

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday, May 1, 2007

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, May 1, 2007** at 7: 09 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present. Council President Blanchette presided over the meeting.

Approximately Twenty [20] 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 that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted April 17, 2007 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration and approval of the City Council Members.

Upon being recognized, Councilor DiMarca informed the Council Members that the minutes incorrectly state that the anticipated costs of the Holy Rosary project as “4 million dollars” and it should be “4.5 million dollars” [see page 149 of the City Council Minutes of 4-17-07]. Upon a motion to approve the minutes with the correction cited by Councilor DiMarca presented by Councilor Parolisi as seconded by Councilor Kolofoles, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to accept the minutes of April 17, 2007.

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:

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Domingo Melendez, 26 Leslie Street, Lawrence, MA thanked Rumbo for its article regarding city clean-up efforts by Lawrence/Methuen coalition. He stressed the importance of a unified city approach and also stated that the assistance of City residents was extraordinary.

Mark Grey, 159 Carlton Street, Lawrence, MA spoke of police abuse of process and lack of proper police action. He asked for volunteers to stand up against police brutality.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to take document #105/07 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and approved by vote of the Council Members present as follows : YES = 7; NO = 2;

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

Doc. 105/07: Appointment – Lawrence Municipal Airport Commission – James A. LaTorre – re-appointment – Personnel Comm. – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report from the Personnel Committed in the form of a motion to appoint James A. LaTorre to the Lawrence Municipal Airport Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously approved [9-0] by the Council Member present.

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IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 8/07: Essex Street – return to be two-way traffic -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.

Julia Silveria, former Lawrence City Council Member and business owner in the City of Lawrence with offices on Essex Street, stated that as a business owner with a business office on Essex Street that she has no position on the proposed traffic ordinance. She stated further that the proposal to change Essex Street from its current "one way" to a "two way" traffic way will allow motorists to be able to drive toward the Gateway Project rather than to be driving away from it. She stated that a two way configuration may improve access to businesses on Essex Street as well.

Bill Collins, 1 Platt Court, Lawrence, MA stated that there is no compelling reason or necessity to complete the proposed project. He stated that funds allocated for this project would be better applied to other matters which require more immediate attention. He cited the lack of parking at the new Lawrence High School, repairs to the Duct Bridge, repairs to the Central Bridge, street repair and improvement, and the reconstruction of Holy Rosary building as more deserving projects. He stated that he believes the project will become a "pork barrel" item for a favored vendor of the Administration.

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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.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Silva.

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Chief Economic Director Thomas Schiavone presented himself to answer questions that the Council Members may pose regarding this matter.

In response to inquiry by Council President Blanchette, Director Schiavone informed the Council Members that the grant is funded for approximately \$750,000.00. He provided information concerning other provisions for snow removal and particular matters relating to anticipated traffic patterns that would result after the project is completed.

At the request of Director Schiavone, Mr. James D'Angelo [associated with the design review of the project] provided the Council Members with additional information concerning a design study conducted by his firm with particular emphasis on the construction logistics that will be faced to change the roadway from one-way to a two-way street. A discussion between Council President Blanchette and Mr. D'Angelo ensued regarding the impact the project will have on other streets surrounding and contiguous to Essex Street.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette asked Mr. D'Angelo about the plan to create two westbound lanes and one eastbound lane from the existing roadway. At the request of Councilor Frechette, Police Chief John Romero stated that it is his opinion that

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police and fire department access to Essex Street and other streets connected to Essex Street will be improved as a result of the project. Chief Romero stated that changing Essex Street to a two-way street will allow the police and fire vehicles to improved access to provide safety services. He explained that the Lawrence Police Department anticipates greater traffic control and parking enforcement will be necessary after the project is complete and that his department is ready and able to provide these services. Chief Romero stated that additional patrols are being planned and will be implemented. He stated the current “one-way” traffic has proven to be dangerous and unsafe and cited statistical information regarding the loss of life occurring over the years.

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In response to questions posed by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez, Director Schiavone stated that this project is not being pursued at the expense of other deserving or necessary projects as is being portrayed by some individuals who oppose the project. He explained that the Essex Street project has always been in the forefront of Capital Improvement Projects and the resulting grant funding presented for approval by the City Council is a result of many years of planning. Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez requested Director Schiavone to provide her with information concerning this and other “on-going” projects so that she can make the information publicly available. A discussion ensued between Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and Director Schiavone regarding the application and source of the grant funding for the project. Ellen Minzner of the Community Development Office provided additional information concerning the manner of application and resulting approval of the grant. Ms.

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Minzner explained that the grant requirements focused particularly on inner city improvement projects such as Lawrence and that one of the expected benefits of the project would be to create economic stimulus in the Downtown section of Lawrence along Essex Street. Director Schiavone provided the Council Members with information concerning the expected time-table projecting the anticipated benefits of the project.

Chief Romero provided additional information about traffic control operations currently in place on Common and Essex Streets.

Mr. D'Angelo explained and discussed construction work that will have to take place to expand the width of the roadway at locations where the prior walkways were expanded to accommodate a "one way" street if the project were approved.

Director Schiavone stated that the city would retain direct oversight and control of all traffic controls and parking regulations during the construction.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi stated that he believes the people and businesses affected most by this project favor the project as reflected by their attendance and input at the recent public forums held. He stated that the plan to return Essex Street to its previous "two way" traffic format is a necessity primarily as a public safety matter. He stated that the new configuration will result in slowing traffic traveling on Essex Street and that the safety benefit alone is sufficient reason to approve the measure. He also stated that the ultimate benefit to the businesses along Essex Street are expected and will likely result.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Gosselin asked Director Schiavone why the public meeting recently held was not recorded or taped. Director Schiavone stated that the meeting was "public discussion" and not a "public hearing" and was not recorded. He stated

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that he believes the public discussion should have been recorded because of the tremendous public input and support expressed which could have served as a favorable way of presenting the project to the City Council and others. Councilor Gosselin stated that she hopes the project is successful.

Upon being recognized, Councilor DiMarca discussed the history of Essex Street and remembering the days when it was originally a “two-way” street and the change to a “one way” street in the early 1980’s. Councilor DiMarca discussed the anticipated repair projects slated for the bridges in Lawrence with Director Schiavone and indicated that these projects should also be implemented to assure they remain safe.

Upon inquiry by Councilor Kolofoles, Director Schiavone stated that although many members of the business community attended the public forum, he is aware that many others were unable to attend for a variety of reasons and that he hoped to be able to provide as much information as possible to everyone that may be interested or concerned with the project. A discussion between Councilor Kolofoles and Director Schiavone ensued regarding the project funding. Director Schiavone explained that although the initial funding is in the amount of \$750,000.00, the final cost is expected to be approximately one million dollars which has been budgeted and approved. He stated that the grant approval presupposes possible cost overruns and expenses.

Councilor Kolofoles discussed generally issues concerning traffic and parking problems that persist throughout the City of Lawrence. He stated that he believes traffic control is non-existent in Lawrence and that a “traffic control division” of the Lawrence Police Department may be necessary. At the request of Councilor Kolofoles, Police Chief

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Romero explained that each police officer is responsible for traffic control as part of the Community Policing concept. Chief Romero stated that all Police Officers are responsible to use their efforts for traffic control as part of their duties. Councilor Kolofoles concluded that there may be problems implementing the measure.

In conclusion, Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members that on May 1, 2007, City Attorney Boddy issued an amended memo regarding the sections of the Revised City Ordinances that will be affected which remove one of the items from the listed streets. He informed the Council Members their consideration on the matter concern the specific ordinance provisions cited by the City Attorney in the memo of May 1, 2007 a copy of which was provided to each Council Member prior to the meeting.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion for the approval of the item to the attention of the Council Members present who voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure presented to adopt the recommended City Ordinance provisions as stated in the memo of City Attorney Boddy dated May 1, 2007.

Doc. 8/07: Approved

Doc. 69/07: Teleport Communications Boston – permission to place cables and conduits on Beacon Street, Beacon Avenue and Andover 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 before the Council Members.

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Joseph Resta, on behalf of Teleport Communications Boston/AT&T [the petitioner] described and explained the proposed work subject to the petition.

Council President Blanchette asked if there were other members of the public to be heard on the matter.

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 being recognized, Councilor Frechette presented a motion to approve the measure which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

At the request of Councilor Frechette, Mr. Resta discussed the extent of the construction and the anticipated time frame for completion.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles asked Mr. Resta if the petition was prepared to replace any existing sidewalks that may be removed or destroyed during excavation. Mr. Resta stated that his company would be responsible for such repairs if the petition were granted. Councilor Frechette [District E Councilor] described the current condition of the sidewalks as a point of information.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members and the Council Members present who voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the petition presented.

Doc. 69/07: Approved

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

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Doc. 111/07: Department of Public Works - Frank McCann, Director – re-instatement – third letter- Council President Blanchette – Approved

Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and opened the matter for discussion.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette presented a motion to send a third letter of communication from the City Council Members to Mayor Sullivan to insist upon the reinstatement of Frank McCann as the Director of Public Works. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez asked if there has been any information or report received to date. Council President Blanchette stated that there has been no response from Mayor Sullivan.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Frechette informed the Council Members that the Inspector General has issued a report of its findings which he believes is “public record”.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca stated that it is unfortunate and unfair to deprive Lawrencians the benefit of thirty-five years of experience that Mr. McCann retains as a result of his extensive employment with the City of Lawrence.

In conclusion Council President Blanchette stated that he believes that the Council Members should continue to respond as a “governmental body” on the matter in order to fulfill its duty under the City Charter. He stated further that a report of the action of the Mayor concerning matters of personnel should be reported timely to the City Council in order to allow the City Council Members to exercise its independent authority as a legislative body in particular with regard to the termination or suspension of Mr. McCann as the Director of Public Works. He stated that even though the course chosen by the Mayor in this

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matter doesn't follow the typical "termination" course outlined by the City Charter, the Mayor should make a decision to either recommend termination of Director McCann or reinstate him to his position as Director of Public Works. In either case, the City Council Members must be apprized of the reasons and cause for any course of action the Mayor may take regarding this matter and should be provided with information that is relied upon to initiate suspension and possible termination proceedings. Council President Blanchette expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of any response to City Council repeated requests for information sent to the Mayor through the City Clerk's Office on March 1, 2007 and April 18, 2007. He stated that further communication concerning the position of the City Council is necessary to continue the reasonable and lawful pursuit of this matter as a co-equal branch of City Government.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members and the Council Members present voted to send a third letter of communication to Mayor Sullivan regarding the termination or reinstatement of Director McCann as follows. YES = 7; NO =2;

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

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Council President Blanchette called the following matter to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda and referred the item(s) as indicated:

Doc. 145/07: Appointment – Commissioner of Inspectional Services – position -Myles Burke – Mayor Sullivan-Ref. to Personnel

VI. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:

Council President Blanchette called the following matter to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda which and referred the item(s) as indicated:

Doc. 112/07: Appropriation Transfer - \$1,500.00 from Lease Payments to Office Supplies \$500.00 and to Printing and Mailing \$1,000.00 – William J. Maloney, City Clerk – Ref. to Budget & Finance

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 101/07: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – permission to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Chickering Street – Ord. Comm. – Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to order a public hearing in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gosselin and unanimously [9-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

Doc. 101/07: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 102/07: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – permission to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Railroad Street – Ord. Comm.-Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to order a public hearing in the form of a motion. The

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motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [9-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

Doc. 102/07: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 91/07: Old Gold Dealer License – Belkis Oslan – 442 Essex Street – renewal – Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Frechette and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 91/07: Approved

Doc. 99/07: Pawnbrokers License – Jon Wolf – 92 Broadway Street – Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the measure. The report was presented in the form of a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 99/07: Approved

Doc. 100/07: Cosecha Borincana – Car Show on June 2, 2007 at Pemberton Park – Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the measure. The report was presented in the form of a motion for approval, seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

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Doc. 103/07: Recreation Department – Annual Carnival on Campagnone Common Park – 5/9-5/13/07- Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the measure. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item, seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 103/07: Approved

Doc.109/07: Lawrence Library Director and Cultural Chair – Mrs. Maureen Nimmo-Ordinance Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee to approve the measure. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Frechette and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 109/07: Approved

Doc. 106/07: Appointment – Comptroller – David Camasso – recommendations – Personnel Committee – Approved

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report from the Personnel Committed in the form of a motion to approve the appointment of David Camasso as City Comptroller. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez posed several question to Mr. Camasso and discussed measures that be plans to implement concerning budget matters that may require the attention of the Comptroller’s Office. At the request of Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez, Mr. Camasso described his educational background and cited his 25 years as an accounting analyst and stated that he believes his education and experience

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implementing financial systems in the private sector will benefit the City of Lawrence if he is appointed to the position of City Comptroller. He informed the Council Members that he is presently assisting with City Budget preparations for the third year and that this experience has allowed him to obtain in depth knowledge of the financial operations of individual City Departments. In conclusion, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez stated that she believes Mr. Camasso is a qualified professional who is meticulous and addresses financial details very well. She stated that for these and many other reasons she supports his application for the position of City Comptroller.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles stated that he supports Mr. Camasso application for the available position at this time due to his professionalism and availability to the city department heads during past budget preparation meetings.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Frechette stated he knows Mr. Camasso through his work in the neighborhoods and through his many years as a member of the Lawrence Historic Commission. He stated that he supports Mr. Camasso's application as City Comptroller.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members to approve the appointment of David Camasso to the Comptroller's Position. Upon vote of the Council Members present, the measure was approved unanimously

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VIII. WITHDRAWALS:

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Council President Blanchette granted Councilor Kolofoles the floor for the purpose of presenting matters concerning the withdrawal of pending matters before the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Kolofoles moved to present the matters listed below in “block” form for withdrawal from the Council agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Upon the report of Councilor Kolofoles, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to withdraw the following matters from the City Council Agenda:

- 170/05 Malden Mills Industries – Ord. Comm. - Withdrawn
- 72/06 Fire Watch – Ord. Comm. - Withdrawn
- 145/06 Parking – Common Street – amendments from Jackson to Union – Ord. Comm.-withdrawn
- 276/06 News Racks – placement and maintenance – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 279/06 Canal Street and Lawrence Street – two-way traffic – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 343/06 Voting Locations – consolidation – Prospect Hill – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 31/07 City Ordinance – review/amend – Section 2.80.010 – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 49/07 Helmet Ordinance for sledders – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 54/07 City Auditor – position – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn
- 59/07 Prospect Street and General Street – “Trucks Exit Here” – Ord. Comm.-Withdrawn

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

Council President Blanchette brought the matter listed below to the attention of the Council Members present and referred the measure to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

Doc. 309/05: Surplus Declaration – 128 Newbury Street – Ref. to Housing

X. TABLED MATTERS:

Doc. 34/07: Arlington Mills Smart Growth District – Ref. to Ordinance

Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and removed from the “table” upon vote of the Council Members present as follows: [6-3]. 6-Yes; 3-Absent

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

Upon being recognized Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to refer the measure to the Ordinance Committee.

As a point of order, Councilor Frechette stated that it is his understanding that any measure presented to the Council Members cannot be subject to referral by vote. Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members that Council Vice President Frechette is correct and rejected the motion presented by Councilor Kolofoles.

Councilor Kolofoles proceeded to discuss the procedural history of the measure and stated that he believes that failing to refer the measure to a subcommittee of the City Council would be in violation of the requirement provided by the City Charter and that he seeks only to abide by the provision that every measure presented to the City Council be referred to an appropriate subcommittee.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette presented a motion to table the measure which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and defeated [3-6] by the vote of the Council Members present as follows: 3-Yes; 6-No

Councilor Frechette – Yes
Councilor Silva - No
Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez - No
Councilor Kolofoles - No
Councilor DiMarca - No
Councilor Parolisi – Yes

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Councilor Gonzalez - No
 Councilor Gosselin - No
 Councilor Blanchette – Yes

Further discussion among the Council Members present ensued regarding the procedural requirements of measures presented to the City Council.

Upon no further comment or discussion by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette referred the measure to the Ordinance Committee.

Doc. 34/07: Ref. to Ord.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Gosselin presented a motion to remove Doc. #43/07 from the table which was seconded by Councilor Kolofoles and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 43/07: Resolution-Jessica Mercado-Greater Lawrence Technical School-student-Counc.Gosselin – Withdrawn

Councilor Gosselin presented a motion to withdraw the item from the Council Agenda which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously approved [9-0] by the Council Members present.

Doc. 43/07: Withdrawn

Councilor Silva presented a motion to remove Doc. #107/07 from the table which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 107/07: Legal Pending Litigation and Claims against the Police Dept. and the City – Councilor Silva – Tabled

Upon being recognized, Councilor Silva recapped the procedural history of the measure. Council President Blanchette stated that he believed that Councilor Silva was going

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to discuss the issues regarding this item with City Attorney Charles Boddy in order to narrow the issues and determine the best way to proceed. Councilor Silva stated that she had not yet completed her discussions with Attorney Boddy concerning specific matters and issue and indicated that additional time was necessary to narrow the issues presented.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez stated that she would like to move forward on this matter for the sake of the community. Discussion ensued between Council President Blanchette and Councilor Silva regarding the anticipated process.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Parolisi indicated that Attorney Boddy is present and asked if the matter should proceed. Attorney Boddy stated that any discussion that may take place concerning any pending litigation should be discussed in executive session only and that Attorney Bowers is prepared to do so if the Council wishes to proceed at the present time.

Council President Blanchette explained that other departments may be necessary to completely discuss issues that may arise as a result of discussions particularly with issues that may involve individual personnel and personnel records.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez indicated that it may be helpful to proceed at this time since Attorney Bowers present and Police Chief Romero were present.

Council President Blanchette stated the prevailing concern was the scope of discussion for any particular matter and it appears that the matter is not ready for inquiry or discussion at this time.

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Upon no further comment or discussion, Councilor Silva presented a motion to “table” the measure which was seconded by Councilor Kolofoles and approved by vote of the Council Members present as follows: 6 = YES; 3 = NO:

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

Doc. 107/07: Tabled

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
- 46/07 Sign Ordinance – new sign – discussion – Peter Blanchette, Building Inspector
- 42/07 Lawrence Community Works – FY 2006 unpaid invoice - \$4,217.66
- 14/07 Temporary Appointments – proposed amendments to Section 2.04.081 of the Municipal Code
- 107/07 Legal Pending Litigation and Claims against the Police Dept. and the City- Counc. Silva

XI. 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:

- 113/07 Hispanic Week in Lawrence – June 13-17 – use of Campagnone Common Park – Counc. Gosselin- Ref to Ord.Cmt
- 114/07 Falls Bridge – request City contact State or appropriate Agency for emergency repair- Counc. Gosselin-Ref to Ord Cmt
- 115/07 D.A.V. Queen City Chapter 2 – request to be relocated to the Senior Center on Haverhill Street-Counc. Gosselin-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 116/07 Police Brutality – Public Safety Issues – alleged cases – Counc. DiMarca- Ref to Public Safety Cmt.
- 117/07 Police Department – panel to probe possibility of citizens review board –Counc. DiMarca -Ref. to Public Safety Cmt.

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- 118/07 Stand and Deliver MCAS Mentoring Program –request permission to hold their seventh Annual Spring Fling on May 24, 2007 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Campagnone Common Park – Sarah Cook, Director-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 119/07 Iglesia Cristo Misionera –request permission to use the Campagnone Common Park on July 14, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a religious parade and service –Antony Bernabel & Hector Santiago, Coordinators-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 120/07 Disclosure of Statement – Lawrence Cultural Council – Maureen Nimmo-Ref. to Ord.
- 121A/07 Second Hand/Pawnbroker Dealer License – Eric Mane – Henry’s Jewelry-77 Essex St-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 121B/07 Old Gold Dealer License – Eric Mane – Henry’s Jewelry – 77 Essex Street-Ref. to Ord.
- 122/07 City Recycling Program – review – Counc. DiMarca-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 123/07 Parking – Garden Street between Jackson and Union Streets – restrictions - Counc. Alvarez- Rodriguez-Ref. to Ord Cmt.
- 124/07 Parking – Orchard Street entire length – restrictions – Counc. Alvarez -Rodriguez-Ref. to Ord Cmt.
- 125/07 Surplus Declaration – 89-95 Alder Street – Tax Map #171, Lot 58 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 126/07 Surplus Declaration – 7-21 Archer Street – Tax Map #191, Lot 4- Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt.
- 127/07 Surplus Declaration – 80-82 Cross Street – Tax Map #168, Lot 47 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt.
- 128/07 Surplus Declaration – 50-56 Eutaw Street – Tax Map #130, Lot 38–Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 129/07 Surplus Declaration–10-18 Florence Place– Tax Map #190, Lot 76- Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 130/07 Surplus Declaration – 19-21 Florence St.- Tax Map #190, Lot 79 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 131/07 Surplus Declaration – 23-25 Florence St.- Tax Map #190, Lot 78 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 132/07 Surplus Declaration – 40-42 Fulton St.- Tax Map #89, Lot 30 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 133/07 Surplus Declaration – 23-27 Hall Street – Tax Map #111, Lot 4-Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 134/07 Surplus Declaration – 5 McFarlin Court – Tax Map #164, Lot 15 –Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 135/07 Surplus Declaration – 127-133 Melvin St. –Tax Map #165, Lot 7-Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 136/07 Surplus Declaration – 141-143 Melvin St.- Tax Map #165, Lot 6 –Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 137/07 Surplus Declaration – 6-8 Perkins Court – Tax Map #165, Lot 14 –Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 138/07 Surplus Declaration – 17-19 Pleasant St. –Tax Map #68, Lot 13 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 139/07 Surplus Declaration – 46-54 Vine Street –Tax Map #89, Lot 51 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 140/07 Surplus Declaration – 55 Warren Street – Tax Map #187, Lot 119A-Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 141/07 Surplus Declaration – 61 Warren Street – Tax Map #187, Lot 119-Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 142/07 Surplus Declaration – 165-167 West St.- Tax Map #191, Lot 127 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt
- 143/07 Surplus Declaration – 189-195 West St. – Tax Map #191, Lot 123- Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director-Ref. to Housing Cmt

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- 144/07 Lawrence High School Scholarship Check – Thomas D. Sharkey, Principal -Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt
 146/07 Andover Street – request for one way from Shawsheen Road to Osgood Street – Norma Micheroni, Lawrence School Department-Ref. to Ord. Cmt
 147/07 Parking – Broadway – both sides from Green Street to Park Street – complaints- possible revision of ordinances – Counc. Kolofoles-Ref. to Ord.Cmt
 148/07 Phone System – request update from IT Department – Counc. Kolofoles-Ref. to Ord. Cmt

Upon being recognized Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to reconsider Doc. #145/06 stating that it had been erroneously withdrawn earlier in the session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 145/06: Parking – Common Street – amendments from Jackson to Union – Ord. Comm. – Public Hearing Ordered

Councilor Kolofoles informed the Council Members present of the prior report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure. The report was presented in for the form of a motion to order a public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present [9-0] to order a public hearing.

Doc. 145/06: Public Hearing Ordered

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion of Councilor DiMarca duly seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously to Adjourn.

**ADJOURNED
(9:15p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk