**Monday, August 5, 2019**

At a public hearing of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

19 O 42 An ordinance amending the predetermined assessment and the limit on permitting fees for the former Woonsocket Middle School, located at 357 Park Place, Woonsocket, RI in connection with the redevelopment by Woonsocket Park Place, which was tabled at the meeting of June 17th, is read by title.

There was no one present wishing to address the council.

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Ward it is voted that the hearing be and it is hereby adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

The regular meeting immediately follows at 7:06 P.M.

All members are present.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

19 LC 26 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 F license, 1 application for Class F and entertainment license, 1 application for constable license, 2 applications for holiday license, 2 application for street vendor license, 7 applications for renewal of laundry license, 1 application for renewal of massage parlor license, 1 application for renewal of private investigator license and 2 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment license.

1 application for Class F license for Museum of Work & Culture was taken up and voted on, a voice vote on same being 4-0 with President Gendron and Councilman Soucy recusing themselves from the vote.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: Dave Fisher, Sherry Hareter, Garrett Mancieri, Daryl Jamieson, Dan Nadondi, John Reynolds Jr., Tawny Collandra, Nancy Benoit, Brandon Coffey 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 July 1st be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Ward seconded by Councilman Soucy it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted except to remove 19-CO-34 from the consent agenda, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

19 CO 34 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Eric Saez is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilman Ward it is voted that the opinion be received and placed on file. Councilwoman Sierra recused herself from this vote.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

19 M 11 A communication from Mayor appointing Richard Masse as an alternate member of the Personnel Board.

19 CO 32 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Diane Eadiekromah.

19 CO 33 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Jessica Gores.

19 CO 35 Monthly odor report from Jacobs Engineering Group.

19 CO 36 A communication from City Engineer regarding new Water Treatment Plant status report.

19 CO 37 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Lyleta Couepel.

19 CP 19 A request of Richard Fagnant to address the council regarding 2A Sanctuary City resolution and downside of being a politician.

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

19 O 43 An ordinance authorizing Public Works Director to enter into a contract with Sullivan Associates is read by title, and

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

19 CP 20 A request of Councilman Ward to address the following items: failure to solicit bids for Tax Assessor Tangible Property audit services, taxation of formerly tax exempt properties by Tax Assessor, changes in assessed values of properties converted to taxable from exempt and status of dam repair at Mendon Road open space recently approved for purchase.

19 CP 21 A request of Councilwoman Sierra to address the following items: the current status of the indoor gun range, the Monument Square reconfiguration, the purchase of Holly Springs and the new Blackstone River Boat launch.

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

19 R 84 A resolution authorizing Public Works Director to enter into a contract with Digger’s Landscaping Inc. is read by title, and

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

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Brien spoke about clarifying topics regarding open meetings act and he also addressed odor report.

Councilman Cournoyer spoke to Mayor about trees being planted throughout the City, he spoke about HUD audit report of Woonsocket Housing Authority, he requested a work session regarding compassion center and army corps of engineers and spoke about agenda items.

Councilwoman Sierra passed

Councilman Soucy encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilman Ward spoke about voting tomorrow and he spoke about WHA audit report.

President Gendron urges everyone to vote on Tuesday, August 6th. He thanked colleagues for their patience and cooperation regarding OMA ruling from Attorney General.

19 O 42 An ordinance amending the predetermined assessment and the limit on permitting fees for the former Woonsocket Middle School, located at 357 Park Place, Woonsocket, RI in connection with the redevelopment by Woonsocket Park Place which was tabled at the meeting of July 1st, is read by title, and

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

19 O 44 An ordinance transferring funds (City Capital Funds to Library) is read by title, and

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

19 O 45 An ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Chapter 2 entitled “Administration” is read by title, and

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

19 O 46 An ordinance granting easements to the United States Army Corps of Engineers along the Blackstone River is read by title, and

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

19 O 47 An ordinance amending Chapter 13 entitled “Licenses and Permits” of the Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

19 O 48 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 Brien seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the following four ordinances be tabled, advertised for hearing and referred to the Planning Board for advice and recommendation, a voice vote on same being unanimous:

19 O 49 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” Sections 15.3 and 16.7 regulating zoning board of review fees.

19 O 50 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” Zoning Board of Review procedures.

19 O 51 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” Section 3, Section 12 and Section 18.

19 O 52 An ordinance in amendment of Code of Ordinances, City of Woonsocket, Appendix C entitled “Zoning” various technical changes.

19 R 79 A resolution authorizing cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

19 R 80 A resolution authorizing cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Cournoyer seconded by Councilors Sierra and Ward it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: In Section 3 insert at the end of the paragraph “, provided, however, that the subject property be assessed an additional Real Estate value of $585,700 for each of the tax years ended 2016 and 2017 and that the applicable Real Estate tax be levied upon such assessment for each of the two years consistent with the attached letter from the Tax Assessor dated July 15, 2019 regarding the subject property.” This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

19 R 81 A resolution authorizing cancellation of certain taxes is read by title, and

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

19 R 82 A resolution amending the rules of order of the City Council of the City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

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

19 R 83 A resolution granting permission to use City property is read by title, and

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

19 R 85 A resolution granting permission to use city property is read by title, and

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

19 R 86 A resolution authorizing the City Council to enter into an agreement with iCompass for the electronic management of matters relating to the City Council is read by title, and

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

19 R 87 A resolution instructing the administration to issue a request for proposal in connection with renewable energy projects is read by title, and

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

A motion was made by Councilman Soucy to table but the motion failed for lack of a second. The resolution is then voted on and passed on a 5-1 roll call vote with Councilman Soucy voting no.

19 R 88 A resolution granting permission to place a sign on City property is read by title, and

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

19 R 89 A resolution granting permission to use City property is read by title, and

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

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

19 R 90 A resolution creating a special event vendor permit for the Main Street Holiday Stroll 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.

19 R 91 A resolution awarding a contract to Hague, Sahady & Co for auditing and agreed upon procedures is read by title, and

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

19 R 92 A resolution authorizing Mayor, through her administration. To issue a request for proposal to contract with a newspaper for the publication of all legal notices for the City of Woonsocket is read by title, and

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

Upon motion of Councilman Ward seconded by Councilwoman Sierra it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Attest: Christina Harmon City Clerk