

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday, March 6, 2007

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, March 6, 2007** at 7: 05 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present except for Councilors Kolofoles, Alvarez-Rodriguez and Frechette. Council President Blanchette presided over the meeting.

Approximately Twenty-Three [23] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members present that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted Feb. 13, 2007, and Feb. 20, 2007 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration and acceptance of the City Council Members.

Upon the motion of Councilor DiMarca to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to accept the minutes.

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.

The owner of Maximo Transportation 205 Broadway, Lawrence, MA requested City Council to approve application of their license despite difficulties obtaining recommendation for approval by the Lawrence Police Department.

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Joseph D'Amico, 11 Lorenzo Road, Lawrence, MA discussed the matter of authorizing the Fiber Optics installation. He discussed proposed audit proceedings in place for the City of Lawrence and questioned who will be responsible to pay for the audit.

Andre Leroux, 3 Jackson Terrace, Lawrence, MA discussed payment of outstanding bills due to Lawrence Community Works. He also discussed the importance of the Lawrence Community Works City Survey. He read a letter from the L.C.W. into record.

III. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:

Doc. 67/07: Resolution – Crystal Johnson – Councilor DiMarca – Tabled

Councilor Parolisi presented a motion to take document 67/2007 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0]. Due to the individual subject of the resolution not being immediately present, Councilor Parolisi presented a motion to “table” the matter which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Member present.

Doc. 67/07: Tabled

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 15/07: National Grid – request permission to place underground electric conduits – Embankment 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

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proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

David Agnew from National Grid spoke in favor of the item and requested the City Council approve the petition presented.

Sam Facella posed questions to Mr. Agnew concerning the work to be performed.

Upon no further questions, comments, or public discussion offered by anyone present, Council President Blanchette closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members for 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 Silva, as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve the petition to place underground electric conduits on Embankment Street.

Doc.15/07: Hearing Held - Approved

Doc. 16/07: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – request permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures on Water Street – Hearing held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice published in regard to the above entitled matter. 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.

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David Agnew, representative appearing for National Grid, presented the proposal for a pole location to the Council Members present and requested their approval.

Upon no further comment offered on the matter, Council President Blanchette closed the public hearing 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 Silva as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve National Grid's request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Water Street.

Doc. 16/07: Hearing Held - Approved

Doc. 17/07: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – request permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures on Community Avenue – Hearing Held – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above matter 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.

David Agnew, appearing on behalf of National Grid, spoke in favor of the petition presented and explained the particulars of the petition to the Council Members.

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

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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 DiMarca, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve National Grid's request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Community Avenue.

Doc. 17/07: Hearing Held - Approved

Doc. 5/07: Handicapped Parking – 20 Hillside Avenue – Hearing Held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above matter 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. Upon no public comment offered on the matter, Council President Blanchette closed the public hearing 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 DiMarca, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve a Handicapped Parking space at 20 Hillside Avenue.

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Doc. 311/06: Handicapped Parking – 34 Walnut Street – Hearing Held - Approved

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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.

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

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 Silva as seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve the amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City adding the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.340 of the Municipal Code [Handicapped Parking], to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order.

Doc. 311/06: Hearing Held - Approved

Doc. 369/06: Parking – 334 Lawrence Street – two 15 minute parking spots- Hearing Held - Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above matter as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the

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proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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

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 Parolisi as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve the amendment to the Revised Ordinances of the City adding the following new paragraph to Section 10.36.260 of the Municipal Code [Fifteen {15} Minute Parking], to be inserted in the proper alphabetical order.

Doc. 369/06: Hearing Held - Approved

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:

Councilor Parolisi presented a motion to take document 67/2007 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0].

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Doc. 67/07: Resolution – Crystal Johnson – Councilor DiMarca – Presented

Council President Blanchette brought the matter to the attention of the Council Members present and called upon Councilors DiMarca and Gosselin to present the Resolution.

Councilor DiMarca introduced the recipient of the Resolution and read the resolution into the record. The Resolution was presented to Ms. Johnson who thanked the Council Members for the honor and recognition bestowed upon her.

Doc. 67/07: Presented

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 34/07: Arlington Mills Smart Growth District – Hearing Held - Tabled

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.

Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner, provided an overview of the proposal. He suggested that other individuals would be available for presentment and support of the item on March 20, 2007.

Robert Okoniewski, 3 Summer Ave., Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of the 40R proposal and discussed its favorable aspects.

Andre Leroux, 3 Jackson Terrace, Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of the 40R proposal as a viable planning and development tool. He informed the Council Members of the active

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participants of Lawrence Community Works in prior overlay projects in Lawrence and stated the current proposal will benefit all of the residents of Lawrence.

Carlos Matos ,67 Saunders Street, Lawrence, MA, spoke in favor of the proposal as it applies to a city like Lawrence as a former Mill City.

Kate Gormley, Director of Groundwork Lawrence, 40 Island Street, Lawrence stated the Groundwork, Lawrence supports the proposal and commented upon its favorable aspects.

Planning Director, Michael Sweeney, spoke in favor of the proposal presented and discussed aspects of the petition that will benefit the City Of Lawrence.

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

Prior to opening the floor to discussion by the Council Members, Council President Blanchette Attorney Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner for the City of Lawrence, if the matter was ready to be presented for a vote of the City Council.

Attorney McCarthy stated that the Planning Office was still waiting for a letter of eligibility from the Commonwealth of MA which would likely arrive within 5 to 7 days. He suggested that it may be more appropriate to have the final letter approving eligibility prior to a final vote of the City Council.

Council President Blanchette discussed the process to date and suggested that it may be of some benefit to open the public hearing portion of the proceedings and table the measure for further action by the City Council to take place at the meeting scheduled for March 20, 2007.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi asked Attorney McCarthy to outline and explain the location of the proposed site. A discussion between Attorney McCarthy and Councilor Parolisi ensued regarding the plans for future use as it may affect local residents and other businesses in the area.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca discussed the proposed use and development of the proposed site and the impact it would have upon other owners of businesses and residents.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Gonzalez stated that he would like to see the Police Substation put back into operation in the area as part of the proposal to increase police presence in the district.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Gosselin commented favorably on the proposal. She asked if Economic Development Director Ezra Glenn could be present at the next part of the proceedings to which Planning Director Sweeney stated that he would be sure to have Director Glenn present at the next City Council Meeting. Director Sweeney emphasized that Community Development Director Glenn supports the measure presented. Councilor Gosselin stated that Director Glenn should be present to provide input and information to the Council Members and the public. A discussion ensued between Councilor Gosselin and Attorney McCarthy regarding the proposal and its impact on the City of Lawrence.

Upon being recognized, Councilor DiMarca informed the Council Members about past projects presented that were not to be sustained with City funds and that he remains concerning that this project may someday require funding by the taxpayers

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Upon resuming, Councilor Gosselin expressed her concerns that the project may result in expenses related to development at a later date as well.

Attorney McCarthy stated that it was his understanding the proposal requires developers to infuse monies and funds into the City Of Lawrence and should not incur additional expense to the taxpayers of the City of Lawrence.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Silva expressed her support for the project and discussed the details of the decision of the Planning Board to recommend approval of the proposal for consideration by the City Council.

At the invitation of Council President Blanchette, Planning Director Sweeney explained the intent and purpose of the proposal submitted for the Council Members present. He informed the Council Members that funds obtained by the City of Lawrence to implement the project would not necessarily be available for other projects or proposals that may be approved through a "Master Plan" concept

Upon resuming Councilor Silva stated that the State funding that may be available would be important for use by the City Planning Department. She asked how the proposal would benefit the "flood plain" area which is the area where the plan would be implemented. Attorney McCarthy stated that each developer would be required to submit a storm water management plan with any development proposal submitted.

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.

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Upon a motion to table the measure presented by Councilor Parolisi, as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to table the item.

Doc. 34/07: Tabled

Councilor Silva presented a motion to take document 68/07 out of the order appearing on the agenda which, was added at the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] to suspend the Rules of the City Council and address the document 68/07 out of order].

Doc. 68/07: Taxi License Renewal – Maximo Transportation – Emergency Measure – Council Pres. Blanchette – Conditional Approval - 30 days waived

Upon a motion to declare the measure and emergency as presented by Councilor Silva and seconded by Councilor Parolisi, The Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to declare the matter an emergency measure.

By way of explanation, Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members present that the above matter did not appear on the City Council Agenda of this evening's proceedings and that it was being presented due to its importance as described to him by the owner of Maximo Transportation. He further informed the Council Members that it was his understanding that all application requirements attendant to a Taxi Application were in order and that the matter being presented was intended to approve the application subject to final review and approval by Sgt. Bonilla of the Lawrence Police Department and the City Clerk.

Councilor DiMarca presented a motion to approve the taxi application presented on behalf of Maximo Transportation and to waive any applicable 30 day waiting period. He stated further that the motion for approval of the application is contingent upon a determination of compliance by Sgt. Bonilla of the Lawrence Police Department and the City

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Clerk prior to issuance of the license. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present based upon the stated condition.

Doc. 68/07: Conditional Approval - 30 days waived

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

Doc. 52/07: Independent Financial and Management Audit – City Council to Order – Council Pres. Blanchette- Ref to Committee on the Whole

Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and proceeded to discuss the necessity of the proposal which called for an independent financial management audit of City expenditures. He explained that the proposal differs from the “general audit” currently performed annually because it will be more detailed and comprehensive. He stated he would be referring the measure to the Committee on the Whole for further proceedings.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca discussed the possibility of regionalizing City services with area communities that may benefit each of the four communities in the Lawrence area.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Silva stated that she is in favor of the item submitted. She stated that she had presented similar measures with the goal of bring about financial accountability in each of the City Departments but that her efforts have been rejected. She stated that she welcomes the proposed review of expenditures and the bid process.

Council President Blanchette stated that there will be some cost and expense associated with conducting a complete audit. He suggested that the State Auditor may have

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cost effective programs and services available and that any such availability will be explored and considered.

Upon no further comments by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette referred the matter to the Committee on the Whole.

Doc. 52/07: Ref. to Cmt. on the Whole

**Doc. 64/07: Underage Parties – enforcement in the City –
Councilor Silva – presented**

Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Silva the floor to present the matter before the Council Members present.

Councilor Silva presented the matter as “communication” and discussed underage parties occurring throughout the Lawrence community. She also discussed the efforts of the Administration establish licensing regulations that will prohibit anyone under the age of twenty-one [21] from entering an alcoholic establishment for any purpose. She informed the City Council Members that underage parties were taking place at private homes and other locations and displayed an advertisement for one such “party” at “96 East Haverhill Street”. She informed the Council Members that these parties escape the regulations imposed upon licensed establishments simply due to the fact that they are not regulated at all and are “unlawful”. Councilor Silva stated that illicit activity occurs at these “parties” which needs to be addressed by the police department and the City Council. She suggested that “safe locations” could be established in the City where young adults and others who are under age could gather to socialize safely and lawfully.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca expressed his concern that adults between the ages of 18 and 21 years of age are treated as “adults” for most other purposes but

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are prohibited from certain activities as “adults”. He stated that the law clearly treats individuals who are between the ages of 18 and 20 years old very differently from those who are 21 years of age or older which causes much disagreement and controversy amount people who are often called upon to serve their Country in military service but cannot enter an establishment that serves alcohol.. Councilor DiMarca suggested stronger law enforcement measures should be taken to enforce laws that are being broken in cases where unlawful activity is taking place. He stated that the reason the “underage parties” are allowed to take place is related to a lack of sufficient police staffing available in the City Of Lawrence. He stated that he also believes that better use of police services and personnel is also necessary.

Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members that he receives information about “underage parties” from his students. He stated that he agrees that the matter must be seriously addressed by the City Council. He stated that the total ban of young adults between 18 and 20 years of age from attending cultural events that may occur in establishments that serve alcohol is probably not the best approach since it is likely that many young people will probably attend upcoming St. Patrick’s Day events that will take place in the various establishments throughout the City in the company of their relatives and parents. He stated that an alternative that will allow for young people to attend cultural events needs to be explored and implemented in order to assure safety and reasonableness are given priority.

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Councilor Silva concluded her discussion by citing the progress experienced by the Administration addressing the issue of underage individuals attending licensed liquor establishments.

Doc. 64/07: Presented

Upon being recognized on a point of personal preference, Councilor Parolisi stated that he apologizes if any remarks he made at a recent City Council Meeting regarding Personnel Director Frank Bonet may have been taken offensively. He stated that his remarks were intended to emphasize his concerns about the reasons and cause for the recent suspension of DPW Director McCann. He emphasized that he “stands by” his statements that focus on his stated concerns about the manner the Administration has addressed the issues relating to DPW Director McCann.

VIII. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:

Council President Blanchette called the following matters to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda which were referred as indicated:

Doc. 48/07: Appropriation Transfer – City Clerk’s Office - from Employee Training to Repair and Maintenance - \$1,000.00 – William J. Maloney, City Clerk-Ref to Budget & Finance

Doc. 61/07: Appropriation Transfer – Purchasing Dept. – from Advertising to Office Supplies – \$1,500.00 and from Dues and Membership to Office Supplies - \$300.00 – Carolyn Trafficanti, Purchasing Agent-Ref to Budget & Finance

Doc. 53/07: Resolution – Foreclosure Hot Zone – Wealth Preservation and Housing Partnership-Counc. Alvarez-Rodriguez – Tabled

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Upon a motion presented by Councilor Parolisi to “table” the resolution for Foreclosure Hot Zone, as seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to “table” the measure.

Doc. 53/07: Tabled

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 14/07: Temporary Appointments – Ord. Comm. – Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report from the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion accept the report presented and to order a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Upon being recognized, Councilor DiMarca stated that this ordinance, if approved should be followed.

Upon no further comment or discussion offered, The Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to order a Public Hearing on the measure.

Doc. 14/07: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 26/07: Taxi Application–Renewal–“We Transport You” – Ord. Comm. – License Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the approval of the taxi license application presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 26/07: License Approved

Doc. 20/07: Stop Light at Manchester St. and May St. – Ord. Comm. – Defeated

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At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report of the Ordinance Committee petitioning the City Council to approve the placement of a stop light at Manchester Street. The report of the Ordinance Committee presented an “unfavorable” recommendation and was presented as a motion to defeat the measure presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Upon being recognized Councilor DiMarca explained his reason for bringing the matter to the Council attention and stated that he believes that matter should be presented at a public hearing.

Councilor Silva explained that the Ordinance Committee reviewed the proposal and it was brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee Members that location of the “stop light” required approval by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi suggested that a “stop sign” might serve the same purpose.

Upon no further comment, discussion or inquiry the Council Members present, the item unfavorable recommendation was adopted and the measure defeated by unanimous vote of the Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 20/07: Defeated

Doc. 28/07: Saint Patrick’s Day Parade – Ord. Comm. – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report of the Ordinance Committee to approve the route of The Saint Patrick’s Day Parade scheduled to take place on Sunday, March 11, 2007. The report was presented in the form of

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a motion for approval which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 28/07: Approved

**Doc. 44/07: Pentecostal & Missionary Church- Ord. Comm.-
Walk-A-Thon - Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gosselin presented the report of the Ordinance Committee to approve the route and walk-a-thon event proposed by the Pentecostal and Missionary Church. The report was presented in the form of a motion for approval which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 44/07: Approved

**Doc. 41/07: Surplus Declaration – 277 Haverhill Street –
Hous. Committee – Surplus Declaration - Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to declare City owned real property located at 277 Haverhill Street as surplus property. The report was presented in the form of a motion for approval which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Member present.

Doc. 41/07: Surplus Declaration - Approved

Doc. 223/06: Disposition – 79 Market Street – Hous. Comm.- Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property located at 79 Market Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was

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presented in the form of a motion to approve the recommended disposition which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 223/06: Disposition - Approved

**Doc. 224/06: Disposition – 148A-150 Newbury Street –
Housing Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property located at 148A-150 Newbury Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the recommended disposition which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 224/06: Disposition Approved

Doc. 252/04: Disposition – 8-10 Temple Street – Housing Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property located at 8-10 Temple Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the disposition which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 252/06: Disposition Approved

Doc. 313/06: Disposition – 352 Broadway Street – Housing Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property

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located at 352 Broadway Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the recommended disposition which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 313/06: Disposition Approved

**Doc. 314/06: Disposition – 426-428 Broadway Street –
Housing Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property located at 426-428 Broadway Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the recommended disposition which, was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 314/06: Approved

Doc. 315/06: Disposition – 4 Brook Street – Housing Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Gonzalez presented the report from the Housing Committee to approve the disposition City owned real property located at 4 Brook Street as recommended by the Housing Committee. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the recommended disposition which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 315/06: Disposition Approved

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**Doc. 25/07: Prior Year's Bill – Randstad - \$6,378.42 – Budget and Finance Committee
– Payment Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Parolisi presented the report from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve payment of the outstanding bill. The measure was presented in the form of a motion to approve the request for payment as presented which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously approved by The Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 25/07: Payment Approved

**Doc. 33/07: Wood Mill – Economic Opportunity Area – Budget and Finance
Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Parolisi presented the report from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the request for designation of an Economic Opportunity Area [EOA]. The report was presented as a motion to approve the measure presented which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously approved by The Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 33/07: Approved

**Doc. 334/06: Monarch on the Merrimack – Wood Mill LLC – TIF – Budget & Finance
Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Parolisi presented the report from the Budget and Finance Committee to approve the measure as recommended. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the measure which was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously approved by The Council Members present [6-0].

Doc. 334/07: Approved

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Doc. 42/07: Lawrence Community Works – FY 2006 unpaid invoice - \$4,217.66 – Budget & Finance Committee – Tabled

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Parolisi presented the report from the Budget and Finance Committee to “table” the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to “table” the item which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 42/07: Tabled

X. WITHDRAWALS: - None

XI. OLD BUSINESS: - None

XII. 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
43/07	Resolution-Jessica Mercado-Greater Lawrence Technical School-student-Counc.Gosselin
46/07	Sign Ordinance – new sign – discussion – Peter Blanchette, Building Inspector

XIII. 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:

49/07	Helmet Ordinance – for Sledgers under the age of 12 – Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref to Ord.Cmt.
50/07	National Grid – req. permission to place underground electric conduits on Haverhill St.-Ref. to Ord.
51/07	Public Participation – request to increase time limit – Joe D’ Amico-Ref to Cmt.on the Whole
54/07	City Auditor – position to be created – Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref. to Ord.
55/07	Handicapped Parking Sign – removal – 47 Woodland St.- Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref. to Ord Cmt.
56/07	Handicapped Parking Sign – removal – 49 Woodland St.- Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref. to Ord Cmt.
57/07	Parking – delete City Ordinance for Alternate Street Parking except in snow storms/emergency Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref. to Ord Cmt
58/07	Employee Handbook–review draft– dated September 26, 2006 – Council Pres. Blanchette-Ref. to Pers. Cmt

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- 59/07 Prospect Street Area/General Street– “Trucks Exit Here” Sign – Council Pres.
Blanchette- Ref. to Ord.Cmt
- 60/07 City Owned Vacant Lots – presentation from MIT – Council. Alvarez-Rodriguez-Ref. to Hsg Cmt
- 62/07 Parking – review of ordinances – Jackson Street from Canal Street to Haverhill Street-
Council. Silva-Ref. to Ord. Cmt
- 63/07 Parking – review of ordinances – Mill Street from Canal Street to Essex Street –
Council. Silva-Ref. to Ord. Cmt
- 65/07 Purchasing Procedures – review of current procedures – ordinance/charter – violation of
Bidding process- Council. Silva-Ref. to Ord.Cmt
- 66/07 Wholesale Junk License – Windfield Alloy, Inc. -15 Medford St.-Arthur Caras-Ref. to Ord Cmt

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion of Councilor Parolisi duly seconded by Councilor DiMarca, the Council

Members present voted unanimously to Adjourn.

ADJOURNED
(9:03p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk