

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Wednesday, October 17, 2007

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Wednesday, October 17, 2007** at 7: 05 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present.

Approximately Twelve [12] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: - None

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:

Rev. James Stokes, 103 Boxford Street, Lawrence, MA, spoke about Winthrop Ave. and the necessity for traffic safety controls. He insisted the “school zone” signs be placed in the area. Rev. Stokes asked the Council to consider naming any new bridge for the deceased individual.

Franklin Fernandez, 185 Water Street, Lawrence, MA, spoke about Lawrence youths involved in sport leagues not having sufficient insurance to cover injury and/or liability.

Kirsy Abreu, stated that safety measures need to be taken to make Winthrop Street safe.

William Collins 1 Platt Street, Lawrence, MA, stated that the lack of debates in the election season should not happen. He commented that there is too much empty space in city owned buildings and should not go out to bid for city office space.

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William Silveras, 456 Broadway, Lawrence, MA, stated that he disagrees with Franklin Fernandez.

Keith Wlodjka, 250 Merrimack Street, Lawrence, MA, stated that the Towerhill Little League is functional and operational. He discussed the importance of the organization in the Towerhill Community. He stated he disagrees with Franklin Fernandez.

As a point of personal privilege Councilor Kolofoles thanked the Towerhill Little League for their support and the support of the Carpenter's Union. He criticized Franklin Fernandez for the lack of support for the Towerhill Little League and its supporters.

[Councilor Silva interpreted the statement presented by Councilor Kolofoles in Spanish].

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 252/07: National Grid – request permission to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Merrimack St.-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.

David Bouche` from National Grid discussed the proposed plan and petition filed.

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 petition as seconded by Councilor Parolisi.

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Upon a call for discussion Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez requested Mr. Bouche` to further describe the proposed work to be completed.

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 as presented by Councilor Kolofoles and seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure.

Doc. 252/07: Approved

Doc. 253/07: National Grid – request permission to place underground electric conduits on Concord Street – hearing held –Approved

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David Bouche` from National Grid discussed the proposed work presented in the petition.

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

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presented by Councilor Kolofoles and seconded by Councilor Parolisi, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure.

Doc. 253/07: Approved

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

**Doc.267/07: Safe Routes Presentation by Ms. Davida Eisenberg,
Coordinator from the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program under
MASSRIDES and funded by Massachusetts Highway –
Councilor Silva – Ref. to Public Safety**

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

Councilor Silva introduced the measure and requested the matter be continued to another date for a more comprehensive presentation by Davida Eisenberg.

Upon no further comments Council President Blanchette referred the matter to Public Safety.

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION: - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: - None

VII. WITHDRAWALS: - None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: - None

IX. 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
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

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- 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
- 34/07 Arlington Mills Smart Growth District – hearing held
- 228/07 Proclamation – Maggie Super Church
- 245/07 Appointment – Temporary Board of Registrars –William J. Maloney, City Clerk
- 288/07 Traffic and Public Safety–5 corners (Floral, School, Hancock, Doyle Streets and
Oregon Avenue) - Ord. Comm.
- 13/06 Parking Garage – new high school site –Counc. Gosselin

X. 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:

- 268/07 Pedestrian Overpass – Route 114 (New High School Area) – discussion and feasibility –
Councilors Gosselin & Parolisi – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 269/07 City Council requests accounts receivable and payable to be updated monthly as well as an
update on any new hires – Counc. Gosselin – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 270/07 Lawrence Street – re-zoning request from residential to business on 133 Lawrence St.-
Counc. Silva – Ref. to Ordinance [Maple Street to Park Street]
- 271/07 Prior Year 2007 Invoices to be placed for City Council approvals - Frank McCann,
Director Dept.of Public Works – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 272/07 Lawrence Community Revitalization Deduction Program – Little Car Care – Ezra Glenn,
Director, Community Development Dept. – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 273/07 Lawrence Community Revitalization Deduction Program –Ozzy Properties – Ezra Glenn,
Director, Community Development Dept. – Ref. to Budget & Finance
- 274/07 Parking – Methuen Street (in front of the Lawrence Firefighters Credit Union) –
15 minute (3 spaces) – Council Pres. Blanchette – Ref. to Ordinance
- 275/07 Name of Park on Marion Avenue – Counc. Gonzalez – Ref. to Ordinance

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

ADJOURNED
(7:36p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk