**Monday, December 4, 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, December 4, 2017 at 7 P.M.

Six members are present. Councilman Cournoyer 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: William Doe, Albert G. Brien, Charles Lemoine, John Reynolds, Jr. and Michael Lataille.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 20th and Liquor Hearing held November 27th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 LC 45 An application of Blackstone Valley Tourism to hold first class victualing license at 1 Depot Square, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

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

17 LC 46 An application for transfer of location of second hand dealer license for The Gold Advance Inc. d/b/a Gold Loan Co. from 859 Diamond Hill Rd. to 1173 Social Street, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

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

17 LC 47 An application for transfer of Class BV license from PVMK Food Enterprises d/b/a Olly’s Pizzeria to DFC Retailers Inc. d/b/a Olly’s Pizzeria at 204 South Main Street, which was advertised for hearing on this date, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the transfer be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous. Attorney Joseph Nottie addressed the council.

17 LC 48 Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for Class F license, 2 applications for renewal of first class victualing license and 1 application for transfer of pawnbroker license.

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

17 R 132 A resolution appointing Joyce A. Conti to the Woonsocket School Committee is read by title and, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the resolution be passed, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being 4-2 with Councilors Beauchamp and Murray voting no.

17 CP 74 A request of Councilman Fagnant to address the following items: shooting on Shove Street (six shots fired into a dwelling) and what information has come forward to date, tobacco retailer license follow-up e-mail, fire watch on different large wooded structures and major hazards, liquor license status report 2017-2018 and out of state license plates on vehicles and dropping off students at Coleman Elementary School on Second Avenue daily is read by title.

17 CP 75 A request of Vice President Brien to address the following item: Barry Field issue a/k/a City of Woonsocket v. Woonsocket Agricultural, Horticultural and Industrial Society and point of personal privilege under Robert’s Rules of Order, Article 3, Section 19 is read by title.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Brien thanked all involved in the stroll. He highlighted the Museum of Broadcast & Technology. On behalf of the entire Council he thanked City Clerk Christina Harmon-Duarte on her tenure.

Councilman Fagnant addressed concerns of residents regarding bushes on Loring Street. He addressed City Solicitor regarding his performance to answers.

Councilwoman Murray addressed the Holiday Stroll and community support. She thanked sponsors and Main Street businesses. She thanked committee members and volunteers. She spoke about Renaissance Tattoo holding a toy drive. She asked the Mayor to describe this year’s 2017 Christmas ornament which is the Museum of Work & Culture and Santa’s house and the hours of operation.

Councilwoman Sierra addressed more volunteers of Holiday Stroll. She spoke about legislation to reduce historic tax credit. She reminded everyone to give/donate to the animal shelter.

President Gendron commented on Holiday Stroll and encouraged everyone to step up next year for 10th Anniversary of the Stroll.

Councilman Beauchamp thanked everyone involved in stroll.

17 O 72 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, which was passed for the first time on November 20th, is read by title, and

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

17 O 73 An ordinance authorizing Fire Chief to purchase a 2018 Ford F550 Emergency Medical Services Rescue Vehicle, which was passed for the first time on November 20th, is read by title, and

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

17 O 74 An ordinance requiring the City Council approval for the hiring of attorneys is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however, before this was voted on

A motion is made by Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Brien to amend as follows: Delete the fourth Whereas in its entirety. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted to amend as follows: Delete Section 1 in its entirety. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, however this motion was defeated on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp and Murray voting yes. The ordinance, as amended, is then passed for the first time on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp and Murray voting no.

17 O 75 An ordinance amending Chapter 13 entitled “Licenses and Permits” of the Code of Ordinances, Article 2 Section 13.24 is read by title, and

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

17 O 76 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances is read by title, and

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

17 O 77 An ordinance authorizing the sale of property located at 248 Park Avenue is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: At end of Section 2 add “provided, however, the administrative merger shall not be construed to allow the existing structure located at 248 Park Avenue to increase in the number of units on existing square footage”. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time on a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilman Fagnant voting no.

17 R 127 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilors Beauchamp and Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

17 R 128 A resolution awarding a contract to L.F. Clavin & Co., Inc. for rehabilitation of water system fire hydrant exterior coating systems is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp that the resolution be passed, however before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Sierra t is voted that the resolution be tabled for a work session on December 11th, a voice vote on same being 4-2 with Councilors Murray and Beauchamp voting no.

17 R 129 A resolution authorizing and empowering Mayor to submit an application to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for improvements at Cass Park is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the resolution be passed however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of President Gendron seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being 4-2 with Councilors Beauchamp and Murray voting no.

17 R 130 A resolution authorizing and empowering Mayor and Planning & Development Director to apply to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for grant awards under the Brownfields site preparation and remediation funding program is read by title, and

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

17 R 131 A resolution requesting the Public Safety Director and Chief of Police to make a comprehensive presentation to the City Council regarding the current state of the police department, along with proposed changes is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on

A motion was made by President Gendron seconded by Councilman Fagnant to amend as follows: eliminate the word “comprehensive”, however before this was voted on, the resolution was passed unanimously as is. During the discussion a motion was made to move the question by Councilman Brien and seconded by Councilman Fagnant, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

17 R 133 A resolution authorizing a Public Safety study for the Woonsocket Police and Fire Departments is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the resolution be passed, however before this is voted on

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

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilmen Beauchamp and Fagnant it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 10:28 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon-Duarte City Clerk