

**CITY OF WOBURN
DECEMBER 18, 2007 - 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Roll Call

Denaro	Gately
Drapeau	Gonsalves
Dwyer	Mercer-Bruen
Galvin	Raymond
Doherty	

VOTED to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's Journal and to APPROVE.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

ORDERED That the sum of \$150,000.00 be transferred as follows from Account #31359-595000 Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Ambulance to \$125,000.00 #0122051-511500 Ambulance Salary Account, \$25,000.00 #0122054-544300 Ambulance Maintenance Account.

s/Chief Paul Tortolano
s/Auditor Gerald Surette
s/Mayor Thomas McLaughlin

s/Alderman _____

ORDERED That the sum of \$257,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated as so stated from Unreserved Fund Balance Acct #01-356000 \$257,000.00 to Commercial Water Meter Installation Acct #64258-585231 \$257,000.00.

I hereby approve the above: s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor
I hereby recommend the above: s/John Corey, City Engineer
I have reviewed the above: s/Gerald W. Surette, City Auditor

s/Alderman _____

A communication dated December 18, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Dear President Doherty and Members of the City Council:

I urge you to support the \$625,000 appropriation before you tonight in order to assist me in my efforts to successfully negotiate employee contracts for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

Our city employees certainly deserve a just and fair settlement of their respective contracts. This funding measure is an important component in this endeavor.

Your support of the appropriation will demonstrate your commitment and support of our dedicated workforce and will allow me the opportunity to successfully negotiate a number of collective bargaining contracts that expired on June 30th of this year.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the matter relative to Tax Classification for the City of Woburn. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

On the Order to appropriate the sum of \$625,000.00 to Mayor Account for the purpose of negotiations, committee report was received "ought not to pass".

On the Order to transfer the sum of \$20,500.00 from Altavesta Replacement Account, Altavesta Asbestos Abatement Account and Joyce Painting Account to Mayor – Ice Rink, committee report was received "ought to pass".

On the Order to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from Treasurer Lock Box Fees Account to Treasurer – Prof. Development Account, committee report was received "ought to pass".

MUNICIPAL LANDS:

On the request for assent regarding the approval of Land Court Plan No. 5711 delineating the subdivision of land at 170 Russell Street, committee report was received “ought to pass”.

ORDINANCES:

On the Order to amend Section 13.1.4 of Title 13 of the 1989 Woburn Municipal Code, as amended, relative to the fee for residential unit per utility, committee report was received “ought to pass”.

POLICE AND LICENSE:

On the petitions for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales Licenses by Richard Cail dba Winn Street Motor Sales; EC Inc. dba XPress Fuel; William Garvey dba Garvey’s Auto Repair; Joseph P. Mahoney Co., Inc.; Olive McDermottroe and Bridget McDermottroe dba McDermottroe Auto; Robert McSheffrey dba Bob McSheffrey Auto Sales; Wassim (Sam) Nicolas dba Woburn Square Mobil; Kenneth L. O’Connor dba City Line Motors; Ollies Service Center; O’Rourke’s Service Station, Inc.; Jeffrey Pollock dba Exclusive Automobiles; Tracy M. Batten dba Tracy’s Auto Sales; and Southside Associates, Inc. dba Burke’s Garage; committee reports were received “ought to pass”.

NEW PETITIONS:

Petition by Robert P. Fucarile dba Classic Auto Sales, 9 Salem Street for renewal of Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales License.

ORDERED Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Woburn that the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

1. Section 5.1 Table of Use Regulations line 42a self-storage warehouse facility – no storage of high hazard materials, trailers, motor vehicles or any outside storage shall be amended by deleting the “-“ under the B-I column and replacing with “P”;
2. Section 6.1 Table of Dimensional Regulations shall be amended by adding to the Floor Area Ratio column for the B-I Zoning District of the following: “(Note 5)”;
3. Section 6.1, Table of Dimension Regulations shall be amended by adding “Note 5” which shall state as follows: “The Floor Area Ratio

for a self-storage warehouse facility as defined in this Ordinance shall be 2.0.”

Submitted by William Highgas III, 21 Alden Avenue, Stoneham, Massachusetts, the owner of 420 Washington Street; William J. Highgas III and Arpie E. Highgas Beaman, Trustees of B.A.R. Realty Trust, 422 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, the owners of 422 Washington Street; and William Highgas III, 21 Alden Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts and Arpie Highgas, 422 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, the owners of 424 Washington Street; all being landowners affected by the proposed amendment.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

A communication dated was received from Charles L. O’Connor, Parking Clerk, Police Headquarters, 25 Harrison Avenue as follows:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Section 20A½, I am submitting a report to you on the parking violations in the City of Woburn for the period ending November 2007: number of tickets issued 1,486, number of tickets paid 1,226, number of hearings scheduled 692, number of tickets voided or dismissed 125, number of tickets outstanding 456, number of tickets issued by motorcycle officers 0, total dollar amount collected and turned into the Treasurer’s Office \$56,268.40. There exists a backlog of 4,934 tickets for 1982 through 2006. Demands will be sent out until all tickets have been cleared. Parking violations turned over to Handicap Commission to date \$7,640.00.

Respectfully submitted, s/Charles L. O’Connor, Parking Clerk City of Woburn

A copy of a communication dated December 3, 2007 Attorney Maria C. Rota, Kopelman and Paige, P.C. relative to the new fire sprinkler law and 2008 Liquor License Renewal Applications.

A communication dated December 4, 2007 was received from U.S. Representative Edward J. Markey relative to an information meeting concerning the federal earmark process and the State Transportation Improvement Program.

A copy of a communication dated December 4, 2007 to the Woburn Board of Assessors was received from Marilyn H. Browne, Chief, Bureau of Local Assessment, Massachusetts Department of Revenue relative to notification of preliminary certification.

A communication was received from the Town of Winchester Planning Board concerning a public hearing on the Area Comprehensive Plan for the Winchester Hospital Expansion at 620 Washington Street to be held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. in the Winchester Room of Winchester Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon Street, Winchester.

A communication dated December 7, 2007 was received from Sean P. Kennedy, P.G., Senior Project Manager, EnviroTrac Environmental Services, 1400 Providence Highway, Suite 2100, Norwood, Massachusetts 02062 relative to a Class A-2 Response Action Outcome Statement at Swift Transportation, 60 Olympia Avenue, MassDEP RTN 3-27232.

A petition with six pages was received indicating that the signatories were Woburn Fire Department and Woburn Police Department employees and asking that the City Council accept Section 19 of M.G.L. Chapter 32B coalition bargaining for health insurance and to immediately begin putting together RFP's (request for proposals) to get bids on quality health insurance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING: None.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS:

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Ann Alongi – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Ann D. Alongi of 79 Prospect Street as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2009. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Doris Stanton – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Doris Stanton of 18 Nichols Street Ext. as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2010. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Barbara McCauley – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Barbara McCauley of 10 Buck Street as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2010. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Francis Hancock – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Francis Hancock of 3 Pearl Street as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2010. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Dorothy Capone – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Dorothy Capone of 7 Maura Drive as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2010. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

A communication dated December 31, 2007 was received from His Honor the Mayor as follows:

Re: Eleanor Camillieri – Council on Aging

Dear Mr. Campbell:

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Woburn, I hereby reappoint Eleanor Camillieri of 6 Shields Street as a Member of the Council on Aging. Please be advised that the term will expire December 31, 2010. The effective date of this appointment will be the date of confirmation by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely, s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS: None.

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN.