

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2009

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Thursday, May 21, 2009** at 6: 18 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present except for Councilor Abdo, Councilor Fielding and Councilor Silva.

Approximately Five [5] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: - None

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: - None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

IV. COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR, CITY OFFICIALS & CITY ATTORNEY:
- None

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION: - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: - None

VII. WITHDRAWALS: - None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: - None

IX. TABLED MATTERS:

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

275/07	Marion Avenue – park to be named – Ord. Comm.
6B/08	City Contract Ordinance – Section 3.04.230- Ord. Comm.
22/08	Personnel Department – Re-organization
236/08	National Grid–req. permission to place underground electric conduits on Green St.-hear.
256/08	Parking – Prospect St/East Haverhill St- - removal of a 20 minute parking sign

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39/09 Water Commissioner – lay off – compliance with MGL Chapter 111 Section 160- City Attorney invited to attend
 127/09 Sick Day Legislation – Ord. Comm.
 141/09 Resolution – Delila Rivera – Council Pres. Blanchette

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Doc.199/09:FY'2010 Budget Submission – 2nd Proposal – Mark Andrews, Budget and Finance Director

Council President Blanchette called the Special Meeting of the Lawrence City Council to order and presented Document 199/09 [FY 2010 Budget-2nd Submission by the Office of the Mayor] for the attention of the Council Members present.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles asked the Clerk when the FY 2010 Budget document was received. The City Clerk William Maloney stated May 21, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

At the invitation of Council President Blanchette, Budget & Finance Director Mark Andrews addressed the Council regarding the second FY 2010 Budget second submission.

Council President Blanchette asked Director Andrews to review the significant differences between the first budget document submitted and second budget document received today with particular reference to anticipated lay-offs.

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Director Andrews discussed general aspects of the second submission of the FY 2010 Budget.

Council President Blanchette specifically asked if there were any lay-offs proposed for the Police and/or Fire Departments.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez posed questions to Director Andrews regarding possible lay-offs.

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Council President Blanchette posed questions about the proposed forty day furlough plan contained in the first budget submission and the insufficient funding of the City Building Commission Office.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Twomey posed questions about the proposed reduction in force.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Moran posed questions to Director Andrews about the proposed reduction of the Lawrence Police Department by twelve officers presented in the proposed FY 2010 Budget [2nd submission].

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofos commented that although the format of the second submission of the City Budget is improved, it is still not the same as the prior year budget documents which were easier to figure out. A discussion between Councilor Kolofos and Budget Director Andrews ensued regarding revenue funding sources and revenue shortfalls.

Council President Blanchette requested information about anticipated agreements from each of the various unions that remains pending. In response, Budget Director Andrews stated that it is the Administrations intention to continue negotiations with the unions in an effort to reach an agreement that will be timely to reach the FY 2010 timeline adopted by the Council Members and to assure the FY 2010 Budget is in place as soon as possible.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry Council President Blanchette referred the item to the Budget and Finance Committee.

Doc. 199/09 – FY 2010 Budget [2nd Submission] – ref. to Budget and Finance Cmt.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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Upon Motion of Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez duly seconded by Councilor Moran,
the Council Members present voted unanimously to Adjourn.

ADJOURNED
(6:45p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk