**Monday, March 5, 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, March 5, 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: Dennis Desaulniers, Britte Jessen-Balint, Lynn Kapiskas, John Reynolds Jr., John Ward and Margaux Morisseau.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 19th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following communication was listed on the consent agenda:

18 CO 7 A communication from City Solicitor regarding claim of Thoranong Khoungsaouvankham.

18 LC 10 A request of Knights of Columbus, Council 113 to hold a tag day license on Saturday, May 12, 2018 with a rain date of Saturday, May 19, 2018 is read by title, and

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

18 LC 11 Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilman Beauchamp 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 automobile junkyard license, 1 application for renewal of bowling alley license, 11 applications for renewal of holiday sales license, 2 applications for renewal of pawnbroker license, 6 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment license, 7 applications for renewal of tobacco license, 10 applications for renewal of second hand dealer license, 2 applications for renewal of street vendor license and 1 application for renewal of police constable license. 1 application for Class F license for Museum of Work and Culture was approved upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Cournoyer, a voice vote on same being unanimous. President Gendron recused himself from the last vote.

18 CP 13 A request of John Ward to address the City Council regarding the Woonsocket School Committee, its authority under R.I. General Laws and appointment process is read by title. Mr. Ward was present and addressed the council.

18 CP 14 A request of Albert G. Brien to address the City Council regarding Social Street School, blight account and 324 Third Avenue property is read by title. Mr. Brien was present and addressed the council.

18 CP 15 A request of Councilman Cournoyer to address the following items: budget-financial condition, staffing and economic development, trash fees, blight and electricity contract is read by title.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

President Gendron spoke about micro-loft legislation. He spoke about abatement legislation regarding 25 Cummings Way (18-R-02). He addressed Director D’Agostino regarding water treatment plant status update. He addressed Director Mathews regarding parking for new business on Cass Avenue (parking issues). He addressed Director Mathews regarding hazardous conditions at 20 Larch Street property.

Councilman Beauchamp addressed 20 Larch Street. He commented on school committee appointments. He commented on General Laws regarding school appointments and collective bargaining.

Councilman Brien responded to comment regarding vetting candidates. He commented on Rhode Island General Law regarding school committee and executive powers. He addressed status of 18-R-07 regarding renewable energy project request for proposals.

Councilman Cournoyer commented on Rhode Island General Law regarding school collective bargaining. He addressed appointment of school committee candidates. He spoke about status of incinerator.

Councilman Fagnant commented on 18-R-17 regarding marijuana cultivation. He spoke about a work session with auditors. He asked Mayor for status of 419 North Main Street purchase. He commented on 31-33 Wood Avenue regarding minimum housing violations.

Councilwoman Murray commented on micro-lofts work session.

Councilwoman Sierra commented on school committee candidate. She reminded everyone of March 24th fundraiser at Savini’s for Gloria Gemma Foundation.

18 O 5 An ordinance authorizing Public Works Director to sell salt brine to private entities, which was passed for the first time on February 19th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Murray seconded by Councilmen Cournoyer and Fagnant it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 6-1 with President Gendron voting no.

18 O 6 An ordinance in amendment of Chapter 3 entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of the Code of Ordinances is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of President Gendron seconded by Councilman Cournoyer it is voted that the ordinance be amended as follows: In Section 1, Section 3-1 after “allowed” add “in city parks”. This motion was passed on a 6-1 roll call vote with Councilwoman Murray voting no.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Sierra seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to amend as follows: In Section 1, Section 3-1 after “special events” add “with liability insurance”. This motion is voted on and passed unanimously on a roll call vote. The ordinance, as amended, is then voted on and passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being 6-1 with Councilman Fagnant voting no.

18 O 7 An ordinance authorizing to sell the property located at 102-114 Robinson Street is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp 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 R 18 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Beauchamp it is voted that the resolution be amended by deleting the first account (Action Based Enterprises) and the last three accounts (Pulmonary & Sleep Ctr), a voice vote on same being unanimous. The resolution, as amended is then passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 19 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

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

A motion was made by Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Fagnant that the resolution be tabled, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

18 R 20 A resolution creating a special event vendor permit for the Levitt AMP Woonsocket concert series is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Brien seconded by Councilwoman Murray that the resolution be passed. However before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilman Sierra it is voted to amend 2nd Whereas & Section 1 by deleting “$25” and in its place inserting “$50”. This amendment is voted on and passed on a 4-3 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp, Brien and Murray voting no.

Upon motion of Councilman Fagnant seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted to delete all three (3) references of “vendor(s)” and in its place insert “peddler(s)”. This amendment is passed on a unanimous voice vote. The resolution, as amended, is then voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

18 R 21 A resolution appointing Brian J. Kane to the Woonsocket School Committee is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Beauchamp seconded by Councilman Fagnant it is voted that the resolution be passed, however, this motion is defeated on a 4-3 roll call vote with Councilors Beauchamp, Fagnant and Murray voting yes.

18 R 22 A resolution instructing Mayor to notify all known interested parties that offers to purchase 706 Social Street should be submitted to the Clerk’s office by no later than 2 P.M. on March 23rd, 2018 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 4-3 with Councilors Beauchamp, Fagnant and Murray voting no.

18 R 23 A resolution instructing Mayor, via her Administration, to issue refund checks to taxpayers that are owed refunds in connection with the motor vehicle tax phase out is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Brien seconded by Councilwoman Murray it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon Duarte City Clerk