. During the discussion a motion was made to move the question by Councilman Cournoyer and seconded by Councilman Brien, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no.

17 O 65 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 7 entitled “Building Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances, which was tabled at the meeting of October 2nd , is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilors Cournoyer and Sierra it is voted to repeal the amendment that was made at a previous meeting to increase the nonrefundable fee on cancelled permits from 35% to 65%. A roll call vote on this motion being unanimous. The ordinance is then voted on and passed for the first time unanimously on a roll call vote.

17 O 68 An ordinance transferring funds from city capital fund to tax assessing is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Beauchamp that the ordinance be passed, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, however this motion was defeated on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Fagnant and Sierra voting yes. The motion to pass was then voted on and passed on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Fagnant and Sierra voting no.

17 R 110 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilmen Brien and Fagnant it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 R 111 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

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

17 R 112 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a bid for the rehabilitation of the plant drain pipe at the Woonsocket Wastewater Treatment facility is read by title, and

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

17 R 113 A resolution authorizing Mayor to purchase the property located at 61 Blackstone Street is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Fagnant voting no.

17 R 114 A resolution authorizing the court appointed Special Master in the matter captioned as City of Woonsocket one parcel of real estate commonly known as 719 River Street located on Map 8 Lot 37, Lot 2 et al CA No. PM-2017-1167 to enter into a contract with American Construction Trades Corporation for the demolition of the properties located at 719, 787 and 775 River Street, Woonsocket is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no.

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk