

**CITY OF WOBURN
WOBURN CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCES CHARTER & RULES COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE ROOM
WOBURN CITY HALL
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 – 6:09 P.M.**

Voting members present: Chair Joseph Demers, Councilor Robert Toro, Councilor Robert Ferullo, Councilor Lou DiMambro, and Councilor Mercer-Bruen.

Non-voting members present: President Jeffrey Dillon, Councilor Charles Viola and Councilor William Pappalardo.

Participating by telephone under the City of Woburn remote participation policy: Councilor Campbell, and all votes where by Roll Call.

Also present: Mayor Michael Concannon, City Solicitor Mark Salvati, Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn and Planning Director John Cashell.

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Reading and approval of previous meeting minutes: Motion made by Councilor Ferullo and seconded by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of the meeting of January 13, 2025; approved, 5-0.

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Woburn Madison Holdings, LLC for a proposed zoning amendment to the WZO as follows: 1. Section 2 definition of Mixed Use Hotel/Restaurant to include “or more contiguous development lots”; and 2. Section 6 and Section 6.1 Notes to Table of Dimensional Regulations to add footnote 6(iii) “Woburn Landing i.e., the parcel of land located at 369 Washington Street containing a Mixed Use Hotel/Restaurant Use”: Representing the applicant was Attorney Joseph Tarby, III, of Rubin and Rudmin, 500 Unicorn Park Drive, Suite 502, Woburn, MA 01801. Attorney Tarby submitted two documents, Motion made by councilor DiMambro and second by Councilor Mercer-Bruen to take all documents collectively. Roll Call – Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes, passes 5-0. Attorney Tarby stated the proposed amendment amending the definition of mixed-use hotel/restaurant by adding after one on the second line with the following language or more contiguous on lot, so it would allow for one or more continuous lots within the hotel/restaurant development. Attorney Tarby stated the other proposed amendment is in addition to section 6.1 6 a new section 3, which would say Woburn Landing located at 369 Washington St. containing a mix use hotel/restaurant use. Attorney Tarby stated they processed in this direction because it would have little impact on other sites in the city. Attorney Tarby stated they proposed a further revision to prevent any unattended consequences. Attorney Tarby

stated the first page in section 6 says not with standing the above provisions the following development sites shall remain exempt, Inwood Office Park, Unicorn Office Park and now they are proposing Woburn Landing be added to that. Attorney Tarby stated the reason this amendment is being proposed is the hotel is in the process of being refinanced and in order to do that the hotel needs to be separated into its own lot. Attorney Tarby stated that right now it is one lot with the 110 Grill building, the Press building, Chick-fil-A building and the hotel. Attorney Tarby stated there is nothing else that can be done with that property other than hotel mix used development. Attorney Tarby stated they have added some language that say the exemption shall apply only to a lot or lots in one of the above development sites in existence as of January 1, 2025, which is sort of a second layer of protection. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated what she is afraid of is the unknown unintended consequences. Motion made by Council Mercer-Bruen and second by Councilor DiMambro that a communication be sent to the Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn to have the Commissioner review the plans for the proposed zoning amendment to verify that the minimum lot requirement of 40ft is met, as well as highlight any issues that the Building Commissioner might for see. Roll Call Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Toro – Yes, Demers – Yes, passes 5-0. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated the hotel drive way for the access is not entirely on the hotel property. Attorney Tarby stated this is a several step process, if the amendment gets adopted they would need to come back before the City Council to amend some of the special permits that where granted. Councilor Mercer-Bruen asked if the access will only be Washington Street. Attorney Tarby stated that would be the proposed legal access. Attorney Tarby stated that there would be cross easements on both properties similar to Woburn Village, but the legal street access would be Washington Street. Attorney Tarby stated nothing would change with the driving and parking all over the site. Councilor Mercer-Bruen asked attorney Tarby with all the parcels having a lower landscaping & higher floor area ratio would that give the ability to same day increase the size of these buildings. Attorney Tarby stated technically you could seek to, but you are limited to restaurant and hotel use. You wouldn't be able to come in and put a six-story office building, because the special permit is under the mixed-use zoning. Councilor Mercer-Bruen made a motion and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to send a communication to City Solicitor Mark Salvati to provide his opinion on any potential unintended consequences to the proposed zoning amendment. Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes, passes 5-0. Motion made by Councilor Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Councilor Toro to Send Back for Action. Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes. Passes 5-0.

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President Dillon, per request of the Mayor, for a proposed amendment to the WZO Section 5.1(79), Table of Use Regulations allowing municipal uses to be permitted as of right in all zoning districts: Motion made Councilor Mercer-Bruen and second by Councilor Toro that the committee hear from members of the public on this matter. Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes, passes 5-0. Motion made by Councilor Toro and second by Councilor Ferullo to open the matter up to non-voting members of the Council. Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes, passes 5-0. Mayor Concannon said he appreciates the opportunity to meet with them to continue the discussion regarding the proposed zoning amendment. Mayor Concannon stated he was joined tonight by City Solicitor Mark Salvati, Building Commissioner Thomas Quinn, members of the fire station building committee team, our consultants Pat Saitta of Municipal Building Consultants and Rick Rice of DiNisco Design, Inc. as well as Fire Chief Kenton. Mayor Concannon stated he understands this is the process we come into Committee and hash it out, and thanked those who sent it to committee. Mayor Concannon stated he thinks this is an opportunity to make sure that the City Council has all the pertinent information they need to make a decision. Mayor Concannon stated the first step in this process is for the matter to go to the City Council and the Council generally sends it off to the Planning Board where it reviews the proposed zoning ordinance and make a recommendation to the City Council. Mayor Concannon stated that has already happened, there was a recommendation made by the Planning Director to the Planning Board for their consideration. The Planning staff recommended the Planning Board send a favorable recommendation to the Council. The Planning Board conducted their public hearing, members of the public were present able to weight in, the Planning board voted unanimously to send a favorable recommendation to the council for adoption of the zoning amendment. Mayor Concannon stated this came about during discussions in the building committee meetings. Primarily regarding the fire stations, but also to a certain extent when discussing the renovation and occupation of 6 Common Street. What could be done in advance to ensure a speedy process where we get the fire stations built and occupancy of 6 Common Street. Mayor Concannon stated they discussed ways to stay on top of cost, materials, long lead items being purchased early, understanding supply chain issues. Mayor Concannon stated he submitted a generic municipal use exemption zoning ordinance change understanding that is step one of the process. The process involves many various looks, debates, discussions opportunities to tweak, amend, revise and adapt that idea to something that leads to compromise and a favorable vote. Mayor Concannon stated he was going to have City Solicitor Salvati talk about possible tweaks and revisions to the generic municipal use exemption that the Council might find agreeable. Mayor Concannon stated what this is not is a power grab by himself or the City. It is not an attempt to diminish the power of the City Council. Mayor Concannon stated he has complete respect for the authority of the City Council. Mayor Concannon also stated it is not a desire to squash public input or to keep the people's voices from being heard. It is not an effort to lessen transparency within City government. Nor do I view this as the biggest agenda item in my administration. Mayor Concannon stated it is a suggestion, it an idea, it is a thing we thought might make go a little bit smoother, but it is not at all a must have. Mayor Concannon stated the table of use regulations is a document the Council has the authority to amend as they see fit. Mayor Concannon stated this Council, the Council he was on certainly did their share of

amending since it was first crafted in 1985. It has been amended in 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002 all the way up to 2022. Mayor Concannon stated it is suppose to reflect the needs, the wishes, the priorities of the City of Woburn in the current day. Mayor Concannon stated he says all that so there isn't tremendous concern that an amendment to the zoning code of the Table of Uses is something that never gets done. Mayor Concannon stated if a change is made and, in a month, or decade later you want to change it again you have that full authority. Mayor Concannon stated if you look at the Table of Use item 79 Municipal Uses, you will not that when the City wants to do something in the City, for the City, for the benefit of the City's residents we are required to get a special permit in every zoning district in the city. If you look through the rest of the Table of Uses, two things you will see most of the other instances allow an opportunity by right in a particular district. Industrial building should be allowed by right in an Industrial zone, office buildings should be allowed by right in Office zones, residence allowed by right in residential zone. That is what the table of uses lays out for you. Mayor Concannon stated he is asking this Council is it logical that the City of Woburn should not be allowed to do anything by right in any zone except for schools. Mayor Concannon stated does it make any sense at all to carve out a public safety exemption, does it make sense to allow a fire station to be in any of are zones by right. Mayor Concannon state 6 Common Street was a bank and insurance company for years, an insurance company can go in there tomorrow by right, City Hall Annex can't be put in there by right, because that is a municipal use and all municipal uses require a special permit in every zone in the City. Mayor Concannon stated on Henshaw Street there has been a private ambulance company that has been allowed to operate by right because it is business service, until recently they moved. We have an opportunity now to perhaps instead of moving stations 4's personnel & equipment to Head Quarters during construction to perhaps lease space where the ambulance company was on Henshaw Street which would allow us to keep the apparatus in the district the entire time we are renovating rebuilding station 4. Action Ambulance was allowed to operate there by right in that zone, if we want to put our own fire truck there or ambulance there we have to get a special permit. Mayor Concannon stated this not trying to deviate too much more from what already is on the books. If you look through the 9 pages of Tables of Use and look at all the Xs, the X is by right, is a use that is allowed by right somewhere in the City. Mayor Concannon stated under Sec. 5.1 #51 Essential Public Services when he was going through the definitions, he would have been certain that essential public services must obviously include Police, Fire and DPW, it does not. Our definition of public services is the erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities or government agencies of under ground or overhead gas, electrical, steam or water transmission or distribution systems, collection, communication, supply & disposal, poles, wires, mains, drains, sewer pipes, conduits, cable, fire alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith but not including buildings necessary for the furnishing of adequate service by public utilities or government agencies for the public health or safety or general welfare. Mayor Concannon stated we allow utilities by right in all districts, we don't characterize fire stations, police stations or water treatment plants as essential public services. Mayor Concannon stated what is before you is an attempt to raise the issue to see if there is an appetite through the process to do things better than we are. Mayor Concannon stated if you don't think we can do better then we are, he could live with that and will continue down the path

of special permit. Mayor Concannon stated he wants to make sure to do everything we can to streamline and expedite the process to eliminate surprises and to build in predictability to the process. Mayor Concannon stated unpredictability equals time delays and cost delays. Mayor Concannon stated special permit process is subject to appeal, that could lead to a delay. A delay means our fire station doesn't get built on the time frame that we would like to see it built. Mayor Concannon stated it is important for the Council to understand that a special permit for every single municipal use we subject ourselves to the possibility to appeal. The same thing applies to the renovations to the building next door. Mayor Concannon stated that the Building Department, Conservation Department and Engineering Department we expect and hope they can occupy that space by April 1st, if someone appeals we won't be. Building Commissioner Quinn stated 6 Common St. was a bank in the Woburn Center business downtown for many years it was a by right use. The insurance company was in there as a business office use that was also a by right use. Building Commissioner Quinn stated the City of Woburn bought the building for pretty much the same use, to move offices into the building to serve the taxpayers and the public. That process requires a special permit based on the definition of municipal use. If the insurance company wanted to go back in there tomorrow, they would apply for a building permit and it would be business as usual. Building Commissioner Quinn stated essentially the use that was there and the use that is going in there, there is no change just a reconfiguration of space, which you would get that with any tenant set up. Building Commissioner Quinn stated there is a fire station in East Woburn now that has been there forever. Directly across the street from the fire station we have the Goodyear Elementary School which are both in a R2 zoning district. The school which is much larger is a by right use, the Council other than approving the funding had no other authority. Building Commissioner Quinn stated public education doesn't require a special permit in any zoning districts. The fire station that is a quarter of the size based on our definition and it is in a R2 zoning district does require a special permit under our ordinance. If we were in the Industrial zone you could put research & testing of 24,999 sq. ft as by right use. The fire station is maybe 11,000 or 12,000 sq. ft max, half of that size, it is in a residential neighborhood but the use is already there it is an established use. Building Commissioner Quinn stated Henshaw Street, the ambulance company was in there, classified as business service & business sales based on our definition, they moved out Woburn Fire wants to put an ambulance there and a piece of apparatus based on definition a special permit is needed. Building Commissioner Quinn stated his view as the zoning enforcement office these things take time. This thought came out through the building committee based on a book on that will be forty years old in April. Building Commissioner Quinn stated he thinks within the next two years we may have more overlay districts in this book than actual chapters. Building Commissioner Quinn stated that the Council approved the funds for the fire station and doesn't think there was any opposition for the thirty-million-dollar bond authorization for the fire stations. Building Commissioner Quinn stated it is a use that is governed by the city, for the city and that trying to save a little bit of money, move the time lines up. Building Commissioner Quinn stated as of right now he believes the city's cost is at one thousand a square foot, a delay would bring the cost to eleven hundred or twelve hundred a square foot in the unknowns if this gets appealed. Mayor Concannon stated they are looking to put a fence up around old station four sometime around April 1st, move the apparatus and residents of station four out either to head quarters plan

A or perhaps to Henshaw Street as plan B. Start demolishing the building and get into construction so there are no delays. Rick Rice of DiNisco Design, Inc. stated a cost estimate exercise to double check cost that were before the City when we were authorized to proceed. The cost estimates were received in December with the understanding that bid would be received mid-August looking at the economic IND indicators applied 3% escalation the basic cost six-month period that about a half a percent a month in terms of the fire station that's around \$50,000. dollars a month. That is no design fees or anything that is just pushing things out, as was allowed to in order to hit favorable construction seasons. Mr. Rice stated to accelerate the process we have been actively involved in issuing an early site package, which would get the site shovel ready. So, the general contractor after we go out to bid in August we get bids back September/October mobilize etc. they can start work in late fall. If there are several months of delay you get into a situation where constructors might be looking at having to do thing in bad weather, winter conditions and things like that can come into play and those cost are over and above whatever an inflationary cost might be. Pat Saitta of Municipal Building Consultants stated the positioning of the schedule is so critical you want to do things at time frames when they are favorable to the economics. Pat Saitta stated that right now this job is positioned perfectly to match the seasons, foundation in the fall, steel erecting in the winter time, which is not weather susceptible, masonry commencing in the spring, when the weather is favorable. Pat Saitta stated depending how the project falls into place with regards to the schedule, will have as much of an impact as what the inflation is. Currently in a position where we are very favorable to have a good strong economic time frame to get this done. Mayor Concannon inquired if there would be any additional cost or work required to prepare for a special permit process. Rick Rice stated no that they went through the special permit process for Head Quarters, there was really no special work that they had to do in order to help the City through. City Solicitor Salvati stated the request is for the exemption in all zones for uses. Obviously, the Council has the power to do anything to that extent or something less which would include allowing in all except residential zone for all municipal uses. City Solicitor Salvati stated you could allow for fire only in all districts and no municipal use any other, they could allow for fire only and exclude residential. They could consider business down town, business highway which would cover 6 Common Street, which would cover Lexington St., Main St. and Winn St., which is mostly business highway. City Solicitor Salvati stated the other option the Council might consider is to require any of these uses or some of these uses to have a site plan review. What that would do would still give the power to the Council to review the plan. It would allow the Council to review the plan in the areas that the Council would be most concerned about, the exterior, the parking, the height and look of the building. City Solicitor Salvati stated the big thing for this would be it much harder to appeal a site plan review. It can't be appealed until building permit is issued, and usual at that point all the issues have been worked out by then and doesn't usually get very far in Land Court. City Solicitor Salvati stated that are some of the different options, you could have any option you want, you can make it as general or specific as you want. Mayor Concannon stated you can revisit the definitions when you talk about essential services in the City of Woburn. City Solicitor Salvati stated you could adopt a new provision that fire is considered essential that would fall under the category of allowed in all zones, or you could call it essential in every district except residential. If we did it that way we would have to refile because that was

not the request initially. Mayor Concannon stated he didn't want anyone in the public to think their right to be heard during the special permit process means that the thing they want gets included automatically, because it is a special permit process. Councilor DiMambro stated when we say by right for commercial, for industrial, for residential those are private entities and that is their money. Councilor DiMambro stated they are elected by the public to monitor these things because it is the public that is paying for the public building. Whatever the need is, it is the public that pay for that. Councilor DiMambro stated when it comes to a public building the public should be involved and the public should voice their option. It is our job too explain to the public these are the needs and these are the reason why we need this. Councilor DiMambro stated that there is no way when you do a construction project to nail it down, to start in April and going to finish on a certain date those things never happen. We have the bridge up in North Woburn there have been three months delay, four months delay for so many different reasons, one being just heat the weather alone, another one was the utility companies, there is always a delay when it comes to utilities companies or conservation or supply chain. Councilor DiMambro stated when it comes to a fire station or a police station he doesn't see the problem bring it to City Council. If something needs to be expedited the Council has the ability to see the needs, plan it and set the course. The Council can do it in an exponential manner, still including the public with the special permit. Councilor Campbell stated there is a reason why municipal use are not by right, it is protecting the residents from government overreach. Whether it is from this government or the next one to come or the one after that. Council Campbell stated she believes there need to be separation and believes it is critical for successful functioning city. Councilor Campbell stated it is taking the authority away from the City Council. Council Campbell stated she is all for the fire station, we have ways to expedite the process. It has already been five weeks the petition could have already been put to the Council for the special permit. City Solicitor Salvati stated that the municipal zoning was adopted in 1992 before that it was by right. City Solicitor Salvati stated they haven't filed yet because they don't have a site plan stamped by a surveyor at this point. Councilor Pappalardo stated this project was approved a couple of months ago for the dollars for the project, and all these obstacles they were already in place and known at that point. Councilor Pappalardo stated this is the hottest topic he has been associated with in a year on this Council including the teachers. The phones are ring off the hook he is getting calls from lots of different places, the fire station is in Ward two and he is getting calls from neighbors down there everyone is weighting in. Everything the other Councilors are saying is just reinforced by what the constituents are saying. Councilor Pappalardo stated the special permit process the council is going to support this we all want this to happen as quickly as we can. The process as it is shouldn't delay things inordinately. Councilor Viola stated he agrees we need to support are first responders. Councilor Viola stated his phone since last Tuesday has been ringing off the hook, getting emails and texts from people from people across the City that are against this. Councilor Viola stated if we are talking about set backs with the project potentially, in the west side we still don't know a position where we are going to be placing station 5 that could be more incurred cost. Mayor Concannon stated on set backs and variances none of this talks about diverting from any of that path, we are still bound by all of that. If you look at 5.1 X means at least in the arena of reduction of rights conversation X means you don't have the right to speak, the Council doesn't have the right to weight in, the public doesn't have a right to be

heard at a public meeting. Councilor Ferullo asked City Solicitor Salvati about changing the definition under section 5.1, what that would take. City Solicitor Salvati stated that would take a refiling he doesn't believe you could use this particular one. Councilor Ferullo asked how quick could we move that. City Solicitor Salvati stated he could have it in by Thursday could hear it March probably. Councilor Mercer-Bruen asked if that essentially still have the same effect and removes the special permit process. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated it still eliminates the special permit and public hearing where people are head on the record, and it eliminates the ability for any appeal. Councilor Ferullo stated with 11a with the schools the schools have full right to plant where ever they want, and a fire station is similar to a school. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated that is under section 40, Mass General Laws, section 3 that school & religious are exempt. Pointed out that nobody in this room or this City had an option to decide that was decided by the Commonwealth. Building Commissioner Quinn stated that Mass General Law 40a it is subject to reasonable regulations; the reasonable regulations may be just with the permit granting authority, it could fall with the Planning Board, could fall with the Building Commissioner. If you look at all those X's by right uses that is all within the Building Commissioner purview. President Dillon thanked the Council for getting this to this point, going through the process, meeting here to discuss it. President Dillon stated we are all trying to listen to our constituents, also bear in mind there is health & safety involved. What is in front of us is, there is a fire station there currently and we are replacing it with a fire station, so do I want to take any rights away from any neighbors or anyone in the community. It is a balance, that they have a couple of things here they have to think about. President Dillon stated the question we should be asking is it similar in size, similar in nature or will it have more of an effect on a neighbor that may want to put an appeal in. President Dillon stated he wouldn't vote for next door the office building because it is not health & safety, it is inconvenient but not health & safety. President Dillon asked if we are going to have shortages on building supplies and man power because California is going to be taking a great amount of resources. Pat Saitta stated that there is no way to predict what is going to happen there may be some impact, but this job is insulated because this job is attractive enough and it is a steel structure. We should be okay with steel, this is not going to be a wood frame building it is a masonry, steel building, we are dealing with concrete, masonry, and steel we should be okay with that. Councilor Toro asked City Solicitor Salvati how site plan review is different from special permit process. City Solicitor Salvati stated it is like a private school and the input you would have in that area which involves traffic, the look of the site itself, parking, landscaping all that kind of things. Building Commissioner Quinn stated that when we did the 40R district over at the Woburn mall he believes that most of those uses were site plan review through the City Council. Site plans relate to location of the building, the aesthetics, parking, landscaping, useable open space, the lighting, screening between residential and commercial properties. Councilor Toro asked if it still allows for a public hearing. Planning Director Cashell stated that site plan review is noting but an advisory decision of the site plan approving authority. Site plan view is not an appealable decision. It is an administrative decision that has no legal basis for appeal in the court system. Councilor Toro asked if you could condition the site plan review and formally hear from the residents of the city. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated you could not. City Solicitor Salvati stated you could ask for changes. Councilor Demers stated it would be basically similar to what happened with the daycare over on the west

side. You would have to have a petitioner who is willing to concede to make some concessions. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated the only reason why the west side school was in front of us in the first place was because they wanted to do something that they couldn't do under the Dover Rule and if it wasn't for Building Commissioner Quinn finding that reason it never would have been in front of us. City Solicitor Salvati stated if adopted we would have to come to the council for a site plan review. Councilor Demers stated we couldn't say these are the conditions, we would reject it can you change it. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated this is a big deal when you talking about saying to the public you cannot come down and speak on the public record, and when you speak on the public record that means something. Abutters will be notified, you also have a right to appeal. Councilor Mercer-Bruen stated if we are all working together like we did with the headquarters; water treatment plant and we are doing everything we are suppose be doing an appeal shouldn't happen. What concerns her is that there is a great deal of worry about it and she doesn't know why. We shouldn't be taking this away from the City Council or the residents of the City. We shouldn't be eliminating the rights of our constituents and the rights of the City Council; site plan review doesn't cut it. Lori Medeiros, 9 Marietta St., Ms. Medeiros thanked those who she spoke to over the weekend about this issue. Ms. Medeiros stated the zoning ordinance of 1992 came about because at the time the EPA was gung-ho about reopening wells G & H and there was not restriction at that time. The pump houses could have been built and brought back online. Ms. Medeiros stated we don't know what is coming down the pike that we need to safe guard from. Ten to Fifteen years ago we didn't know about the PFAS we are facing today and the money we are spending on that. Ms. Medeiros stated this has nothing to do with the fire station, it is not about the current administration or the current Council. Ms. Medeiros stated she believes this City Council will work with the City on special permits for whether it is for next door or the fire stations. Ms. Medeiros stated she was confused, in one hand you are stating if don't vote for this it is okay, but we are bringing out everybody tonight and long presentation so is it important or not. Ms. Medeiros stated those by right uses are private dollars, they are not the tax payers' dollars and there is a huge difference, people want to be heard. Ms. Medeiros stated she watch the Planning Board meeting no less then three times and she felt that there was genuine concern from several veteran planning board members, she felt the concerns weren't one hundred percent answered. One of the concerns was will the residents have a forum to be heard. One of the answers was the mechanism of the finance committee of the City Council, in this case that ship has sailed the money is already there. Ms. Medeiros stated the other option is going to the Building Committee meetings, those meetings aren't convenient for the average person to attend. Ms. Medeiros questioned whether there was a Goodyear School representative or a school department representative on the Fire Building Committee. Ms. Medeiros stated Mr. Hesslin stated at the last City Council meeting "I did not elect you to lose your right to protect me." If it is not the end of the world if this doesn't happen please leave it alone. Catherine Shaughnessy, 31 Scott Street stated it is as simple as this you would be voting to relinquish your own power. Ms. Shaughnessy stated the power belong in the City Council, and doesn't know why you would relinquish that to the executive office. Ms. Shaughnessy stated you need to look down the road, we don't know what is going to happen. We don't know who is going to be in the corner office, they may not be as transparent as you people are. Councilor Mercer-Bruen made a motion and seconded by Councilor DiMambro a to send it back "Ought

Not to Pass.” Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes. Passes 5-0.

MOTION made by Councilor Mercer-Bruen and seconded by Councilor DiMambro to adjourn; Roll Call Toro – Yes, Mercer-Bruen – Yes, Ferullo – Yes, DiMambro – Yes, Demers – Yes in favor, 5-0. Chair Demers adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

A TRUE RECORD ATTEST

Diane J. Stiffler
Assistant City Clerk

