

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Monday, June 9, 2008

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Monday June 9, 2008** at 6: 10 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present except for Councilor Fielding, Councilor Gonzalez and Councilor Twomey.

Councilor Fielding arrived at 6:20 p.m.

Approximately [00] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: - None

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: - None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

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

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION: - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Doc. 100/08: Budget – FY’2009 – hearing to be ordered – Budget and Finance Comm. –
Public Hearing Ordered**

Council President Blanchette announced the purpose of the meeting.

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee to order a public hearing on the item. The report was presented in the form of a motion and seconded by Councilor Abdo.

Upon a call for discussion Councilor Kolofoles stated his concerns the FY’2009 Budget will have on the budget and the anticipated tax cuts. He expressed concern about

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the expected increase in the average tax rate. He asked the Council President to explain the meaning of the May 30, 2008 memo from Attorney Boddy regarding the proposed amendments to the budget.

Council President Blanchette explained that the proposed amendments appearing on the “salmon color” pages represent proposed amendments which will require the Mayor to submit an amended budget which in turn, will entail another 45 day period for approval, disapproval, or other consideration.

Upon being granted the floor Councilor Kolofoles questioned whether or not the budget [documents submitted on May 30, 2008] constitutes a “new budget”.

Council President Blanchette stated that the documents presented as “increases” do not suggest a “new budget” which if they represent increases to the original budget document submitted by the Mayor and accepted by the City Council, they cannot be considered by the Council Members.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez discussed the anticipated process for considering the proposed budget. She also wanted to clarify that this evening’s vote is solely to vote for the public hearing.

[Councilor Fielding arrived at 6:20 p.m.]

A discussion ensued about the matters to be considered at the public hearing.

Council President Blanchette stated that the public hearing is to be scheduled for Wednesday June 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. He explained further that any “cuts” can be considered and approved by action of the City Council but that any “increases” to the

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original budget documents submitted may require further action by the Administration and subsequent consideration by the Council Members.

A further discussion ensued about the manner which recommendations for changes were submitted to the Budget and Finance Committee for consideration by the Council.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez inquired about the publication of the Spanish version.

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.

Upon vote of the Council Members present, the Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to order a public hearing on the FY'2009 Budget.

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VII. WITHDRAWALS: - None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: - None

IX. TABLED MATTERS:

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

14/07	Temporary Appointments–proposed amendments to Sec. 2.04.081 of the Municipal Code
288/06	Traffic and Public Safety–5 corners (Floral, School, Hancock, Doyle Streets and Oregon Avenue) - Ord. Comm.
275/07	Marion Avenue – park to be named – Ord. Comm.
6B/08	City Contract Ordinance – Section 3.04.230- Ord. Comm.
111/08	Water Treatment Center – Legal Opinion – Council Pres. Blanchette
106/08	Handicapped Parking – 167 Arlington Street – Ord. Comm.

X. NEW BUSINESS: - None

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion of Councilor Kolofoles as seconded by Councilor Silva, the Council

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Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to Adjourn.

ADJOURNED
(6:30p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk