**Monday, October 17, 2016**

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, October 17, 2016 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: William Doe, Fred Hartnett, Richard Fagnant, Ronald Thifault, Charles Lemoine, Philip Labrecque and John Reynolds, Jr.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 3, 2016 be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray 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:

16 CO 50 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding request for proposals for 150 Hamlet Avenue.

16 CO 51 A communication from Planning & Development Director regarding ordinance 16 O 17 conveyance of city-owned land.

16 CP 58 Monthly odor report from CH2M Hill.

16 LC 30 Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for holiday license, 1 application for first class victualing license, 1 application for renewal of coin-operated machine license, 3 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment licenses, 9 applications for renewal of first class victualing license and 1 application for renewal of police constable license. Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the 1 application for Class F license be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous. Councilman Gendron recused himself from the vote on the Class F license.

16 CP 59 A request of James Cournoyer to address the city council regarding ordinance 16-O-113 related to the fiscal year 2017 motor vehicle tax, as well as the fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 budget and economic development. Mr. Cournoyer addressed the council.

16 CP 60 A request of Councilman Mancieri to address the following items: improvements at WWII Veterans Memorial Park and Cass Park, biker gang “Outlaws” member arrests by the Woonsocket Police Department.

A motion was made to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following resolution:

16 R 149 A resolution authorizing Mayor to execute a purchase and sales agreement for the sale of Ayotte Field is read by title, and

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

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

A motion was made to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following ordinance:

16 O 120 An ordinance amending Chapter 13 entitled “Licenses and Permits” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilors Jalette and Brien that the ordinance be amended as follows: In section 1 amend “February 1st” to “April 1st”.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted to amend the fee to $100. That motion failed on a 4-2 vote with Councilors Gendron and Jalette voting yes.

Upon motion of President Moreau seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to amend the fee to $75. This motion is voted on and passed on a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilman Brien voting no. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

16 CP 61 A request of Councilman Gendron to address the following items: financial condition/Fiscal Advisor, Ordinance 16-O-113 and zoning ordinance/political signs.

16 CP 62 A request of Vice President Brien to address the following items: 16-O-113 motor vehicle refund/hold harmless, Broadway junkyard update, 16-O-78 zoning miscellaneous and technical provision changes and 16-O-79 abandoned, junked, discarded vehicles on public property and Fiscal Advisor.

The following remarks were made under good and welfare:

Councilman Brien passed.

Councilman Gendron asked if Woonsocket Middle School RFP ended October 13, 2016 or was it extended to October 24th.

Councilman Jalette addressed city selling water for power plant.

Councilman Mancieri passed.

President Moreau passed.

Councilwoman Murray passed.

16 O 115 An ordinance amending Section 6 of Appendix A of the Personnel Ordinance, which was passed for the first time on October 3, 2016 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilors Gendron and Murray it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 O 110 An ordinance for omnibus changes to licenses and permits which was tabled, is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the Bingo license remain the same, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the Entertainment (Daily) license remain the same, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

A motion is made by Councilman Gendron that the Entertainment (Quarterly) license remain the same, however the motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to eliminate the $500.00 fee for first screen under Theater and Motion Picture Shows and assess a $100.00 fee per screen annually, a roll call vote on same being unanimous. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

16 O 113 An ordinance providing for the transfer of funds from blighted buildings to motor vehicle tax refund account, along with refunds to be provided to motor vehicle owners pursuant to promises by the Mayor to provide a “reduced tax burden” for motor vehicle owners which was tabled, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Jalette it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, however, before this is voted on

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

16 O 117 An ordinance authorizing the sale of a portion of Lot 88 on Assessor’s Plat 57 to Bryan J. & Sylvia A. Richards is read by title, and

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

16 O 118 An ordinance amending Chapter 15 entitled “Parks and Recreation” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted to amend as follows: In Section 1 remove “parks” from after playground and insert after “City-owned”. This amendment is voted on and passed on a 4-2 roll call vote with Councilors Brien & Jalette voting no. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilman Jalette voting no.

16 O 119 An ordinance authorizing the Public Safety Department to bypass competitive bidding for purchase of twenty X26P Tasers is read by title, and

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

16 R 146 A resolution granting permission to use City property is read by title, and

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

16 R 147 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

16 R 148 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

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

16 R 150 A resolution accepting quitclaim deed for property located at 193 River Street is read by title, and

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

16 R 151 A resolution authorizing Mayor to purchase the property located at 17 Miller Lane is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the resolution be passed, however, before it is voted on

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Mancieri it is voted to amend as follows: in the 3rd Whereas eliminated “of decreasing density of its housing stock”. This amendment is voted on and fails on a 3-3 roll call vote. The main ordinance passes on a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilman Brien voting no.

16 R 152 A resolution awarding a five-year contract for Telecommunications Services RI MPA #308 to Lightower is read by title, and

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

16 R 153 A resolution awarding a five-year contract for Telephone and Telecommunication Services RI MPA #308 to Cox Communications is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Mancieri seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 10:18 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon Duarte City Clerk