**Monday, May 21, 2018**

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, May 21, 2018 at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

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: Charles Lemoine, Susan Kirwan, James Rondeau, Leno Brunetti, Chris McGeehan and Gerry Beyer.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 7th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous. A motion was made by Councilman Fagnant to amend the minutes regarding 18-O-14, however, the minutes were correct as submitted.

18 LC 21 A request of Woonsocket Firefighters Association, Local 732 to hold a tag day license on Saturday, August 25, 2018 with a rain date of Saturday, September 8, 2018 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the request be granted, a roll call vote on same being 5-2 with Councilors Beauchamp and Gendron voting no.

18 LC 22 Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp 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, 1 application for Class F1 license, 1 application for renewal of coin-operated machine license, 3 applications for renewal of holiday license, 2 application for renewal of peddler license and 1 application for renewal of street vendor license. The application of Edible Arrangements to hold holiday license was removed from the agenda.

President Gendron dispensed with the regular order of business and take up the eight budget ordinances:

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Beauchamp the following eight budget ordinances were tabled, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

18 O 21 An appropriation ordinance of the City of Woonsocket for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

18 O 22 An appropriation ordinance of the City of Woonsocket water system for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

18 O 23 An appropriation ordinance for the operation of the sewer use fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

18 O 24 An appropriation ordinance for the operation of the regional wastewater treatment fund for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

18 O 25 An ordinance directing the assessment and collection of a tax by the City of Woonsocket upon real estate, excise and tangible personal property for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

18 O 26 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 7345 of the Ordinances of the City of Woonsocket entitled “Salaries of City Officers of the City of Woonsocket”.

18 O 27 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 7288 of the Ordinances of the City of Woonsocket entitled “Personnel Ordinance” as amended pertaining to non-union classified municipal employees.

18 O 28 An ordinance establishing the maximum number of employees in each office, department or agency of the City of Woonsocket for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 in accordance with Chapter IX of the City of Woonsocket Home Rule Charter.

18 CP 34 A request of David Marszalkowski to address the City Council regarding his Eagle Scout Project is read by title. Mr. Marszalkowski addressed the council.

18 CP 35 A request of Director D’Agostino to address the City Council regarding updates and status of new Water Treatment Plant is read by title. Public Works Director D’Agostino addressed the council.

18 CP 36 A request of Councilman Cournoyer to address the following items: financial update, including 2019 proposed budget, electricity contract and the hiring of legal counsel in connection with contract negotiations/Ordinance 17-O-74. He also addressed the demolition of South Main Street & Blackstone Street.

18 CP 37 A request of Councilman Brien to address the following items: marijuana cultivation and Fifth Avenue S8chool.

18 CP 38 A request of Councilman Fagnant to address the following items: discussion on Ordinance 18 O 16, painting of fire hydrants, resolution 18 R 13 reducing the number of qualified signatures necessary to earn ballot placement, resolution 18 R 15 redemption for properties acquired at tax sales, resolution 18 R 7 and 18 R 26, resolution 17 R 130 December 4, 2017 grant awards Brownsfield site preparations-719 River Street and Laotian citizens in our community and how they feel about Woonsocket.

18 CP 39 A request of President Gendron to address the following items: blight removal and motor vehicle refund checks.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilwoman Murray thanked everyone who attended the Downtown Woonsocket Collaborative murder mystery event; she also thanked the Museum of Work and Culture, Millrace, Savini’s Pomodoro and others.

Councilwoman Sierra asked for update on animal shelter improvements such as grooming tub and sign. She also asked for status of lighting in parking lot on Main Street.

President Gendron addressed Director D’Agostino regarding road condition on Dunlap Street. He asked for update on Broadway junkyard and also requested to speak to Public Safety Director about traffic issues.

Councilman Beauchamp passed.

Councilman Brien stated that he will work with Susan Kirwan regarding skate park progress. He thanked Councilwoman Murray for a job well done on Murder Mystery event by the WDC and he thanked the Museum.

Councilman Cournoyer addressed City Solicitor regarding Holley Springs open space grant.

Councilman Fagnant spoke about Department of Public Works fleet of vehicles. He inquired about status of 18-R-55 and why it was taken off the agenda.

18 O 08 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regulating micro-lofts, micro-apartments and studios, which was passed for the first time on April 16th, is read by title, and

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

18 O 10 An ordinance amending Chapter 12 entitled “Housing” Article I, entitled “In General” Article XII entitled “Rooming Houses” and Chapter 13.37 entitled “Licensing of Rooming Houses” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Woonsocket, which was passed for the first time on April 16th, is read by title, and

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

18 O 11 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” regarding “Various technical changes”, which was passed for the first time on April 16th, is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: In Section 4, 86.) Rooming houses, delete “A building where sleeping rooms and bathroom facilities are provided for compensation for less than twenty-one (21) guests and more than two (2) guests, and which makes no provision for cooking in any of the rooms.”

The amendment was voted on and passed on a 6-1 roll call vote with Councilman Fagnant voting no. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time on a unanimous roll call vote.

17 O 76 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinance, City of Woonsocket, which was passed for the first time on May 7th, is read by title, and

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

18 O 13 An ordinance placing on the ballot for the Special Referendum to be held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 a question amending the City of Woonsocket Home Rule Charter to allow for a five member School Committee whose members shall be elected, which was passed for the first time on May 7th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 6-1 with Councilman Beauchamp voting no.

18 O 18 An ordinance authorizing acceptance of a fire apparatus turn around easement on Map G5, Lot 32-75, Bertha Avenue, which was passed for the first time on May 7th, is read by title, and

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

18 O 20 An ordinance amending Personnel Code to reclassify the position of Senior Equipment Mechanic, which was passed for the first time on May 7th, is read by title, and

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

18 R 52 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes 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.

18 R 53 A resolution establishing a City Council Committee to explore Indoor Farming “Marijuana Cultivation” in the City of Woonsocket 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.

18 R 54 A resolution granting permission to use City Property is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilmen Cournoyer and Fagnant it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon Duarte City Clerk