**Monday, December 17, 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, December 17, 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: Melissa Murray, Bill Legare, Jeff Partington and Estelle Bubble.

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilors Sierra and Ward it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held December 3rd and organizational meeting held December 4th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 LC 55 Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Ward it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for Class F1and entertainment license, 2 applications for holiday license, 1 application for renewal of coin-operated machine license, 1 application for renewal of holiday license, 1 application for renewal of pool table license and 1 application for renewal of quarterly entertainment license.

18 CP 70 A request of President Gendron to address the following items; ice skating rink at River Island Art Park and Renewable Energy sub-committee is read by title.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Brien gave a warm welcome to new colleagues. He spoke about Synagro and wastewater plant. He spoke about return of renewable energy subcommittee. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy and healthy New Year.

Councilwoman Brown thanked Councilman Brien for his kind words and wished everyone and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Cournoyer welcomed new colleagues. He wished Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to employees, citizens and boy scouts in attendance.

Councilwoman Sierra welcomed new council members. She reminded all about raffle tickets available for benefit of New Beginnings. She wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilman Soucy wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked voters of community. He congratulated Garrett Mancieri for his appointment to Blackstone Valley Economic Study Commission.

Councilman Ward stated that it is good to be back on the council. He spoke to Mayor about change in City Hall hours and language in contract. He spoke about tax abatements and Mr. Legare. He noted fundraiser by the Woonsocket Lions Club on Saturday from 9 to 3 at Marquette Building. He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy and prosperous New Year.

President Gendron welcomed new colleagues. He acknowledged Boy Scouts in attendance and welcomed them. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

18 O 63 An ordinance granting petition for a new joint pole for National Grid and Verizon on Jillson Avenue, which was passed for the first time on December 3rd, is read by title, and

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

18 O 64 An ordinance authorizing sale of property located at Scotia Street and property located at McMullen Avenue, which was passed for the first time on December 3rd, is read by title, and

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

18 O 65 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 17 entitled “Traffic” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

18 O 66 An ordinance in amendment of Appendix C entitled “Zoning” (various technical changes) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilman Ward it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, advertised for hearing and referred to the Planning Board for advice and recommendation, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

18 O 67 An ordinance authorizing the sale of building and real property located at 65 Fifth Avenue to Stephen A. Tavernier is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilwoman Sierra seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: At the end of Section 1 insert “P**rovided that the sale of subject property is contingent upon the property being redeveloped into not more than 14 single-bedroom market rate residential units."**

**This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The Ordinance is passed, as amended, for the first time on a unanimous roll call vote.**

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

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

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

18 R 131 A resolution amending the Rule of Order of the City Council is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilors Sierra and Ward it is voted that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted upon

Upon motion of Councilman Ward seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: “See attachment”. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The Resolution is passed, as amended, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 128 A resolution establishing the City Council schedule for calendar year 2019 is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilors Sierra and Ward that the resolution be amended as follows: Delete meeting of September 3rd. This motion is voted on and passed on a unanimous voice vote. The resolution, as amended, is then voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

18 R 129 A resolution authorizing acceptance of a bid for the demolition and reconstruction of the Senior Center roof is read by title, and

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

18 R 130 A resolution approving the reappointment of John J. DeSimone as City Solicitor is read by title, and

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

18 R 132 A resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase the property located at 80 River Street is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Ward that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Ward it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: At the end of Section 1 insert “Provided that funding of such purchase shall be derived from account 1010-09854-60302, Woonsocket Redevelopment Agency”. This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote. The resolution, as amended, is then voted on and passed 6-1 on a voice vote with Councilwoman Sierra voting no.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the meeting be and it is adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Attest: Christine Harmon Duarte City Clerk