

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL**

**DATE: Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, June 5, 2007** at 7: 05 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present. Council President Blanchette presided over the meeting.

Approximately One Hundred and Fifty [150] 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 there were no prior minutes submitted by the City Clerk for acceptance.

**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:

Arelys Pichardo, 117 Willow Street, Lawrence, MA spoke of her dissatisfaction with trash in the area surrounding her home.

Marcos Devers, 16 Woodland Street, Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of safety on the Merrimack River [Doc.179/07]. He also spoke in opposition of any tax hike in Lawrence.

Francisco Ureña, Director of Veterans Services for the City of Lawrence, thanked those who participated in recent Memorial Day Services. He discussed the status of PFC Alex Jimenez as currently being officially “missing in action”. Director Ureña announced a vigil scheduled for Saturday June 9, 2007 at 6:00 pm.

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Carlos Hernandez, 21 Bevel Street, Lawrence, MA, stated that the Council Members knew Lawrence was a poor City when they were elected. He stated that the City Council plans to increase City taxes will have an adverse effect on residents who may be forced to move out of the City. He stated also that the current water rates are too high.

Angel Vargas, 9 Coolidge Street, Lawrence, MA stated that the water bill for his home has increased 126%. He stated that the utility rates and taxes are too high to allow him to continue to provide for his family.

Carlos Carpana, 35 East Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA stated he has never seen a situation like the one in Lawrence.

Hidiliza Frias, Boxford Street, Lawrence, MA spoke against increasing the water rates. She appealed to the City Council because the utility rates and taxes are too high to afford maintaining a household in Lawrence.

Modesto Maldonado, 115 Spruce Street, Lawrence, MA commented that decisions of the City Council in the past regarding the establishment of the water rates have negatively impacted the residents of Lawrence. He asked the Council Members to re-consider the water rate previously approved and vote against any new taxes.

Hector Breton, 6 Maple Street, Lawrence, MA stated that his previous appearance speaking against water rate increases was ignored. He provided a list of his monthly obligations which include taxes, insurance, mortgage, and utility payments each month and stated that his rental income and wages are not enough to keep up with these bills and to pay household expenses for his family.

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Ana Luna, Executive Director of Lawrence's Arlington Community Trabajando, 599 Canal Street, Lawrence, MA [business address] stated that the mission of her agency is to help residents keep their homes. She stated that many residents are having their mortgages on their homes foreclosed and believes that lowering taxes and the water rate will help homeowners keep their homes.

Miguel Aguilo, 31 Kendall Street, Lawrence, MA stated that all the money he earns is being applied to pay his mortgage. He said that he cannot afford luxuries due to the amount he pays for his mortgage. He asked the Council Members to vote to keep utility rates and taxes low.

Esteban Nunez, 388 Lowell Street, Lawrence, MA asked why taxes and water rates are so high. He said that his wages just don't keep up with the utility rate increases.

Laly Feliz, 276 Lawrence Street, Lawrence, MA stated that she opposes higher water and tax rates. She offered a comparison between past water, utility and mortgage payments with the current charges. She stated that her rental income and money she received from Social Security Disability is not enough to meet her bills.

Alexander Beals [juvenile] 20 Dartmouth Street Lawrence, MA [inaudible].

Barbara Gonzalez Beals 20 Dartmouth Street, Lawrence, MA [Alexander Beal's Mother] spoke in favor of adopting safety measures for all Lawrence waterways and stated that she believes the use of jet skis on all Lawrence waterways should be banned.

Carlos Matos, 67 Saunders Street, Lawrence, MA stated that the financial decisions of the Council and Mayor have adversely affected the residents in Lawrence to a point that

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the people cannot afford to live in Lawrence. He urged the Council Members to closely scrutinize the 2008 City Budget.

Isabel Ceron, 17 Grafton Street, Lawrence, MA stated that the taxes and utilities are too high in Lawrence. She stated that Lawrence resident income averages between \$25,000 or \$30,000 which is not sufficient to financially operate a household.

Maria Dominquez, 6 Cedar Street, Lawrence, MA stated that she operates her household on a limited income and she recently lost her job. She asked the City Council to remember those with low income when considering the 2008 City Budget.

Rose Hernandez, 32 Orchard Street, Lawrence, MA stated that increases in taxes and utilities are making it more difficult to meet her financial obligations.

Jackie Carty, 66 Dorchester Street, Lawrence, MA stated that despite working almost 80 hours a week, she is having difficulty keeping up with the finances to support her household. She stated that it is getting increasingly more difficult to maintain her household on the income she receives. She stated that she believes better police enforcement would create more income.

Iris De La Cruz, 216 Abbott Street, Lawrence, MA stated that high taxes and water bills are causing her to lose her home. She reviewed her past bills in comparison with her current bills.

Maria Rodriguez, 473 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA stated that there are two homes in foreclosure on her block. She asked the City Council to consider making decisions that will help the home owners remain in Lawrence.

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Jenry Garcia, 5 Chester Street, Lawrence, MA spoke in favor of reducing taxes and water bills. He stated he does not make enough money to pay all the household bills and believes many of the residents may be forced to leave Lawrence.

Brian De Pena, 32 Broadway invited the Council Members to the Hispanic Week festivities. He stated that the Council Members need the people from the Community and urged the Council Members to make the right decision.

Rev. James Stokes, 103 Boxford Street, Lawrence, MA thanked the Council Members for attending the Memorial Day activities. He stated that it is a disgrace that the Tribune and Valley Patriot newspapers failed to even report the event. He stated that taxes are too high and should be set at a rate the taxpayer can afford.

Jose Alphonso Garcia, 59 Eutaw Street, Lawrence, MA stated that thousands of people may lose their homes in Lawrence. He stated that part of the problem is that the City Assessor's Office is valuing property based on old and inaccurate values. He stated that the tax crisis is partially due to over-valuation.

Upon no further comment offered by members of the public, Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to take document 163/07 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

### **III. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:**

**Doc. 163/07: Resolution – Jonas Stundza – Councilors Kolofoles & Alvarez-Rodriguez-presented**

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Council President Blanchette brought the measure to the attention of the Council Members present and called upon Councilor Kolofoles, Councilor Silva, and Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez to present the Resolution to Mr. Jonas Stundza.

After the completion of the presentation, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez commented on the work and accomplishments of Mr. Stundza.

Mr. Stundza thanked the Council Members for the presentment and discussed the contents of a book published with his contributions. He pointed out that the publication provided an emphasis on Lawrence History and acknowledged people of Lithuanian heritage. He stated that 2012 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Strike of Lawrence and the world will be looking closely at the City of Lawrence for advances in labor.

**Doc. 163/07: Presented**

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Doc. 23/07: Parking – two parking stand spaces – Merrimack Taxi -15 Newbury St. – Public 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. 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.

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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 Kolofoles, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure.

**Doc. 23/07: Approved**

**Doc. 89/07: City Contracts Ordinance – approval for over \$50,000 –  
Public 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. 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. A brief discussion regarding the measure among the Council Members ensued.

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 Alvarez-Rodriguez, as seconded by Councilor Silva, the Council Members present voted

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unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure.

**Doc. 89/07: Approved**

**V: COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, CITY OFFICIALS & CITY ATTORNEY:**

**Doc. 161/07: Greater Lawrence Technical School – Daniel Fleming – resignation letter – Council Pres. Blanchette-Tabled & Letters to issue**

Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and discussed the selection process. He suggested a letter be sent to the Lawrence School Committee and City Attorney to meet in joint session.

Upon being recognized Councilor Kolofoles discussed the process that was possibly passed years ago.

Councilor DiMarca stated that many tasks of the Greater Lawrence Technical High School remain and Lawrence should be respresented through the end of the vacant term.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez stated that it is important to fill the vacancy as soon as possibly.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to table the measure and send a letter to the School Committee and the City Attorney to meet in joint session. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously voted [9-0] upon by the Council Members present.

**Doc. 161/07: Tabled - letters to issue**

**Doc. 162/07: Advertisements/Publication – to be addressed – Counc. Parolisi -Letter to issue**

Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and granted Councilor Parolisi the floor.

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Councilor Parolisi discussed the apparent omission of Lawrence from the circulation of “Spectrum Monthly” magazine [a local advertisement and trade magazine]. He stated that he found it ironic that the company appearing on the front page was advertising its “grand opening” in Lawrence while the magazine doesn’t circulate in Lawrence. Councilor Parolisi presented a motion to authorize a letter be sent from the Council Members as a body to the editor or circulation department of “Spectrum Monthly” magazine to consider distribution of the magazine in Lawrence. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present.

**Doc. 162/07: Letter to issue**

**Doc. 166/07: City Council Meetings – Summer Schedule –  
Council Pres. Blanchette – Approved**

Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and presented the City Council “Summer” schedule as follows: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 19, 2007, one meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2007 and one meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2007. He stated that he anticipates scheduling “Special Meetings” due to the FY 2008 Budget approval process which would be scheduled as necessary.

Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to approve the summer meeting schedule which was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously [9-0] approved by the City Council Members present.

**Doc. 166/07: Approved**

**Doc. 182/07: Reserve Police Force – Request to be established in accordance with the  
Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 47, Section 11 – John J. Romero, Chief of the  
Police Department -Emergency [30 day period waived] - Approved**

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Council President Blanchette introduced the measure and invited Chief Romero to comment on the matter. Chief Romero informed the Council Members that twelve candidates for positions with the Lawrence Police Department may be left without a position on the Lawrence Police Force upon completion of training despite being told they may be hired upon completion of training. Chief Romero asked the City Council Members to be allowed to place all twelve applicants on a list of Reserved Police Officers.

Council President Blanchette commented on the reasons and causes this matter arose and stated that approval by the City Council and Mayor was required.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to declare the item an emergency matter. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

At the request of Councilor DiMarca, Chief Romero discussed the reasons this matter arose and stated that it is really no one's fault.

Council President Blanchette called upon the Council Members present to consider the motion to declare the measure and emergency as presented.. The Council Members present voted as follows to declare the measure an emergency item and to waive any applicable thirty (30) day waiting period pursuant to section 3.8(a) of the City Charter. 8-

Yes; 0- No; 1-Abstain

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

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

Upon a call for discussion, Councilor Kolofoles and Chief Romero discussed the method by which the twelve officers became eligible for a position with the Lawrence Police Department.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette asked Chief Romero when the last new officer was hired. In response, Chief Romero stated that the last Lawrence Police Officer was hired about 15 months ago. By way of further explanation, he stated that he expects about to positions to become available by August 2007. Upon inquiry by Councilor Frechette, Chief Romero stated that there is no more Federal Funding being received to support police officer positions in the City of Lawrence. A discussion ensued about how positions become available and how training for Police Officers is scheduled and takes place. Councilor Frechette stated that he believes the Lawrence Police Department should hire the twelve individuals affected by funds available in the 2007 Police Budget. Chief Romero stated that if that were done, these twelve individuals would have to be "let go" due to FY 2008 budget constraints.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez asked Chief Romero about the hiring process under the Cox Grant. She explained the hiring process permitted under the Cox Grant and inquired about five newly hired officers hired under the Cox Grant. Chief Romero explained that he anticipates hiring ten of the cadets in during FY 2008 as well as two additional cadets through retirements and attrition. A discussion ensued on how City funds are used to pay officers assigned to complete the work in the positions vacated through

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attrition. At the request of Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez, Chief Romero explained that “layoffs”, if required, are more than likely to be drawn from “patrolmen” first. Chief Romero explained further the method of scheduling police training sessions and indicated that once completed it is good for five years. He cautioned that a reduction in the Police force will certainly result in an increase in the crime rate.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DiMarca inquired about the method of hiring police officers in the City of Lawrence. Chief Romero explained that hiring police officers in the City of Lawrence Police is subject to Civil Service rules. Councilor DiMarca stated that the availability of approximately sixteen positions is the highest number in years. Chief Romero stated that he wasn’t sure and deferred to Councilor DiMarca on the matter. A discussion ensued among the Council Members and Chief Romero concerning the past and present effectiveness of the Lawrence Police.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Silva expressed her concerns about positions that remain vacant even though funded through the budget. She commented that two positions are slated to be filled by promotion according to the FY 2008 Budget submitted. Chief Romero discussed the means of funding employed to provide compensation for promotions. He explained that the Police Department has maintained the same number of Officer’s through 2007. Captain Driscoll explained the method used by Civil Service as it applies to the selection of minority candidates appearing on the list of available individuals. Councilor Silva concluded by stating she has many more questions that may apply to the budgetary issues.

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Upon inquiry by Councilor Parolisi, Chief Romero explained the process by which the twelve cadets would be included in the FY 2007 Budget and the possible impact it would have on the FY 1008 Budget.

**Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to conduct Council business past 10:00 p.m. which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present.**

Councilor Parolisi continued by discussing the necessity of a maintaining a full compliment of Police Officers on the Lawrence Police Force and stated that he would support keeping a strong police force.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles asked Chief Romero if the measure is an emergency. Chief Romero stated that if a reserve status is not created by pursuant to this request, there will be no incentive for these individuals to remain available. Councilor Kolofoles discussed the Civil Service hiring process with Chief Romero and how it was utilized to allow these twelve individuals to be selected.

Upon no further discussion, inquiry or comment Council President Blanchette called upon the Council Members present to consider the motion on the floor to approve the measure. The Council Members present voted as follows to approve the measure.

8-Yes; 1-Abstain

Councilor Frechette – Yes  
 Councilor Silva - Yes  
 Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez - Yes  
 Councilor Kolofoles - Yes  
 Councilor DiMarca - Yes  
 Councilor Parolisi – Yes  
 Councilor Gonzalez - Abstain

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Councilor Gosselin - Yes  
Councilor Blanchette – Yes

**Doc. 182/07 – Approved - 30 day period waived**

Councilor Frechette presented a motion to take document 101/2007 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

**Doc. 101/07: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – request permission to locate poles, wires and Fixtures on Chickering Street-Approved**

Councilor Frechette presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor DiMarca and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Upon invitation of the Council President Blanchette, Kevin McCarthy, Director of Facilities and Plant Management for the Lawrence Public Schools, explained the purpose and necessity of the item in relation to the New Lawrence High School.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Frechette discussed prior petitions and easements regarding the same project. Mr. McCarthy explained the differences between prior approvals and the current item. Councilor Frechette asked if Mr. McCarthy could clear up Ordinance Committee duplicate petitions.

A motion to approve the measure was presented by Councilor Frechette and seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Kolofoles asked Mr. McCarthy to contact him before Thursday in order to clear the Ordinance Committee's list of duplicate petitions that may exist on the item being presented.

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Council President Blanchette called upon the Council Members present to consider the motion for approval. The Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure.

**Doc. 101/07: Approved**

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

**Doc. 184/07: FY'08 City Budget – Mayor Sullivan – Ref to Budget & Finance**

Upon being recognized Councilor Parolisi outlined the proposed schedule of meeting with Department Heads to review the proposed budgetary items.

Upon being granted the floor on a point of personal privilege, Councilor Frechette stated he will not be seeking re-election for District E in the up-coming Municipal Election. He thanked the voters of District E for their confidence and support and stated that his wife, who was present in the chamber, has been his greatest supporter in all decisions made during his term.

**VI. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:**

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

**Doc. 174/07: Appropriation Transfer – From Office Planning to Zoning Board of Appeals for postage-\$4,700.00 – Michael R. Sweeney, Planning Department Director- Ref. to Budget & Finance**

Upon being recognized Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez announced the Women's Symposium Resolution and the support of the event.

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**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Doc.151/07: Abandoned Property – 22 Hancock Street – to be declared a public nuisance – Housing Committee - Declared a Public Nuisance**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented the report of the Housing Committee in favor of declaring 22 Hancock Street a public nuisance. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve and was seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Kolofoles informed the Council Members that the owners can probably deed the property to the City Of Lawrence directly.

Upon no further discussion or inquiry on the matter, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to declare 22 Hancock Street a public nuisance.

**Doc.151/07: Declared a Public Nuisance**

**Doc. 153/07: Movimiento Puertorriqueño– permission to use Pemberton Park on 6/13/07 –Ordinance Committee - Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committed in the form of a motion to approve the use of Pemberton Park on June 13, 2007, which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [9-0] voted upon by Council Members present.

**Doc. 153/07: Approved**

**Doc. 154/07: Church House of Prayer – permission to use the Campagnone Common Park on 8/4/07 – Ordinance Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committed in the form of a motion to approve Church House of

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Prayer to use the Campagnone Common Park on August 4, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez and unanimously [8-0] approved by the Council Members present.

[Councilor Silva being absent from Chamber was marked “absent”]

**Doc. 154/07: Approved**

**Doc. 155/07: Yawkey Children Hospital – permission to use Pemberton Park on 6/24/07 – Ordinance Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committed in the form of a motion to approve Yawkey Children Hospital permission to use Pemberton Park on June 24, 2007, which was duly seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously [8-0] approved by the Council Members present.

[Councilor Silva being absent from Chamber was marked “absent”]

**Doc. 155/07: Approved**

**Doc.160/07: Dominican Night – permission to use Pemberton Park on 6/14/07 – Ordinance Committee – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report of the Ordinance Committed in the form of a motion to approve the use Pemberton Park on June 14, 2007, which was duly seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

**Doc. 160/07: Approved**

**VIII. WITHDRAWALS:**

**Doc.115/07: Disabled American Veterans – request to be relocated at Senior Center – Ordinance Committee - Withdrawn**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report of the Ordinance Committee requesting the matter be withdrawn from the City

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Council Agenda. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the request to withdraw. The motion was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to withdraw the matter from the City Council Agenda.

**Doc.115/07: Withdrawn**

**IX. TABLED MATTERS:**

**Doc. 34/07: Arlington Mills Smart Growth District – Public Hearing Ordered**

Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to remove Doc.34/07 from the “table” which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0]. Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez moved to order a public hearing on the item, which was seconded by Councilor Parolisi and unanimously approved [9-0] by the Council Members present.

**Doc. 34/07: Public Hearing Ordered**

**X. OLD BUSINESS:** - None

**XI. TABLED MATTERS:**

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

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| 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   |
| 123/06 | Revisiting Residency Requirements   |
| 309/05 | Surplus Declarations – 128 Newbury Street   |

**XII. NEW BUSINESS:**

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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:

- 164/07            Handicapped Parking – removal of ordinance – 11 Byron Avenue – Counc. Kolofoles-Ref to Ord.
- 165/07            Crosswalks to be re-painted on District D area – Counc. Kolofoles-Ref. to Ord.
- 167/07            Parking – Corner of Newbury and Haverhill Streets – 20 minute parking – Counc. Alvarez-Rodriguez – Ref. to Ord.
- 168/07            Bread and Roses – Request permission to use the Campagnone Common Park for their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Labor Day Heritage Festival on 9/3/07 – James F. Beauchesne, Chairman-Ref. to Ord.
- 169/07            Old Gold Dealer License – Julio Rolando Ormaza – 204 Broadway Street-Ref. to Ord.
- 170/07            Verizon New England, Inc. – Request permission to place underground conduit on Avon Street-Ref. to Ord.
- 171/07            Christian Missionary Church –Request permission to use the Campagnone Common Park for religious Services on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> & Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Fernando Delgado, Pastor – Ref. to Ord.
- 172/07            Technical Sports Association of Lawrence–Request permission to use the Campagnone Common Park for their Eighth Annual Walkathon on 7/29/07–Nelson Silvestre, President-Ref. to Ord.
- 173/07            25 Marston Street – Tax Increment Financing Plan – review – Ezra H. Glenn, Community Development Department Director – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 175/07            Marston Street Park Site – CDBG Funds from previous years – Council Pres. Blanchette – Withdrawn
- 176/07            Veteran’s Memorial Stadium – Veteran’s Walk – Counc. Gosselin – Ref. to Ord.
- 177/07            Former Saunders School –proposal to be utilized for various Veterans Groups and Agencies – Counc. Gosselin – Ref. to Ord.
- 178/07            Parking – Prospect Street/East Haverhill Streets – 20 minute parking – Council Pres. Blanchette – Ref. to Ord.
- 179/07            Jet Skis – City Council to consider the possibility of implementing an ordinance to Prohibit the use of Jet Skis in the Merrimack River in the City of Lawrence – Barbara Gonzalez Beals – Ref. to Ord.
- 180/07            Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants – requests a Home Rule Petition to adopt Protections for Lawrence’s governmentally – involved housing stock – Counc. Alvarez-Rodriguez – Ref. to Housing
- 183/07            Disposition of Lot X (Water Street) to the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner – Ref. to Housing

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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**ADJOURNED**  
**(10:39p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney  
City Clerk