

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday, January 2, 2007

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, January 2, 2007** at 7:15 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present, except for Councilor Kolofoles. Council President Blanchette presided over the meeting.

Approximately Fifteen [15] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

The minutes of City Council Meetings conducted Sept. 5, 2006, Sept. 14, 2006, Sept. 20, 2006, Oct. 3, 2006, Oct. 17, 2006, Nov. 8, 2006, Nov. 21, 2006, Nov. 30, 2006, and Dec. 5, 2006 remain tabled.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Council President Blanchette requested those who wished to provide public input and participation to present them-selves and address the City Council. Upon the invitation of Council President Blanchette, the following individuals addressed the City Council:

Darliny Ayala, 102 Sunset Avenue Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of the proposal to make Essex Street a two way street.

Jose Ayala, 102 Sunset Avenue Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of the proposal to make Essex Street a two way street. He suggested the approval would be good for merchants and customers.

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John Lydon, 9 Monroe Street, Lawrence, MA stated that he observed a disturbance at a local establishment requiring the attention of the Lawrence Police where young children in strollers and on bicycles were present at 11:30 p.m. He questioned whether it was appropriate for young children to be on the street at such a late hour and asked if their parents were aware that these children were out of their homes and near an establishment that serves alcohol.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 139/06: Advertising Leaflets and Signs – Ordinance – Hearing Held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above matter as published in the newspaper. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

Peter Blanchette, 45 Greenfield Street Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of the proposed measure stating that the new ordinance, if approved, would enhance the ability of Inspectional Services Personnel to enforce and possibly prevent violations of ordinances intended to eliminate littering of all types.

Upon no further discussion or comment offered by anyone present, Council President Blanchette closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members present to offer comment or discussion.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi asked if the ordinance applies to political signs. Council President Blanchette explained that there are other ordinances in place that address political signs.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Silva commented favorably on the proposed measure and stated that it would improve the quality of life by preventing one form or littering.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette closed the discussion portion of the hearing and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Councilor Silva, as seconded by Councilor Gosselin, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the ordinance regarding advertising leaflets and signs.

Doc. 139/06: Approved

Doc. 238/06: Parking – Broadway St. (2) 30 minutes spaces – Hearing Held - Approved

Doc. 239/06: Parking -Broadway St. – (4) 30 minute spaces – Hearing Held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

Frank McCann, D.P.W. Director, assured Council that the prior Mass Highway agreement has been terminated to allow the proposed measure to be approved.

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A motion was presented by Councilor Gosselin to approve the measure as seconded by Councilor Silva.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette stated he was opposed to the proposed measure and commented that he believed the proposed measure is inconsistent with the opinion and conclusions reached by Traffic Engineers studying the traffic flow of the location.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Parolisi stated that the proposed ordinance will correct and improve parking in the affected area for all concerned.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Gonzalez commented that he believed the proposed ordinance will improve the parking situation in the area where the merchants and the public have been requesting relief of this kind.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez asked if the proposed measure was the same as presented at prior meetings.

Upon no further discussion or comment offered by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette closed the discussion portion of the hearing and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Councilor Gosselin as seconded by Councilor Silva, the Council Members present voted as follows to approve six [6] thirty minute parking spaces on Broadway. 7-YES; 1-NO; 1-ABSENT

Councilor Gosselin – Yes
Councilor Gonzalez – Yes
Councilor Parolisi – Yes
Councilor DiMarca – Yes
Councilor Kolofoles – Absent
Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez – Yes

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Councilor Silva – Yes
Councilor Frechette – No
Councilor Blanchette- Yes

Doc. 238/06; 239/06: Approved

Doc. 349/06: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – request permission to locate poles, wires and fixtures – Osgood Street – Hearing Held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves for comment and discussion before the Council Members.

Upon no discussion or comment offered by anyone present, Council President Blanchette closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members present to offer comment or discussion.

Upon no discussion or comment offered by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette closed the discussion portion of the hearing and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Councilor Parolisi, as seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure.

Doc. 349/06: Approved

Doc. 354/06: Verizon, New England, Inc. – request permission to place conduits – Methuen and Amesbury Streets – Hearing Held - Approved

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public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

Attorney Joseph Gleason, Counsel representing National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc., spoke in favor of the petition presented and explained the location, purpose and necessity of the petition presented.

Upon no further discussion or comment offered by anyone present, Council President Blanchette closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members present to offer comment or discussion.

Councilor Gosselin presented a motion to approve the measure, as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez asked when the work would be performed during the day. Attorney Gleason stated that Verizon would be flexible as to times of work but he believed that the work would be performed probably during the evenings. Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez suggested the work should not be performed during traffic rush hour period and asked if Councilor Gosselin would agree to amend her motion “to limit work not be done during rush hour”. Councilor Gosselin accepted the Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez’s amendment.

Council President Blanchette called the motion for consideration and the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve Verizon, New England, Inc. permission to place conduits on Methuen and Amesbury Streets.

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IV: APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS:

Doc. 1/07: Resolution – Cristobal Ramos – Councilor Silva – Presented

The Council Members voted unanimously [8-0] to suspend the Rules of the City Council and address the above matter out of order upon a motion presented by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez as seconded by Councilor Gosselin.

Councilor Silva presented a Resolution in honor of Mr. Cristobal Ramos to the Council Members present and the public .Mr. Ramos thanked the City Council Members for the honor and recognition.

Doc. 1/07: Presented

V: COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR, CITY OFFICIALS & CITY ATTORNEY:

Doc. 7/07: Review of contract/job performance – Atty. James Bowers – Council President Blanchette-Withdrawn

Council President Blanchette introduced the item regarding the matter and asked if Assistant City Attorney Bowers preferred to have the matter addressed in executive session. Attorney Bowers stated that given the fact that the comments of Council President Blanchette were made “in public” that he would like the matter addressed before the City Council on “open session”.

At the invitation of Council President Blanchette , Attorney Bowers reviewed the history of the events and his responses regarding the matter of the “termination agreement” for Budget and Finance Director John Griffin. Attorney Bowers particularly outlined his response he provided to City Attorney Boddy regarding the matter and cited a chronology of events. Attorney Bowers stated that his position as Assistant City Attorney is served through

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his assignment to the Lawrence Police Department. Attorney Bowers presented an exhibit of the chronology discussed for review of the Council Members present.

Attorney Bowers informed the Council Members that he drafted a “termination agreement” with terms of separation from employment in regard to position held by Mr. Griffin as Director of Budget and Finance. He submitted the draft to the City Council Members present and requested that the document remain “Confidential” due to the fact that it applies to a current City employee [Director John Griffin]. He stated that the proposed agreement was signed by Director Griffin on November 9, 2006. He stated that he had no contact with the document until about December 11, 2006 and continued to discuss the chronology of events.

Attorney Bowers voiced his objection to personal attacks on his honesty and characterizations that his behavior is “unethical”. Attorney Bowers recounted his seven year history with the City of Lawrence as an Assistant City Attorney with no instance of unethical or dishonest conduct ever occurring or cited. Attorney Bowers stated that he believed that Council President Blanchette’s comments were without merit, without accountability, and intended to publicly tarnish his reputation. He stated that he considers the comments and remarks of Council President Blanchette to be defamatory and with reckless disregard for their truthfulness. He stated that he particularly believed the statements of Council President Blanchette to be false and made with a reckless disregard for the truth.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Bowers questions concerning an e-mail dated December 11, 2006. [Council President read the e-mail]. He asked Attorney Bowers if he had signed the contract at that time.

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Upon being recognized, Councilor Silva asked which contract is being reviewed. Council President Blanchette informed Councilor Silva that his inquiry at this time concerned the facts and circumstances surrounding the “termination agreement” regarding Director Griffin and that the overall inquiry before the Council concerns the performance of Assistant Attorney Bowers in regard to his duties and obligations as an employee of the City of Lawrence.

In response to Council President Blanchette’s last question, Attorney Bowers stated that he had no knowledge that the agreement was completed and was surprised that the agreement was signed. He stated that he believes he may have signed the agreement on November 9, 2006 as to form only.

Council President Blanchette again asked Attorney Bowers if he signed the agreement on November 9, 2006. Attorney Bowers stated that he was not sure if he signed the agreement on November 9, 2006 but that his signature was provided to “approve it as to form” whenever he may have signed it. He stated that he did retain a signed copy of the document.

Council President Blanchette asked if Attorney Bowers’ responses to inquiries by the City Council President were intended to protect the Mayor. Attorney Bowers stated that it was his understanding that the contract was signed by the City and Director Griffin. He emphasized that he did not retain a copy of the agreement.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Bowers if he contacted Mayor Sullivan prior to December 19, 2006. Attorney Bowers stated he did not contact Mayor Sullivan in that time frame. He stated he believed that he contacted Mayor Sullivan on December 13,

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2006 regarding this matter. Attorney Bowers stated that Planning Director Michael Sweeney was contacted on behalf of the Mayor's Office and that Director Sweeney suggested that the Mayor signs many documents and he may not have a recollection of signing the agreement regarding Director Griffin. A discussion ensued between Attorney Bowers and Council President Blanchette regarding contact Attorney Bowers may have had with Mayor Sullivan concerning the "termination agreement" subject of this inquiry. Council President Blanchette commented that Attorney Bowers' phone records indicate that Attorney Bowers was in contact with the Mayor's Office by telephone on December 19, 2006. Attorney Bowers stated that he was unable to reach anyone at the Mayor's Office as reflected by the short duration of the telephone call referenced in the record.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Bowers if there were any meetings or discussions concerning the proposal to draft a termination agreement. Attorney Bowers stated he met with Chief of Staff Myles Burke and Director Griffin during in October 2006 and that Attorney Mark Sullivan, the Mayor's Brother, was present during one meeting. He stated that he doesn't believe there was a form of the agreement reduced to writing at that point.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Bowers to describe what he believes would be the proper protocol in regard to a request from the Mayor to draft a legal document like the termination agreement. Attorney Bowers stated that in labor matters there are typically three copies of the draft labor agreement, one copy is provided to the Mayor, one copy is provided to the opposing side and one copy is retained by the City Attorney. He stated that he requested a copy of the termination agreement with Director Griffin's signature

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from the Mayor's Office but that he never received one. He stated although he typically retains a copy of all documents and materials drafted or submitted through his office, he didn't make a copy of this document due to the fact that he didn't believe the matter would rise to the level of controversy that has occurred. Council President Blanchette stated that he believes that it was irresponsible for Attorney Bowers not to make and keep a copy of the agreement in this instance.

Attorney Bowers emphasized that he never stated that he didn't have a signed copy of the agreement despite telling Council President Blanchette that he believed the agreement had been signed. Council President Blanchette responded by indicating that information provided in e-mails from Attorney Bowers fails to unequivocally state that he had signed the Separation Agreement at any time.

Attorney Bowers concluded his comments by stating that if the Members of the City Council determine that his services as an Attorney are no longer necessary, then the decision should be based on factual evidence which he believes does not exist in this case.

Upon invitation of Council President Blanchette, City Attorney Charles Boddy informed the Council Members about his discussions of December 18, 2006 and the memorandum he authored regard this matter that followed. Attorney Boddy stated that he received a copy of the termination agreement concerning Director Griffin sometime around December 18, 2006. Attorney Boddy discussed his understanding of the chronology of events regarding the agreement. He informed the Council Members that he is concerned about the manner this contract was entered and that a copy was not retained by the City Attorney. Attorney Boddy stated that he is also very concerned that this issue has pitted City employees

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and public officials at odds with each other. He stated that he does not believe Attorney Bowers had not been truthful with the City Council although he agrees that the information provided in response to the requests could have been more forthcoming.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Boddy how a matter such as this would be assigned to an Assistant City Attorney from the Mayor's Office. Attorney Boddy explained that personnel and others often avoid directly requesting legal assistance from the City Attorney for a variety of reasons. He stated that it is not uncommon that some of the City Staff Members who require legal assistance often are more comfortable with Staff Attorneys in the City Attorney's Office rather than the City Attorney. Council President Blanchette asked if the City of Lawrence maintains a current employment contract with Attorney Bowers. Attorney Boddy stated that Attorney Bowers contract for employment is a one year contract dating back to 2001.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette stated that he is upset with the Administration for placing Attorney Bowers in this situation. He stated that this matter reflects a communication problem between the Administration, City Council, and the public. A discussion ensued between Councilor Frechette and Attorney Bowers regarding e-mails dated December 11, 2006. Further discussion ensued between Councilor Frechette and Attorney Bowers regarding the specific terms of the termination agreement pertaining to Director Griffin.

In conclusion, Councilor Frechette stated that he believes Attorney Bowers has been a pawn in this matter and that the Mayor's Office orchestrated the entire matter in secrecy. A

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discussion ensued about the manner in which Attorney Bowers services are requested by the Mayor.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca provided a brief history of issues concerning breach of confidence that reached the highest ranks of government in U.S. History during the Nixon Administration. He stated that the concept is similar in this instance. He stated that although he believes that Attorney Bowers may have been subjected to a lack of accountability advanced by the Mayor's Office, he finds it difficult to believe that Attorney Bowers could not recall the details of how the termination agreement was completed. In response, Attorney Bowers recounted his memory of events.

Councilor DiMarca concluded by stating that the "open discussion" and "full disclosure" are the cornerstones of democracy in practice. A discussion ensued regarding the particulars of the termination agreement. Attorney Bowers stated that there were no other separation agreements he drafted or prepared other than the one under scrutiny by the City Council. He stated that the present termination agreement was the first and only one he ever negotiated.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez stated that she believes Attorney Bowers has been caught in the middle of an unfortunate situation through events beyond his control and beyond his fault. She stated that this case is an example of the reason The City Council needs to exercise greater control and oversight over the City Attorney's Office.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi asked Council President Blanchette what can be expected to result from this inquiry?

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Council President Blanchette stated that the purpose of his inquiry is to obtain facts and information concerning a matter of great importance to the operation of City Government. He explained that the lack of disclosure has caused the inquiry into this matter and that information pertaining to the circumstances surrounding an apparent “secret agreement” would not have been disclosed without a formal inquiry.

Councilor Parolisi asked Attorney Bowers if he could recount his response to Attorney Boddy’s inquiry about the termination agreement. Attorney Bowers stated he never had a discussion about the matter with Attorney Boddy and that his only discussion, if any, was to inform Attorney Boddy that he believed the contract had been signed. Attorney Bowers explained that it is his belief and understanding that it is within the Executive Branch has the authority to negotiate and terminate contracts. He stated that the purpose and necessity of a termination agreement such as the one presented is to provide certainty to terms regarding an existing contractual relationship.

He stated that he is unaware of any legal action or other recourse that may accrue to Mr. Griffin as a result of his employment or termination of employment. In conclusion, Councilor Parolisi stated that he believes Attorney Bowers’ work as an Assistant City Attorney has been exemplary during the course of his employment and that his appearance before the City Council this evening was an honest and competent representation of events and circumstances surrounding this matter.

Council President Blanchette asked Attorney Bowers if he ever discussed the possibility of a lawsuit with Director Griffin that may be brought against the City of Lawrence. Attorney Bowers stated that he never discussed a lawsuit with Mr. Griffin.

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Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to withdraw the item, which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Council President Blanchette stated that he disagrees with Attorney Bowers' conclusions regarding the reason that an inquiry became necessary in this matter. He stated that he believes Attorney Bowers' comments mischaracterize the political and professional reasons for bringing this matter to the attention of the City Council. Council President Blanchette stated that the City Charter and City Ordinances provide that the Office of the City Attorney, The Board of Assessors, and The City Clerk fall within the purview and oversight of the nine members of the City Council for a good reason.

Council President Blanchette asked the City Clerk to enter an official notation that the statements of December 18, 2006 are retracted. In particular, Council President Blanchette stated he retracts his comments contained in the memo sent to the City Council in which he comments that he believes Attorney Bowers "lied" to Attorney Boddy concerning his knowledge of the termination agreement.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry the Council Members voted to withdraw the item by the following vote: 7-Yes; 1-No; 1-Absent;

Councilor Frechette – Yes
Councilor Silva - Yes
Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Kolofoles - Absent
Councilor DiMarca - No
Councilor Parolisi – Yes
Councilor Gonzalez - Yes
Councilor Gosselin - Yes
Councilor Blanchette – Yes

Doc. 7/07: Withdrawn

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The following item was referred to the subcommittee as indicated:

**Doc. 8/07: Essex Street – returning to a Two-way Traffic –
Mayor Sullivan-Ref to Ordinance**

**Doc. 11/07: Communication from DPW Director Frank McCann – Director McCann -
Withdrawn**

Councilor DiMarca moved to withdraw the item from the Council Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved [8-0] by the Council Members present.

Doc. 11/07: Withdrawn

VI. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:

Doc. 6/07: Resolution – Sully Erna – Councilor DiMarca – Tabled

Councilor DiMarca presented a motion to table the resolution for Sully Erna which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously approved [8-0] by the Council Members present.

Doc. 6/07: Tabled

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Doc. 371/06: National Grid & Verizon New England, Inc. – permission to locate poles,
wires and fixtures on Melrose Street - Ord. Comm. – Public Hearing Ordered**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to order a public hearing, in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [8-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

Doc. 371/06: Public Hearing Ordered

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Doc. 372/06: National Grid & Verizon New England, Inc. – permission to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Marston Street–Ord. Comm. - Public Hearing ordered

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to order a public hearing, in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [8-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

Doc. 372/06: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 373/06: National Grid – permission to place underground electric conduits on Merrimack Street - Ordinance Comm. – Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to order a public hearing, in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [8-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

Doc. 373/06: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 375/06: Taxi – Livery Licenses – yearly renewal – Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the Taxi-Livery Licenses yearly renewal in the form of a motion, which was duly seconded by Councilor DiMarca.

Councilor Frechette stated he has questions about the process.

The Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] [Councilor Silva was absent from chamber] to approve the measure.

Doc. 375/06: Approved

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**[The following item was added to the Agenda
as reported by the Budget & Finance Committee]**

VIII. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS:

**Doc. 368/06: Appropriation Transfer –Buildings and Facilities – Frank McCann, Jr.,
D.P.W. Director - Approved**

Council President Blanchette brought the matter to the attention of the City Council Members present. On motion presented by Councilor Parolisi as seconded by Councilor Frechette the Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] [Councilor Silva was absent from chamber] to approve the Appropriation Transfer for D.P.W.

Doc. 368/06: Approved

IX. WITHDRAWALS:

Doc. 305/06: Stop Sign – Floral Street – Ordinance Committee – Withdrawn

Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Gosselin the floor for the purpose of presenting matters concerning the withdrawal of pending matters before the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frechette and Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to withdraw the matter from the City Council Agenda.

Doc. 305/06: Withdrawn

**Doc. 345/06: Boards and Commissions – applicants – registered voters to apply –
Ordinance Committee – Withdrawn**

Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Gosselin the floor for the purpose of presenting matters concerning the withdrawal of pending matters before the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and

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Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to withdraw the matter from the City Council Agenda.

Doc. 345/06: Withdrawn

Doc. 350/06: Disclosure of financial interest by municipal employees – Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report of the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion to approve the measure. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frechette and unanimously [7-0] approved by the Council Members present to approve the disclosure of financial interest by municipal employees.

Doc. 350/06: Approved

Doc. 351/06: Oak Street – procedures to close street during school dismissals – Ordinance Committee – Withdrawn

Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Gosselin the floor for the purpose of presenting matters concerning the withdrawal of pending matters before the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Frechette and Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to withdraw the matter from the City Council Agenda.

Doc. 351/06: Withdrawn

Doc. 357/06: Handicapped Parking – 36 Newton St. – Ordinance Committee – Withdrawn

Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Gosselin the floor for the purpose of presenting matters concerning the withdrawal of pending matters before the Ordinance

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Committee in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to withdraw the matter from the City Council Agenda.

Doc. 357/06: Withdrawn

X. OLD BUSINESS: - None

XI. TABLED MATTERS:

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

60/06	Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority & Conservation Commission – hearing held
215/06	Good Citizenship Award – Mayor
128/06	Acting Jobs Positions and Consultants – on more than 90 days
257/06	Resolution – Dr. Claire Paradiso
367/06	Water Treatment Center – Fiber Optics – update on who authorized such work to occur – Where is the contract and the bid? – Council President Blanchette

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Blanchette brought the matters listed below to the attention of the

Council Members present and referred each to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

2/07	Towing Policy – City of Lawrence – Martineau’s Towing Service, Inc. – Raymond J. Martineau, Manager-ref. Ord. Cmt.
4/07	Handicapped Parking Sign – 17 Bedford Street – removal – Counc. Kolofoles-ref. Ord. Cmt.
5/07	Handicapped Parking Sign – 20 Hillside Avenue - Counc. Gonzalez-ref. Ord. Cmt.
9/07	Appointment – Planning Board – Mr. James M. O’Connell – nomination – Michael Sweeney, Director-ref. Pers. Cmt.
10/07	Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Kemal Bozkurt – reappointment –Michael Sweeney, Planning Department Director-ref. Pers. Cmt.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion of Councilor DiMarca duly seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to Adjourn.

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ADJOURNED
(9:56p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk