

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday January 15, 2019

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019** at 7: 00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA.

Attendance recorded by roll call of the Council Members as follows:

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B Councilor] – Present;
Councilor Anna Levy [Councilor at Large] - Absent;
Councilor Marc Laplante [District F Councilor] – Present;
Councilor David Abdoo [District E Councilor] – Present;
Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Present;
Councilor Maria De La Cruz [Councilor District A] Present;
Councilor Brian DePena [Councilor At Large] Present;
Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D Councilor] – Present;
Council President Kendry Vasquez [District C Councilor] – Present;

Other attendance matters:

Approximately Fourteen [14] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members present that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted December 18, 2018 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration of approval.

Upon the motion of Councilor Payano to approve the minutes as presented duly seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the minutes.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Council President Vasquez requested those who wished to provide public input and participation to present themselves and address the City Council. Upon the invitation of Council President Vasquez, the following individuals addressed the City Council:

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Homayoun Maali, 53 Chester Street, Lawrence, MA wished everyone a Happy New Year. He stated that the public demands Mayor Rivera Mayor support the Lawrence Police Department, Lawrence Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Lawrence Public Schools their Teachers and Unions, and Union representative Frank McLaughlin. He praised the efforts of Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque.

Francis Tineo, 8 Kendall Street, Lawrence, MA stated that he had been before the City Council Members previously and again requested assistance with truck being towed by Valley Towing. He stated that his truck was illegally towed by Valley Towing from Orchard Street and is being sold for parts. He stated no one has contacted him stating further that he believed there is an investigation being conducted but he was never provided the results of the investigation.

Waira Berroa, 45 Bromfield Street, Lawrence, MA, informed the Council Members that she is the petitioner in asking the City Council Members to remove deed restrictions appearing in the deed of the property located at 56-58 Bromfield Street in Lawrence which she purchased from the City of Lawrence as presented in Document 250/2018. She stated that conditions have changed that necessitate the removal of the deed restriction placed in the transfer deed at the time the City of Lawrence sold the property.

Leonard Eddy, City of Lawrence School Safety Officer, 63 Bigelow Street, Lawrence, MA informed the Council Members that despite some enforcement measures cars continue to speed dangerously when travelling on Bigelow Street. He asked for the assistance of the City Council Members to re-instate serious safety measures to make Bigelow Street safe for the neighborhood residents.

Richard Russell, 34 Cross Street, Lawrence, MA asked about the status of Document 334/18 which provides tax relief to Senior residents of Lawrence asking whether Mayor Rivera has approved the measure. He also inquired about the manner the Massachusetts Public Record Law in is implemented in the City of Lawrence.

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III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

**Doc. 343/18: Handicapped Parking – 15 Rollins Street – Marta Madera –
Public Hearing held – Approved**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez 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 Vasquez closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members present to offer comment or discussion.

Upon no discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion portion of the proceedings and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

Upon a motion to approve presented by Council Vice President Rodriguez, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to approve the measure [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 343/18: Approved

Doc. 344/18: Parking – 324 Prospect Street-15 minute – JJ Meat Market Bodega -Jose Santos, Owner-Counc. De La Cruz-Public Hearing held – Approved/30 days waived

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz informed the Council Members of the necessity of the proposed ordinance and urged its approval.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion portion of the proceedings and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

Upon a motion to approve the measure and to waive any 30 day waiting period that may apply pursuant to section 3.8(a) of The Lawrence City Charter as presented by Councilor De La Cruz and seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure presented and to waive any applicable 30 day waiting period that may be required by the Lawrence City Charter.

Doc. 344/18: Approved/30 days waived

**Doc. 351/18: Handicapped Parking – 59 Weare Street – Counc. Abdo –
Public Hearing held – Approved/30 days waived**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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Upon a motion to approve the measure and to waive any 30 day waiting period that may apply pursuant to section 3.8(a) of The Lawrence City Charter as presented by Councilor Abdo and seconded by Councilor Laplante, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure presented and to waive any applicable 30 day waiting period that may be required by the Lawrence City Charter.

Doc. 351/18: Approved/30 days waived

Doc. 353/18: Handicapped Parking – 15 West Street – to be removed – Ramon Hiraldo – Public Hearing held – Approved/30 days waived

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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Upon a motion to approve the measure and to waive any 30 day waiting period that may apply pursuant to section 3.8(a) of The Lawrence City Charter as presented by Councilor Reyes and seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure presented

Doc. 353/18: Approved/30 days waived

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**Doc. 397/18: Winter Parking – Garden Street - Alternate Side Winter Parking Ordinance [current Winter Parking Ordinance and the pending Winter Parking Ordinance to be entered on 7-1-19]
Counc. Reyes – Public Hearing held- Approved/30 days waived**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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Upon a motion to approve the measure and to waive any 30 day waiting period that may apply pursuant to section 3.8(a) of The Lawrence City Charter as presented by Councilor Reyes and seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure presented

Doc. 397/18: Approved/30 days waived

IV: Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney: - None

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS:

Doc. 1/19: Resolution – Supporting the Recommendations of the “Foundation Budget Review Commission” Relative to Funding the Foundation Budget [Chapter 70] [49 Million Annually] – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

Doc. 2/19: Appropriation –Additional [1,434,303] Pursuant to JLMC Award – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

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Council President Vasquez called the above items to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda referring each item for further proceedings to the City Council Subcommittee as indicated.

Doc. 1/19: Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

Doc. 2/19: Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 371/18: Office of Planning and Development – Tufts Health Plan Foundation Grant to Mayor Task Force - [10,375.00] – Susan Fink, Manager of Financial and Administrative Services – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Abdo.

Alicia Miller, Coordinator of the Mayor's Health Task Force, presented information concerning the item to the Council Members.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz posed questions to Coordinator Miller asking if funds will provide meals to be cooked at the Senior Center. Coordinator Miller stated that the intent and purpose of the grant funding is to provide a review and report of aging in the Lawrence area. Councilor De La Cruz suggested the Council on Aging should assist the elderly with cooking serviced.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion to approve and the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the item as presented.

Doc. 371/18: Approved

Doc. 396/18: Lawrence Public Library – Request for Authorization to Expend Health Literacy Grants – All of Us Technology Award – [10,000.00] & Community Engagement Award – [15,000.00] – Jessica V. Vilas Novas, Director – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

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Council Members present.

Doc. 396/18: Approved

**Doc. 389/18: Department Heads Quarterly Report –
Counc. Payano & Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez – Committee of the Whole – Tabled**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented the report of the Committee of the Whole recommending sending notice to City Department Heads asking for compliance with the new provisions of the ordinance approved by the City Council in July of 2018. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item as seconded by Councilor Payano.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano commented by stating the intention is to request City Department Heads to comply with the ordinance.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated the responses of the Department Heads will be helpful to the Council Members.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano suggested a copy of the requirements be sent to the Department Heads.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated the current ordinance be sent to Department Heads for compliance.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion and the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to send notice to each department head requesting compliance with the new ordinance.

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [8-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 389/18: Tabled

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VII. WITHDRAWALS:

Doc. 17/12: Parking Meters Financial Update and Review – Council Vice Pres. Rivera – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Withdrawn

Upon being recognized, Councilor Laplante moved to withdraw the above matter from the City Council Agenda previously pending before the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Abdoo and Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to withdraw the item from the City Council Agenda.

Doc. 17/12: Withdrawn

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Doc. 323/17: Disposition – 14-16 Tremont Court [Tax Map 167, Lot 141] – [To be referred to Hous. Cmt.] - Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 40/18: Surplus Declaration – 23 Doyle Street – [Tax Map 184, Lot 161] – [To be referred to Hous. Cmt.] - Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 315/18: Disposition – 12 Acton Street, Unit 207 [Tax Map 190, Lot 1/7] - [To be referred to Hous. Cmt.] - Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 316/18: Disposition -15 Boxford Street, Unit 1 [Tax Map 61, Lot 2/1] – [To be referred to Hous. Cmt.] - Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Ref. to Housing Committee

Council President Vasquez introduced the items cited above referring each to the Housing Committee for further proceedings.

Doc. 323/17: Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 40/18: Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 315/18: Ref. to Housing Committee

Doc. 316/18: Ref. to Housing Committee

IX. TABLED MATTERS:

Doc. 250/18: Office of the City Attorney - Deed Restrictions for 56-58 Bromfield Street – Request to lift – Brian T. Corrigan, Assistant City Attorney – Ord. Cmt. [T][09-05-18] – Approved - Tabled

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0].

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Upon invitation Ms. Berroa, the petitioner, addressed the Council Members providing information concerning the changed circumstances that necessitate the removal of restrictive covenants attached to the deed as a condition of the purchase of the real property sold to her by the City of Lawrence. She stated that an irrevocable trust has been established to assure proceeds obtained from any sale of the parcel are put into a trust for the benefit of her minor child which had been suggested by the City Council Members in order to support a vote for the removal of the deed restrictions.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez spoke in support of the approval of the item.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano asked Ms. Berroa questions about the establishment and purpose of the trust.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez explained the funds generated by the sale of the real estate without the restrictions attached will be used for the trust beneficiary.

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members of the beneficial interest established in Article 3 and Article 4 of the trust document.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano suggested that it may be necessary to amend the trust to assure the beneficiary is able to obtain supplemental care. A discussion ensued between Councilor Payano and Council President Vasquez regarding the sufficiency of the supplemental care provision already contained in the trust document.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated the document allows the trustor great latitude to provide care to her son who is the beneficiary named in the trust document.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

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Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Council Vice President Rodriguez initially presented and recorded on September 5, 2018 , as seconded by Councilor De La Cruz, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the item.

Doc. 250/18: Approved

Doc. 244/18: City Attorney Application Review & Appointment Consideration – Council Pres.[Executive Session Anticipated][T][09-18-18] - Tabled

Councilor Laplante presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0].

Council President Vasquez updated the Council Members on the item.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to add Acting City Attorney Raquel Ruano as a third applicant for the position of City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to include Acting City Attorney Ruano as a finalist for the City Attorney position. Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to allow the finalists for the position of Lawrence City Attorney determine the role they will serve in the Office of the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Council President Vasquez commented on the creativeness of the motion presented which would require an amendment to the current ordinances that provide the services to be provided by each City Attorney approved for each position outlined in the City Ordinances.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano clarified that it is his understanding the motion presented by Councilor De La Cruz would allow the City Attorneys hired by the City of Lawrence would collectively decide the nature of services each were to provided on behalf of the City of Lawrence.

Council President Vasquez suggested that a newly structured ordinances for the Office of the City Attorney may be required and presented for the consideration of the City Council Members.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante agreed that the current ordinance would have to be amended.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated change is needed.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes suggested the matter be referred to amend the ordinance and the motion should be considered.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz withdrew her motion.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested calling for an interview for all three candidates at a Special Meeting of the City Council.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano inquired about whether the candidates subject to a failed motion could be interviewed and voted upon again. He suggested the latest candidate added to the list of candidates be contacted and the position discussed.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to invited and interview Attorney Ruano as a “third finalist” for the City Attorney position as seconded by Councilor Payano.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante stated there are many legal issues already resulting from the selection process which may require the legal opinion of counsel hired to advise the City Council Members in order to proceed. He stated that he does not support the motion presented for these reasons.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano suggested that outside counsel should be engaged to advice City Council.

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Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated proceeding with interview and hire outside counsel while proceeding.

Upon no further comment, inquire of discussion Council President Vasquez called upon the Council Members to consider the matter presented and Council Member present voted by roll call vote to interview Attorney Ruano as a “third finalist” for the position of Lawrence City Attorney with further proceedings to be conducted at a Special Meeting of the City Council as follows: Yes-6; No-2; Absent-1

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - No
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Absent
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to hire outside Counsel to review City Attorney hiring and hiring process regarding document’s 244/18 and 385/18. The motion was seconded by Councilor Laplante and Council Members present voted to hire outside Counsel by roll call vote as follows: Yes-6; No-1; Absent-2 [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
 Councilor Anna Levy - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - No
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Yes

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The Council Members engaged in a brief discussion on the manner which outside counsel may be hired concluding with Council President Vasquez stating that he will discuss the matter further with Mayor Rivera.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and unanimously [7-0] approved by Council Members present. [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 244/18: Attorney Ruano added as Finalist/Outside Counsel to be Engaged/Tabled

Doc. 385/18: Office of the City Attorney–Contract Extension–Brian T. Corrigan, Assistant City Attorney – Pers. Cmt. – Approved & Tabled

Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [7-0]. [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

8:30 p.m.: Councilor Abdoo presented a motion to recess Council proceedings minutes which was duly seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0]

8:45 p.m.: Councilor Abdoo presented a motion to come resume Council proceedings which was duly seconded by Councilor Laplante and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0]

Upon request of Council President Vasquez, City Clerk Maloney reviewed the history of the document for the benefit of the Council Members present.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to renew Attorney Corrigan’s contract as Second City Attorney of the City of Lawrence. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante stated the question is that the candidate for Second City Attorney of the City of Lawrence who presented an application for appointment independently of any recommendation from the Mayor or the City Attorney. He stated that the advice of counsel regarding the validity of the manner which the application was presented by Attorney Corrigan should be obtained before taking the action provided by the motion presented.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano commented that the City Council assumed Attorney Corrigan would remain employed while the Council considers the item submitted for consideration. He stated that the termination of Attorney Corrigan's employment as a City Attorney by Mayor Rivera changes the matter. He stated that Attorney Corrigan should be returned to employment while the matters presented are determined.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo stated the item is presented in a flawed document. He stated the City of Lawrence doesn't presently have a City Attorney contracted for employment. Councilor Abdoo stated things have changed but have not progressed toward the solution. He suggested that legal Counsel is necessary to assist addressing this matter. He suggested the entire City Attorney selection process should start from the beginning.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano suggested that the change of circumstances necessitate the Council Members take action stating that there is probably forty-five day buffer of time within the contract provisions of the Second City Attorney which may be required to be honored. He stated that he believes the City Council is within its authority to reinstate Attorney Corrigan to the position as Second City Attorney.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz agreed with Councilor Payano stating that Attorney Corrigan's dismissal was accomplished without the authority of the City Council.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DePena informed the Council Members that there is no communication between the City Council and Mayor Rivera. He stated the Mayor may have over-extended his authority suggesting the authority to dismiss Attorney Corrigan may belong to the Council. Councilor DePena stated he supports Councilor De La Cruz's motion to reinstate Attorney Corrigan.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez read from the Lawrence City Ordinances provision establishing the position of the Second City Attorney. He suggested the "buffer" provision of the contract of Attorney Corrigan may be involved.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo stated that the challenge is really with the City Charter which authorizes the Mayor to execute employment action forms which he is likely to refuse to execute. Councilor

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Abdoo stated that even if the vote is to approve Attorney Corrigan's contract the Mayor will not honor that vote. He re-iterated that outside Counsel is needed to complete this process.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes stated that Attorney Corrigan's ability to perform the work as Counsel to the City of Lawrence and the services provided to date are not in question. She stated that she is not sure if a vote of Council to approve Attorney Corrigan's contract will be effective. She also stated that the selection process to hire a permanent City Attorney should begin again to be proper. Councilor Reyes stated she will support the motion presented.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano sought clarification that motion presented by Councilor De La Cruz is to renew the contract of Attorney Corrigan as Second City Attorney for the City of Lawrence. He requested that that Councilor De La Cruz consider adding a time period which the contract would extend suggesting that the renewal of the contract be extended for a period of not more than one year adding that a definite time period may be appropriate. Councilor Payano stated that applicable ordinance provisions should be honored and the Mayor should be informed of the intention of the City Council Members to obtain advice from outside counsel regarding this matter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated the City Council needs to put greater emphasis on the authority the City Charter grants to the City Council concerning these matters.

A discussion ensued among Councilors regarding various times for the renewal of the contract.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano suggested the motion to renew Attorney Corrigan's contract subject of the motion presented for consideration suggesting that the time period of the renewed contract be for six months through June 30, 2019 which is the end date of fiscal year 2019. Councilor De La Cruz stated that she accepts the proposed amendment to her main motion adopting the amendment presented by Councilor Payano to limit the time period of Attorney Corrigan's contract renewal extension as Second City Attorney for the City of Lawrence through June 30, 2019 the end date of the 2019 fiscal year.

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Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Upon a motion to approve Attorney Corrigan's request to renew his contraction as Second City Attorney for the City of Lawrence to extend through June 30, 2019 the ending date of the 2019 fiscal year presented by Councilor De La Cruz, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote to extend Attorney Corrigan's contract till June 30, 2019 as follows: Yes-6; No-2; Absent-1

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - No
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Absent
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Yes

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez moved to "table" the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [8-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 385/18: Approved/Tabled

Doc. 336/18: State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-Early Voting-Other matters-William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T] - Tabled

Councilor Payano presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously [8-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano asked for an update on the status of the voting machines used in City of Lawrence elections.

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members that he has not yet met with Mayor Rivera concerning this matter.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Payano moved to "table" the matter. The motion was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously [8-0] approved by Council Members present.

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The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

- 39/10 Charter Review [Public Hearings as needed]
- 148/11 Parking – Merrimack Street–alternate side parking–Council. Laplante–Ord. Cmt.
- 224/13 Lawrence Historical Commission-Temp. Public Art Ord. & Art/Mural Regulations-Jonas Stundzia,Chairman-Pub. Hrg. [cont.]
- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition–Council. Laplante
- 175/14 Security regulations at nightclubs – Council. Laplante – Ord. Cmt. [T][09-05-18]
- 197/14 Double Poles–Locations–Review–Council Pres. Maldonado
- 311/14 Guilmette & Lawrence High Schools Litigation [Executive Session Anticipated]–Atty. Raquel D. Ruano, Ass’t. City Atty.
- 337/15 E-Commerce Exchange Zone – Ordinance – For: Resolution - Council. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt.
- 72/16 Residency requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt
- 341A/16 Removal of Breda Daou from Office of Assessor – Mayor Dan Rivera – Pers. Cmt.
- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres. Vasquez & Council. Rodriguez – Public Hearing
- 162/17 Water and Sewer Department –Woodard & Curran update to City Council re: Lead and Copper tests per Mass DEP Regulation Daniel J. Lahiff, Acting Commissioner
- 221/17 Stop Sign–Intersection of Andover and Foster Streets–Council. Vice Pres. Laplante–Public Hrg Pending-Traffic Study Ordered
- 308/17 Lawrence Historical Commission–request to recognize authority of the Commission to name or rename sites within its jurisdiction– Donna Bertolino, Secretary – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 342/17 Lawrence Historical Commission –Vendors on Campagnone Common– Statement and Position– to create a Resolution In support of enforcing the ordinance of Vendors at the Common - Jonas Stundza– Council. Reyes – Ord. Cmt.
- 392/17 Speed Limit–South Broadway [30 MPH]–Council. Abdo [T][2-6-18]
- 11/18 Creation of City Council Standing Subcommittee on Education – Council. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt
- 85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units– [Sec. 15.12.065] - Council. Payano – Public Hearing
- 110/18 Haverhill St–One way btwn Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Council. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
- 147/18 Parking – Stearns Ave [296-296A Lawrence St] – 15 minute – Council Pres. Vasquez [T][08-21-18]
- 148/18 Lawrence Auxiliary Police – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez & Council. Payano – Public Safety Cmt.
- 168/18 Americans with Disabilities Act: Poll Accessibility Citations DOJ– [Executive Session Anticipated][T][08-21-18]
- 190/18 Resolutions honoring the top Lawrence Graduates from Lawrence High School, Central Catholic High School, Notre Dame Cristo Rey, Greater Lawrence Technical School, and Northern Essex Community College – Council. Laplante – Presentation
- 208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Council. DePeña – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 214/18 Board of Health Ordinance Amendment–Council. Payano–Public Hearing Closed [8-21-18]
- 244/18 City Attorney Application Review & Appointment Consideration – Council Pres.[Executive Session Anticipated][T][09-18-18]
- 280/18 Stop Sign – 4-way – Alder and Hampshire Streets – Council. Payano – Public Hearing

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- 288/18 Private Livery & Taxis Services Office-Meditran, LLC - 49 Blanchard Street Ste. 207-3-Jose L. Fernandez –Sgt. Mélix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept. – Ord. Cmt.[T][09-05-18]
- 292/18 Resolution - Boys “Thunder” Beyond Soccer Program - Councils. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 293/18 Resolution – Police Officer Dean Thomas Murphy - Councils. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 321/18 Order Pursuant to G.L. c. 56, sec. 60 issued by William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][09-18-18]
- 326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Council. Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][12-4-18]
- 328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Council. Payano[T][09-18-18]
- 336/18 State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-Early Voting-Other matters- William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T]
- 385/18 Office of the City Attorney–Contract Extension–Brian T. Corrigan, Assistant City Attorney – Pers. Cmt.
- 388/18 Resolution - In honor of Patricia Karl – Council. Payano – Ord. Cmt.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Vasquez brought the matters listed below to the attention of the Council Members

present and referred each to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

- 3/19 Taxi License Renewals – Merrimack Transportation Corp, Liberty Taxi, Inc, Popular Taxi Co, Five Stars Express Transportation, 809 Express Transportation Inc, Town Enterprises, LLC, JC Transportation Inc., Reliable LLC & L&M Transportation –Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept., Hackney Division – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 4/19 Handicapped Parking – 77 Bromfield Street – Narda Lopez-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 5/19 National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. – Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Floral and Jasper Streets – Dave Johnson, Engineering Department-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 6/19 Disclosure of Municipal Employee – Robert E. Runge, Jr. – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 7/19 Plastic Bags – Prohibiting Single Use – Council. Payano-Ref. to Ord. Cmt
- 8/19 Proposed Amendment of the City’s Zoning Ordinance – Petitioner - National Grid – Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner – Ref. to Ord. Cmt. & Planning Board
- 9/19 National Grid and Verizon New England – Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Burke Street – Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 10/19 Orchard Street Alternate Parking – Carlos L. Jacquez, Director of Public Works-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 11/19 Saint Patrick Day Parade – Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 1pm to 4pm – John Drew, Lawrence Saint Patrick Day Parade Cmt.-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 12/19 Senior Center – Fence Replacement – Council. Reyes-Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 13/19 Handicapped Parking – 62 Ames Street –to be removed – Council. Laplante-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 14/19 Reclassification of Mayor’s Health Task Force Position – Mayor Dan Rivera-Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 15/19 No Parking – Haverhill Street in front of School – [between Hampshire and Franklin Streets – [1 hour from 7am to 8am] – Council. Peña – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 16/19 Lawrence Housing Production Plan – Request for City Council Approval – Karen Sawyer Conard, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission-Ref. to Housing Cmt.
- 17/19 Lawrence Police Department – 2019 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant- [224,000.00]-Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

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- 18/19 Lawrence Police Department – FY2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant – [66,963.00] – Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 19/19 Lawrence Police Department – 2019 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant – [750,200.00] – Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 20/19 Lawrence Public Library – Request for Authorization to Expend Technology Grant – [10,000.00] – Jessica V. Vilas Novas, Library Director – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 21/19 Lawrence Police Department - FY2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant – [23,604.00 Federal] and [23,604.00 State] – Total [47,208.00] – Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 22/19 Police Radio – Counc. Payano – Ref. to Public Safety Cmt.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Upon Motion of Councilor Reyes duly seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council

Members present voted unanimously to Adjourn.

**ADJOURNED
(9:30p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk

Date Minutes of 1-15-19 Approved by City Council: 2-5-19

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

DATE: Tuesday January 29, 2019

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, January 29, 2019** at 7: 13 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA.

Attendance recorded by roll call of the Council Members as follows:

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B Councilor] – Present;
 Councilor Anna Levy [Councilor at Large] - Present;
 Councilor Marc Laplante [District F Councilor] – Present;
 Councilor David Abdoo [District E Councilor] – Present;
 Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Present;
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz [Councilor District A] Present;
 Councilor Brian DePena [Councilor At Large]-Absent at roll call;
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D Councilor] – Present;
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez [District C Councilor] – Present;

Councilor DePena arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Other attendance matters:

Approximately Seven [7] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - None

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: - None

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

IV: Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney: - None

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS: - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS: - None

VII. WITHDRAWALS: - None

VIII. TABLED MATTERS:

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**Doc. 385/18: Office of the City Attorney–Contract Extension–Brian T. Corrigan, Assistant City Attorney
[Mayoral Veto Entered 01-24-19] [Executive Session may be entered] – Approved**

Upon being recognized, Councilor Payano presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano discussed the recent termination of Attorney Corrigan as an Assistant City Attorney by Mayor Rivera despite the City Council's vote to approve and extend the contract of Attorney Brian Corrigan on January 15, 2019. He informed the Council Members that Attorney Corrigan remains a finalist for the City Attorney position and eligible for consideration. He stated that Attorney Corrigan's sudden termination is unexpected and the dismissal by Mayor Rivera is questionable.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to over-ride the veto of Mayor Rivera to the City Council's approval of an extension of Assistant City Attorney Brian Corrigan's contract through June 30, 2019 subject to a vote of the City Council at its Meeting held on January 15, 2019. Councilor De La Cruz discussed events that took place concerning the petition presented by Attorney Corrigan.

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion to over-ride the Mayor's veto presented by Councilor De La Cruz.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes posed questions to Acting City Attorney Ruano asking if the position of Second City Attorney is subject to the 10 day posting requirement. Acting City Attorney Ruano stated that all positions have to be posted for 10 days before certification. Councilor Reyes asked if the position vacated by Attorney Corrigan will affect the selection of the City Attorney which Attorney Ruano stated that she is a candidate for the Lawrence City Attorney position and it may be a conflict of interest to advise the City Council concerning this matter stating further that City Attorney Corrigan also a current candidate for the position.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdo stated that he believes the matter before the City Council does not concern the City Attorney position.

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Council President Vasquez informed the City Council Members that Acting City Attorney Ruano was invited to appear before the City Council to answer further questions regarding her interview for the City Attorney position which is the reason the Special Meeting of the City Council was scheduled. Her attendance and appearance is coincidental and she may not be able to provide advice or counsel concerning this or any other matter that may be in conflict.

Upon continuing, Councilor Abdo stated that he is in a position that he cannot support the motion presented without the advice of Council. He stated the Second City Attorney position is an position subject to the appointment of the City Council which creates a conflict.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated the pending motion is for the City Council Members to consider over-riding Mayor Rivera's veto of the City Council vote to reinstate Attorney Corrigan as Second City Attorney through the 2019 fiscal year. He provided information concerning the position held by Mayor Rivera and stated further that the position of the Second City Attorney is a position which the City Council hires by vote as recommended by the City Attorney. Council Vice President Rodriguez then reviewed the applicable provision of the Lawrence City Ordinance with reference to the duties and responsibilities of the Second City Attorney. He stated that he is prepared to support the motion to over-ride Mayor Rivera's veto of the City Council vote as presented.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz suggested that the issue of concern is that the City Attorney has not recommend Attorney Corrigan causing Attorney Corrigan to file for an extension independently.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated although there may not have been a recommendation by the City Attorney in this instance he suggested that the initial recommendation to appoint Attorney Corrigan may be relied upon.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano stated that the contract with the Second City Attorney requires that an extension be provided according to the terms of the agreement stating further that termination is or suspension is required to be entered by a 2/3rds vote of the City Council.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante asked about efforts to engage outside Counsel.

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members that he has not discussed hiring outside Counsel to advise the City Council in this matter with Mayor Rivera.

Upon continuing, Councilor Laplante stated there is a conflict created due to the applicants for the vacant City Attorney position which includes the two attorneys who remain with the Office of the City Attorney and the Chief of Staff. He stated the City Council must seek and obtain the advice of counsel before taking action to assert the authority of the City Council in this matter and should also seek counsel to resolve the issues presented.

Councilor Laplante stated the difference of opinion on this matter needs to be clarified through the advice of Counsel. He suggested that City Council President Vasquez be allowed to seek engaging outside Counsel before a vote is taken in this matter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated that although she believes Councilor Laplante is correct the City Council should take immediate action concerning the motion presented because there is no reason or cause supporting the dismissal of Attorney Corrigan and the action by City Council is the right thing to do.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez inquired about the time frame required attendant to presenting a veto to the City Council for its consideration. He stated that he City Charter Section 4.9 requires the City Council to take action this evening and that a vote should be called to comply with the applicable provision of the Lawrence City Charter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano discussed the original vote of the City Council to extend the contract of Attorney Corrigan as Second City Attorney commenting that the intention at that time was to obtain a legal opinion of outside Counsel concerning this matter.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

Upon the motion to over-ride the veto of Mayor Rivera to the City Council's approval of an extension of Assistant City Attorney Brian Corrigan's contract through June 30, 2019 subject to a vote of the City Council at its

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Meeting held on January 15, 2019 as presented by Councilor De La Cruz and seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote to over-ride the veto of Mayor Rivera as follows:

Yes-8; No-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc. 385/18: Approved

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

Doc. 189/18: A&M Auto Body, Inc. – 341 South Broadway – Request to amend the Zoning Map 97, Parcels 18 and 19 from R-2 to B-1- [10-16-18-Defeated][11-7-18-[Reconsidered-approved] [Executive Session Anticipated] – Tabled

Council President Vasquez introduced the above item reviewing the legislative history of the matter and informing the Council Members that Acting City Attorney Raquel Ruano has requested to be heard on the matter due to discuss litigation that is currently pending before the Essex County Superior Court with a hearing scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2019.

At 7:55 p.m. and upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion that the City Council conduct its meeting in executive session in order to deliberate on matters pertaining to Document 189/18 which is presently subject to current and ongoing litigation before the Essex County Superior Court stating further that information that may be provide by Acting City Attorney Raquel Ruano and discussions concerning litigation with and among the City Council Members will result in its deliberation as a body to determine litigation strategy to be presented at Court hearings and proceedings subject to the cause of action pending before the Court and more immediately scheduled for a hearing on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Councilor Levy seconded the

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motion and the Council Members voted unanimously [9-0] to conduct proceedings in executive session and recorded by roll call vote as follows: Yes – 9; No – 0

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante – Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Yes

[7:55 pm –The Lawrence City Council convened to Executive Session]

**[EXECUTIVE SESSION]
 [CONFIDENTIAL]**

Persons Present in Executive Session:

Council Members present:

Council President Kendrys Vasquez
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez
 Councilor Brian DePena
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz
 Councilor Pavel Payano
 Councilor David Abdo
 Councilor Marc Laplante
 Councilor Anna Levy
 Councilor Estela Reyes

City Clerk Maloney
 Assistant City Attorney Morin
 Acting City Attorney Ruano

[8:22 p.m. -The Lawrence City Council terminated Executive Session and resume proceedings in public session]

Upon being recognized, Councilor DePena presented a motion to terminate “Executive Session” and resume public session of the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously approved by the Council Members present by voice vote [9-0].

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Council President Vasquez directed City Clerk Maloney to conduct a roll call vote of the Council Members concerning the voice vote of the Council Members to terminate executive session and resume proceeding in public.

Upon the roll call vote of the Council Members present, the Council Members present voted to terminate “Executive Session” and resume public proceedings of the Lawrence City Council by roll call vote as follows:

Yes-9; No-0;

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Levy and Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to “table” the item.

Doc. 189/18: Executive Session Held/Terminated-Tabled

X. TABLED MATTERS:

Doc. 244/18: City Attorney Application Review & Appointment Consideration – Council Pres. [Executive Session Anticipated][T][01-15-19] – Charter Objection [Councilor Abdo]

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Council President Vasquez reviewed the legislative history of the item and opened the floor to the Council Members for discussion and to pose questions to Acting City Attorney Ruano who is presently the third finalist for the position of City Attorney.

Upon invitation of Council President Vasquez, Acting City Attorney Ruano addressed the City Council providing background as a former prosecutor and private Counsel. She highlighted her work in District Court and experience in Federal Court. She explained her interest in working as City Attorney for the City of Lawrence

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stating the daily manner of litigation the City of Lawrence presents. She stated she has experience and the interest to serve in the position.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes asked Acting City Attorney Ruano about the challenges presented by the position which Attorney Ruano responded by discussing the challenges of municipal law stating that it would be helpful to bring modern law office technique to the City Attorney's Office. She also stated that she would like to bring the City Attorney's Office to "full staff" to reduce the necessity of engaging outside Counsel. She suggested that Finance Director Ianello has informed her that the Finance Office has been authorized to provide funds to the Office of the City Attorney to assist with the financial requires involved with staffing and equipment. Councilor Reyes asked if the office of the City Attorney may be over-whelming which Attorney Ruano stated that she has been performing the work required of the position for the last few months and believes she will be able to handle the work required of the position if selected.

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez posed questions to Attorney Ruano concerning prior work history and experience with municipal law. Attorney Ruano referenced her 12 years of municipal law experience as a favorable aspect to consider. Council Vice President Rodriguez stated the biggest challenge is to make efforts to stop engaging outside Counsel for legal matters. Attorney Ruano stated she would like to hire more than three attorneys to work in the City Attorney's Office. She stated the legal demands placed upon the City demands more attorneys be hired. Attorney Ruano suggested that some of the staff attorneys could acts as "general practitioners" providing general services of counsel while others may have to provide more specialized service such as labor law counsel.

Upon continuing, Council Vice President Rodriguez asked Attorney Ruano about a plan of action over the next one hundred days. Attorney Ruano stated that more immediate action needs to be initiated to assure the proper recruitment and hiring of qualified candidates for available positions. Council Vice President Rodriguez asked about a plan for Counsel to provide services as Counsel in specific areas of practice. Attorney Ruano stated hiring assistant attorneys to address the various legal matters that are presented to the Office of the City Attorney is

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necessary and some office structure may be required with an upgrade in office procedures to be more efficient. Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested that reporting updates to the City Council will be necessary which Attorney Ruano responded by stating that quarterly reporting to the Council in compliance with the recently amended ordinance provisions and providing as much information as possible through will be used as a guide.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz asked Attorney Ruano if she would be a “team player”. In response, Attorney Ruano stated that working in an office with several attorneys require constant communication to keep everyone apprized of the cases being handled by the Office to keep staff unified. In response to being asked by Councilor De La Cruz how Attorney Ruano intends to be more visible in the community, Attorney Ruano stated that the recent Columbia Gas crisis has allowed her to volunteer time and effort to the Lawrence Community in a meaningful way. She stated that she would likely attend Guatemalan events held in the City of Lawrence which would allow more visibility as well as attendance at National Night Out events. Councilor De La Cruz suggested that attendance at various Neighborhood Association Meetings may also allow for greater Community visibility as well.

Upon further inquiry Councilor De La Cruz asked Attorney Ruano about the placement of high school or college students to assist with the Office of the City Attorney. Attorney Ruano stated that she supports placing interns to help out in the Office suggesting that law students may be better suited to provide assistance due to the unique nature of the work of legal work stating that high school students and possibly college age students may not adjust to the demands that a law office may require. Councilor De La Cruz stated that high school age students could still be helpful and should be considered for tasks that may not be as complicated or demanding.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano asked about discussing office operations with the staff attorneys to provide greater interaction and outreach with the Community. Attorney Ruano stated that she would make efforts to provide greater outreach and communication to the Lawrence Community to increase understanding and access to the services the Office of the City Attorney provides. Councilor Payano also asked her what type of cases would benefit from greater attention or training to help reduce the recurrence of similar

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cases. Attorney Ruano stated the City Attorney's Office addresses more cases involving personally injury occurring on abandoned City owned property. She also stated that cases generated by internal affairs actions of the Lawrence Police Department pertaining to police abuse and misconduct may be reduced with better discipline and training provide to Lawrence police officers on a regular basis.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy asked how many cases are currently assigned to outside Counsel. Acting City Attorney Ruano stated that all labor actions are referred to outside counsel due to the required specialization necessary to provide professional legal services. She stated there are currently about 30 case labor cases pending. She estimated there are approximately 10 cases involving contractual litigation and wrongful termination. She emphasize that Labor Law is highly specialized and labor intensive requiring the focus of time and effort that the limited attorney staff in Lawrence cannot provide to be effective. Attorney Ruano stated that the greatest expense incurred by the Office of the City Attorney for use of outside Counsel concern labor disputes and litigation. Councilor Levy asked how she would improve the Office of the City Attorney with technology. Attorney Ruano stated that it is necessary to provide a technical upgrade to the Office of the City Attorney to increase professional technical applications which private offices currently provide. Councilor Levy asked Attorney Ruano to explain why she would be the best candidate to fill the position. Attorney Ruano stated that she believes she would be the better candidate to fill the position because she has the mot experience of all the candidates applying. She also stated she would be open to greater Community contact to assist those who may need the assistance of the City Attorney's Office.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DePena presented a motion to approve Attorney Corrigan as First City Attorney. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante presented a motion to approve Attorney Corrigan as the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and Council Members present defeated the motion by roll call vote as follows: Yes-1; No-7; Present-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - No
Councilor Anna Levy - No

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Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - No
 Councilor Pavel Payano - No
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - No
 Councilor Brian DePena - No
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Present
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - No

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante presented a motion to suspend the City Council Rule in order to approve Eileen Bernal as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Abdo.

Council President Vasquez discussed issues related to reconsider.

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested that a motion for reconsideration has been allowed at the next meeting and not at later meetings even if the rules are suspended.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion to suspend the rules of City Council in order to approve Eileen Bernal as City Attorney and the Council Members present defeated the motion by roll call vote as follows: Yes-5; No-4

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - No
 Councilor Brian DePena - No
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - No
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Yes

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to approve Acting City Attorney Ruano as City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Abdo entered a Charter Objection pursuant to City Charter Section 3.8(c).

All further proceedings regarding this item were suspended by Council President Vasquez to be presented at the next meeting of the Lawrence City Council as required by the provision of Section 3.8(c) of the Lawrence City

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Charter.

Doc. 244/18: Charter Objection

XI. NEW BUSINESS: - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

ADJOURNED
(9:30p.m.)

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk

Date Minutes of 1-29-19 Approved by City Council: 2-19-19

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday February 5, 2019

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** at 7: 10 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA.

Attendance recorded by roll call of the Council Members as follows:

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B Councilor] – Absent at roll call;
Councilor Anna Levy [Councilor at Large] - Present;
Councilor Marc Laplante [District F Councilor] – Absent at roll call;
Councilor David Abdoo [District E Councilor] – Absent at roll call;
Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Present;
Councilor Maria De La Cruz [Councilor District A] Present;
Councilor Brian DePena [Councilor At Large] - Absent at roll call;
Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D Councilor] – Present;
Council President Kendrys Vasquez [District C Councilor] – Present;

Councilor DePena arrived at 7:12 p.m.
Councilor Laplante arrived at 7:13 p.m.
Councilor Abdoo arrived at 7:19 p.m.
Councilor Reyes arrived at 7:49 p.m.

Other attendance matters:

Approximately Seventy-five [75] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

[At 7:12 p.m. - Councilor DePena arrived to the Session and present]

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members present that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted January 15, 2018 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration and acceptance of the City Council Members.

Upon the motion of Council Vice President Rodriguez to approve the minutes as presented duly seconded by Councilor De La Cruz, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the minutes as follows:

Yes-5; Abstain-1; Absent-3

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Councilor Estela Reyes – Absent
 Councilor Anna Levy - Abstain
 Councilor Marc Laplante - Absent
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

[At 7:13 p.m. - Councilor Laplante arrived to the Session and present]

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Council President Vasquez requested those who wished to provide public input and participation to present themselves and address the City Council. Upon the invitation of Council President Vasquez, the following individuals addressed the City Council:

Homayoun Maali, 53 Chester Street, Lawrence, MA stated that Mayor Rivera should support the Lawrence Police Department, Lawrence Fire Department the Department of Public Works, Lawrence Public Schools their Teachers and Unions, and Union representative Frank McLaughlin. He praised the efforts of Police Chief Vasque for providing public safety services.

Richard Russell, 34 Cross Street, Lawrence, MA congratulated the New England Patriots for the 2019 Superbowl LII victory over the Los Angeles Rams. He commended Mayor Rivera and the City Council Members for handling the Columbia Gas disaster and stated that both are not addressing the issue regarding homeless in Lawrence. He suggested that some of the 15 million dollar reserve funds available be used to help the homeless.

Tom Meyers, 550 Haverhill Street, Lawrence, MA spoke in support of Document 1/2019 – a Resolution Supporting the Recommendations of the “Foundation Budget Review Commission” Relative to Funding the Foundation Budget [G.L. Chapter 70][49 Million Annually] – and urged the City Council Members to support the item.

[At 7:14 p.m. - Councilor Abdo arrived to the Session and present]

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Michael Gorman 826 Riverside Drive, Lawrence, MA informed the Council Members of his appearance before the City Council on December 4, 2018 requesting support for the use of the Buckley Garage as a meeting location for The Movement Family group. He provided information concerning the application to use the location denied by Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque and presented to the City Council this evening on a appeal of the denial of the request for a permit.

Frank McLaughlin, 2 Copley Drive, Methuen, MA President of the Lawrence Teacher's Unions thanked the City Council Members and Mayor Rivera for their hard work providing educational assistance to Lawrence School students, teachers and staff. He spoke in support of the resolution that will provide 49 million dollars each year to the Lawrence Public Schools and urged the Council Members to support the item presented this evening for consideration [Document 1/19]

Council President Vasquez closed the Public Comment portion of the session upon conclusion of all those who wished to offer comment continuing with proceedings before the City Council.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 10/19: Orchard Street Alternate Parking – Carlos L. Jaquez, Director of Public Works – Public Hearing held - Approved held – Approved/30 days waived

At the request of Council President Vasquez, 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 Vasquez 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 Vasquez closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members present to offer comment or discussion.

Upon no discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion portion of the proceedings and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

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Upon a motion to approve the proposed measure and waive any thirty (30) day waiting period that may apply pursuant to section 3.8(a) of the City Charter presented by Council Vice President Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor DePena, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to approve the measure. [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Session when the motion was called and recorded].

Doc. 10/19: Approved/30 days waived

IV: Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

**Doc. 54/19: State of the City Address – Presented in Accord with Lawrence City Charter
Section 4.7 – Mayor Dan Rivera – Presented**

Council President Vasquez introduced the item and upon invitation, Mayor Rivera delivered the State of the City Address.

[At 7:49 p.m. - Councilor Reyes arrived to the Session and present]

Upon conclusion of the presentment, the Council Members recessed to allow members of the public to leave the City Council Chamber.

7:58 p.m. - Councilor Abdo presented a motion to recess the proceedings of the City Council, as seconded by Councilor Laplante and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

8:05 p.m. - Councilor Abdo presented a motion to resume proceedings of the City Council, as seconded Councilor DePena and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [7-0] [Council Vice President Rodriguez and Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded]

**Doc. 54/19: State of the City Address – Presented in Accord with Lawrence City Charter
Section 4.7 – Mayor Dan Rivera – Presented**

Upon resumption of proceedings, Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to withdraw Document 54/2019 from the Council Agenda stating that the presentation of Mayor Rivera has concluded. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously [7-0] approved by Council Members present [Council Vice President Rodriguez and Councilor Payano being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 54/19: Withdrawn

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V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS:

Doc. 1/19: Resolution – Supporting the Recommendations of the “Foundation Budget Review Commission” Relative to Funding the Foundation Budget [Chapter 70][49 Million Annually] – Mayor Dan Rivera - Approved

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to approve the item presented. The motion was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the item as presented.

Doc. 1/19: Approved

Doc. 46/19: Resolution – Approving Application Submission of Certified Project – Theresa Park, Director of the Office of Planning and Development – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Doc. 47/19: Resolution – Approving Incentives Dedicated to 155 Shepard Street – Theresa Park, Director of the Office of Planning and Development – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Doc. 48/19: Appropriation Transfer – Lawrence Fire Department – From: Salaries Permanent [012230-5110] to Uniforms Replacement [012211-5581] – [38,000.00] – Brian F. Moriarty, Fire Chief – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Council President Vasquez called the above items to the attention of the Council Members and referred each item for further proceedings by the Budget and Finance Committee as indicated.

Doc. 46/19: Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Doc. 47/19: Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Doc. 48/19: Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.

Doc. 49/19: Water and Sewer Bond Authorization – [26,800,000.00] - Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt. –Council Rules Suspended/Public Hearing Ordered

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to suspend the Rules of the City Council in order to enter an order for a public hearing on the above item. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and Council Members present unanimously [9-0] approved the suspension of the Rules of the City Council and entered an order for a public hearing.

Council President Vasquez then referred the item to the Budget and Finance Committee for further proceedings.

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Doc. 49/19: Council Rules Suspended/Public Hearing Ordered/Ref. to Budget & Fin.

Doc. 2/19: Appropriation –Additional [1,434,303] Pursuant to JLMC Award – Mayor Dan Rivera – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano invited Finance Director Ianello who presented information regarding the appropriation of funds subject to the petition. Councilor Payano continued by asking about the process of reaching the negotiated amount. He also inquired about future payment of collective bargaining agreement contracts. Director Ianello referred to a five year financial forecast in response.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez posed questions to Director Ianello about the cost of retaining outside counsel to represent the City of Lawrence in this matter. In response, Director Ianello stated that he did not have that information readily available. Council Vice President requested the information be made available at the earliest convenience. Council Vice President Rodriguez also stated the amount of the contract presented in the amount of the appropriation is not sufficient to cover the cost expected for the additional day [tomorrow] not covered by the agreement and inquired about the matter. He stated the lapse of the funds for the additional day may be considered as a lack of appreciation of public safety services provided to the City of Lawrence by employees responsible to provide public safety under this agreement.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated that first responders should not be left without a contract and should be addressed timely and without delay.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo stated that the parties should immediate return to the bargaining table despite the agreement reached to be sure there is no lag time with the next contract to be negotiated.

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Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion to approve and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the appropriation as presented.

Doc. 2/19: Approved

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 349/18: Department of Public Works-Authorization to Expend Recycling Dividends Program Grant-[28,000.00] – in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53A – Carlos Jaquez, Director – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to take document 349/18 out of the order that it appears on the City Council Agenda.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Laplante stated that he intentionally is absenting himself from the Council City Council Chamber and will not be participating in any way in this matter due to the potential of a conflict he may have regarding this item and to avoid any appearance of a conflict. Councilor Laplante then left the Council Chamber .

The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0] to take the item presented out of the order it appears on the City Council Agenda [Councilor Laplante being absent from the Council Chambers at the time the item was called and recorded].

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Abdoo presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously [8-0] approved by Council Members present [Councilor Laplante being absent from the Council Chambers at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 349/18: Approved

Doc. 17/19: Lawrence Police Department – 2019 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant [224,000.00]- Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of

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a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 17/19: Approved

Doc. 18/19: Lawrence Police Department – FY2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant [66,963.00]–Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 18/19: Approved

Doc. 19/19: Lawrence Police Department – 2019 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant [750,200.00]–Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 19/19: Approved

Doc. 21/19: Lawrence Police Department - FY2018 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant [23,604.00 Federal][23,604.00 State] – Total [47,208.00] – Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Budget and Finance Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 21/19: Approved

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

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Doc. 244/18: City Attorney Application Review & Appointment Consideration – Council Pres. [Executive Session Anticipated] – Charter Objection: 1-29-19 by Councilor Abdo – Motion to Approve First Assistant City Attorney Ruano as City Attorney [1-15-19]-Called and Approved

Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to take document 244/18 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Council President Vasquez introduced the item and provided the legislative history of the item referencing the motion to approve First Assistant City Attorney Raquel Ruano to the position of City Attorney as presented by Council Vice President Rodriguez on January 15, 2019, seconded by Councilor Payano which was called for consideration of a vote by the Council Members at the Special Meeting of the City Council held January 29, 2019 and then subject to a Charter Objection pursuant to City Charter Section 3.8(c) by Councilor Abdo. Council President Vasquez informed the Council the item is presented at this session for further consideration of the vote called on January 15, 2019 which remains pending.

Upon no discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, the Council Members presented approved First Assistant City Attorney Raquel Ruano to the position of City Attorney by vote of the Council Members based on the motion presented by Council Vice President Rodriguez on January 15, 2019 as seconded by Councilor Payano as follows by roll call vote: Yes-7; No-2

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - No
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon being recognized, Attorney Raquel Ruano thanked the City Council Members for the vote approving her to the position as City Attorney.

Doc. 244/18: Attorney Raquel Ruano/Approved as City Attorney

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VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Doc. 26/19: The Movement Family – Appeal of Denial of Permit for use of the Buckley Bus Terminal by Lawrence Police Chief Roy P. Vasque and Michael German – Permit Granted After Appeal

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to suspend the Rules of the City Council in order to immediately address the item appearing as New Business on the City Council Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez.

Council President Vasquez informed the City Council Members that the item presented is an appeal from a request for a permit by The Movement Family [the petitioners] who requested the use of the Buckley Parking Garage to serve meals which was denied by Lawrence Police Chief Vasque. He informed the Council Members that the City Ordinances require the Council to consider the matter during the next session held after the appeal is requested. A discussion ensued among the Council Members regarding the item presented.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion to suspend the Rules of the City Council which the Council Members voted unanimously [9-0] to approve.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano presented a motion to over-ride the denial of the permit which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano discussed the permitting process and the importance timeliness during the process. He suggested the denial should be over-ridden due the failure to proceed timely as evidenced by the date the petition was presented and the two week period of time that it took to provide a response and alternative location to the petitioners. He stated that the Buckley Garage appears to be available for use since the time period of the activity the petitioners will be using the building is after the buses are no longer in service.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante reviewed the ordinance suggesting that the ordinance actually addresses free speech and not the use of public locations.

Upon being asked to provide legal guidance, City Attorney Raquel Ruano opined that the permit application used is not the correct form to be used for the use of the building requested. She suggested the use of public buildings is not subject to the permit process. .

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Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested the petitioners should be allowed to provide meals to the public as provided in its permit application.

Council President Vasquez stated that distributing food may be required to obtain necessary food inspections and licenses from the City of Lawrence. He stated there should be a positive resolution of the matter presented.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes stated that the issue should be resolved favorably for all concerned.

Upon being recognized, Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque addressed the City Council Members explaining that the delay in responding to the permit request was partly due to efforts to determine the applicable process necessary to request the use of a building. Chief Vasque stated that his denial letter provides a location where food distribution to the public might be better accomplished.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated that community needs to help the homeless in some way and the assistance provided should be provided jointly by all concerned.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo commented that he believes the efforts of the petitioners are charitable and commendable. He stated the response by Chief Vasque is a responsible approach to provide a solution which also addresses public safety concerns. He suggested the Buckley Garage is not a safe and clean location to serve food to the homeless and a better location for that purpose needs to be found.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante questioned whether or not the item should have even been presented for determination by the Council Members.

Council President Vasquez commented by stating the presentment of the item is not an issue and the Council is required to address the matter pursuant to the City Ordinance.

Upon continuing, Councilor Laplante responded by stating that the process used is not correctly applied.

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As a point of information Councilor Payano cited City Ordinance Section 12.28 stating that the text of the ordinance seems to provide sufficient application to the process and also provide the basis by which the City Council has jurisdiction to consider and determine the appeal of the permit denial filed by the petitioners.

In response, Councilor Laplante stated that he does not believe the process used by the petitioners is appropriate or applicable to the permitting process.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez posed questions to Michael Gorman appearing on behalf of “The Family Movement” group informing the Council Members that location not only is used to serve food to the homeless but also to hold religious prayer services.

Upon continuing, Council Vice President Rodriguez clarified that City Ordinance Section 12.28 is the appropriate vehicle to request permitting to hold religious services citing the applicable text of the ordinance.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano stated that City Ordinance Ordinance Section 12.28 is the ordinance that addresses permits and the applicable process available. He stated that requesting the use of the Buckley Garage as a location to hold the events subject to the permit application give rise to issues concerning public safety, use of public property and access to public property. Councilor Payano stated that use of the Buckley Garage was not an issue during the six months it was being used to serve meals to the homeless and other activities. He stated that something had changed over the six month period to cause a question of public safety to be presented in regard to use of the Buckley Garage.

Upon invitation Michael Gorman discussed a typical event The Movement Family conducts at the Buckley Garage.

Upon continuing, Councilor Payano stated that the events that have been held over the past several months demonstrate that the events are safe, clean and conducted without any problems. Councilor Payano indicated that the request for the permit is to use the Buckley Garage as a location to distribute food to the homeless for approximately 2 hours each week. He stated the appeal process provides a manner by which the City Council may entertain thoughtful review and consideration of the permitting process applied.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy asked if the petitioner would be amenable to using another location its events. In response, Michael Gorman stated that the Buckley Garage has become a location that is commonly identified by those attending the events held and as a result has become the only location that would serve the intended purpose of the group. He stated that Manchester Street Park is not a viable alternative and is unacceptable.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo asked Michael Gorman if there were other locations that might be considered acceptable. In response, Michael Gorman stated there were no other locations that have been viewed or offered that could be considered.

Council President Vasquez stated that Lawrence residents have communicated with him and possibly other Council Members in opposition to the use of the Buckley Garage by the petitions. He also stated that hypodermic needles have been found in the area which may have nothing to do with the events held by the petition or its purpose but create issues involving public safety. Council President Vasquez stated another concern is the number of homeless people congregating at the Buckley Garage which also present public safety concerns of people in the area.

Upon being recognized, Samuel Salib spoke on behalf of the petitioner in support of the appeal presented by the petitioner.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Upon a motion to over-ride denial of permit for use of the Buckley Bus Terminal presented by Councilor Payano and seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote to over-ride the denial of permit as follows: Yes-6; No-2; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Anna Levy - Absent
Councilor Marc Laplante - No
Councilor David Abdoo - No
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes

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Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc. 26/19: Rules Suspended/Permit Denial Over-Ridden

9:30 p.m. - Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to recess City Council proceedings which was duly seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0]

9:45 p.m. - Councilor Reyes presented a motion to resume City Council proceedings which was duly seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0] Councilor Payano being absent from the Council Chamber when the vote was called and recorded]

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 11/19: Saint Patrick Day Parade – Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 from 1pm to 4pm – John Drew, Lawrence Saint Patrick Day Parade Cmt. Ord. Cmt. – Approved

Councilor Reyes presented a motion to take document 11/19 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Abdo and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0][Councilor Payano being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the approval of the item presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item, seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0][Councilor Payano being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 11/19: Approved

Doc. 323/17: Disposition – 14-16 Tremont Court [Tax Map 167, Lot 141] – Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Hous. Cmt. – Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to receive the report of the Housing Committee without a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and unanimously [8-0] received by the Council Members present [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

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Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to approve the sale of the real property at 14-16 Tremont Court [Tax Map 167, Lot 141]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano and Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the sale of the City owned real property as follows: Yes-6; No-1; Present-1; Absent-1 [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Present
 Councilor Brian DePena - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc. 323/17: Approved

**Doc. 40/18: Surplus Declaration–23 Doyle Street [Tax Map 184, Lot 161] –
 Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Hous. Cmt. –Declared Surplus**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented the report from the Housing Committee recommending that the City owned real property located at 23 Doyle Street [Tax Map 184, Lot 161] be declared as surplus City property. The report was presented in the form of a motion to declare the real property as surplus City property which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] declaring the City owned real property at 23 Doyle Street [Tax Map 184, Lot 161] as surplus property [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 40/18: Declared Surplus

**Doc. 315/18: Disposition–12 Acton Street, Unit 207 [Tax Map 190, Lot 1/7] –
 Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Hous. Cmt. – Approved**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented the report of the Housing Committee recommending the approval of the sale of City owned real property as provided in the petition. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the sale of City owned real property as

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presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [8-0] approved by the Council Members present [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 315/18: Approved

**Doc. 316/18: Disposition -15 Boxford Street, Unit 1 [Tax Map 61, Lot 2/1] –
Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer – Hous. Cmt. - Approved**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented the report of the Housing Committee recommending the approval of the sale of City owned real property as presented in the petition. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the sale of City owned real property as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Laplante and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 316/18: Approved

Doc. 213/16: Rental Unit Inspection – Ordinance – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ord. Cmt. – Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion, seconded by Councilor Levy and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 213/16: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 419/16: Urban Renewal Plan - Zoning Recommendations – Kristen Harol, Chair, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the Council Members enter an order for a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Councilor Levy and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 419/16: Public Hearing Ordered

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Doc. 395/18: City Officers and Employees – Appearance before City Council – Amend Section 2.04.130 – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez, Council Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Payano – Ord. Cmt. – Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the Council Members enter an order for a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Councilor Payano.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano discussed the necessity to amend the ordinance.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez stated a draft ordinance was necessary which would be provided to the City Attorney for review and publication by the City Clerk.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council President Vasquez called the motion and the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to order a public hearing on the item [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 395/18: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 5/19: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.–Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Floral and Jasper Streets – Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0][Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 5/19: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 6/19: Disclosure of Municipal Employee – Robert E. Runge, Jr. – Ord. Cmt. - Approved

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the approval of the item presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to

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approve the petition as presented which was seconded by Councilor Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 6/19: Approved

Doc. 8/19: Proposed Amendment of the City's Zoning Ordinance – Petitioner - National Grid – Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and Council Members present voted by roll call vote to order a public hearing on the item as follows: Yes-6; No-1;

Asbtain-1; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Abstain
 Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes
 Councilor David Abdo - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Absent
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - No
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc. 8/19: Public Hearing Ordered

10:00 p.m. - Councilor Abdo presented a motion to conduct Council business past 10:00 p.m. which was duly seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0]

Doc. 9/19: National Grid and Verizon New England – Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Burke Street –Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 9/19: Public Hearing Ordered

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Doc. 13/19: Handicapped Parking – 62 Ames Street –to be DELETED – Counc. Laplante – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending a public hearing on the measure presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Councilor Levy and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Doc. 13/19: Public Hearing Ordered

Doc. 14/19: Reclassification of Mayor’s Health Task Force Position – Mayor Dan Rivera – Pers. Cmt. – Tabled

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Abdo presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano asked Councilor Abdo who explained the purpose of the reclassification.

Upon continuing, Councilor Payano stated that input from the Personnel Director is necessary in order to proceed with the item and moved to present formal invitation of Personnel Director Bonet to provide a report concerning the classification change.

A discussion ensued about the purpose of the proposed amendment.

Upon being recognized, Council Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion of Councilor Payano and the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to request Personnel Director Bonet to send a report concerning the petition for reclassification [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Levy and unanimously [8-0] approved by Council Members present [Councilor Reyes being absent

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from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 14/19: Tabled

IX. WITHDRAWALS:

Doc. 22/19: Police Radio – Council. Payano – Public Safety Cmt. – Withdrawn

Upon being recognized, Councilor Levy moved to withdraw the above matter from the City Council Agenda which had been pending before the Ordinance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano and Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to withdraw the item from the City Council Agenda. [Councilor Reyes being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 22/19: Withdrawn

X. OLD BUSINESS:

**Doc. 314/14: 12-14 Eutaw Street – “Request to Rescind Disposition”
Laiza St. Onge – Ref. to Housing Cmt.**

Council President Vasquez called the above matter to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda referring the item to the Housing Committee for further proceedings.

Doc. 314/14: Ref. to Hsg Cmt.

Doc. 282/18: National Grid – Request to place underground electric conduits and fixtures on Methuen/Hampshire Streets – Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Requested Amendment to Prior Approval – Amendment Approved

Upon being requested to provide information concerning the previously approved item, City Clerk Maloney informed the Council Members that the petitioner requested the City Council to consider amending the approval previously voted upon by the City Council Members in October of 2018. He stated that a review of the amendment by City Engineer Milagros Puello confirmed that the amendment moves the manhole about 15 feet from the location presented in supporting engineering plans. City Clerk Maloney stated that the location of the work and installations subject to the petition are unchanged. The information was also reviewed by the City Attorney who concurred that because there is no change to the location of the work subject to the petition that

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additional notice to abutters or an additional public hearing was not required to request the amendment to be presented to the City Council Members by the petitioner.

Based on this information provide by City Clerk Maloney, Council Vice President Rodriguez presented a motion to approve the amended plan as requested by the petitioner. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 282/18: Amendment Approved

**Doc. 354/18: Chestnut Street – Name to be changed to Leonel Rondon –
Counc. DePeña [Amended: 11/7/18] – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.**

Council President Vasquez called the above matter to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the City Council Agenda and referred the item to the Ordinance Committee for further proceedings.

Doc. 354/18: Ref. to Hsg Cmt.

Doc. 389/18: Department Heads Quarterly Reports [T][01-15-19][see tabled items] – Tabled

Upon being recognized, Councilor Payano informed the Council Members that reports due from Department Heads on January 31, 2019 are being filed with the City Council slowly. A discussion ensued among the City Council Members regarding the reports to be submitted and the expected content of the reports.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano presented a motion to send correspondence to Department Heads requesting reports due on January 31, 2019 be filed no later than February 19, 2019 or be present at the next meeting of the City Council [February 19, 2019]. The motion was seconded by Councilor Levy and Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the motion for correspondence to be sent as provided.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 389/18: Correspondence/Tabled

XI. TABLED MATTERS:

**Doc. 336/18: State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-
Early Voting-Other matters- William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T] – Tabled**

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Councilor Levy presented a motion to take document 336/18 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy reviewed the issues concerning the City Election Division subject to the petition with particular reference to the necessity of providing new or replacement voting machines. She stated that if new voting machines are to be obtained that the City Council has until May 27, 2019 to vote to certify any newly purchased voting machines for use in the Municipal Preliminary Election to be held in September. She also reminded the Council Members that in May of 2018 City Council President Vasquez directed Finance Director Mark Ianello to include the purchase of new voting machines in the Capital Improvement Plan but there has been no action taken to provide for voting machines in the Capital Plan. She stated that the Council President has indicated that he would consult with Mayor Rivera concerning this matter but there appears that no steps have been taken to provide voting machines at all. She informed the Council Members that it has been almost a year since this item was brought to the City Council and time will run out quickly if something isn't done.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano presented a motion to send correspondence to Finance Director Ianello to discuss the importance of the Capital Improvement Plan regarding this item. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Levy moved to "table" the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Payano and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 336/18: Tabled

The following items remained "tabled" without further action:

- 39/10 Charter Review [Public Hearings as needed]
- 148/11 Parking – Merrimack Street–alternate side parking–Counc. Laplante–Ord. Cmt.
- 224/13 Lawrence Historical Commission-Temp. Public Art Ord. & Art/Mural Regulations-Jonas Stundzia,Chairman-Pub. Hrg. [cont.]
- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition–Counc. Laplante
- 175/14 Security regulations at nightclubs – Counc. Laplante – Ord. Cmt. [T][09-05-18]
- 197/14 Double Poles–Locations–Review–Council Pres. Maldonado
- 311/14 Guilmette & Lawrence High Schools Litigation [Executive Session Anticipated]–Atty. Raquel D. Ruano, Ass't. City Atty.
- 337/15 E-Commerce Exchange Zone – Ordinance – For: Resolution - Counc. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt.

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- 72/16 Residency requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt
- 341A/16 Removal of Breda Daou from Office of Assessor – Mayor Dan Rivera – Pers. Cmt.
- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Rodriguez – Public Hearing
- 162/17 Water and Sewer Department –Woodard & Curran update to City Council re: Lead and Copper tests per Mass DEP Regulation Daniel J. Lahiff, Acting Commissioner
- 221/17 Stop Sign–Intersection of Andover and Foster Streets–Counc. Vice Pres. Laplante–Public Hrg Pending–Traffic Study Ordered
- 308/17 Lawrence Historical Commission–request to recognize authority of the Commission to name or rename sites within its jurisdiction– Donna Bertolino, Secretary – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 342/17 Lawrence Historical Commission –Vendors on Campagnone Common– Statement and Position– to create a Resolution In support of enforcing the ordinance of Vendors at the Common - Jonas Stundza– Counc. Reyes – Ord. Cmt.
- 392/17 Speed Limit–South Broadway [30 MPH]–Counc. Abdo [T][2-6-18]
- 11/18 Creation of City Council Standing Subcommittee on Education – Counc. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt
- 85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units– [Sec. 15.12.065] - Counc. Payano – Public Hearing
- 110/18 Haverhill St–One way btwn Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Counc. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
- 147/18 Parking – Stearns Ave [296-296A Lawrence St] – 15 minute – Council Pres. Vasquez [T][08-21-18]
- 148/18 Lawrence Auxiliary Police – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez & Counc. Payano – Public Safety Cmt.
- 168/18 Americans with Disabilities Act: Poll Accessibility Citations DOJ– [Executive Session Anticipated][T][08-21-18]
- 189/18 A&M Auto Body, Inc. – 341 South Broadway –Zoning Amendment [Executive Session Anticipated][T][01-29-19]
- 190/18 Resolutions honoring the top Lawrence Graduates from Lawrence High School, Central Catholic High School, Notre Dame Cristo Rey, Greater Lawrence Technical School, and Northern Essex Community College – Counc. Laplante – Presentation
- 208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Counc. DePeña – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 214/18 Board of Health Ordinance Amendment–Counc. Payano–Public Hearing Closed [8-21-18]
- 280/18 Stop Sign – 4-way – Alder and Hampshire Streets – Counc. Payano – Public Hearing
- 288/18 Private Livery & Taxis Services Office-Meditran, LLC - 49 Blanchard Street Ste. 207-3-Jose L. Fernandez –Sgt. Mélix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept. – Ord. Cmt.[T][09-05-18]
- 292/18 Resolution - Boys “Thunder” Beyond Soccer Program - Councs. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 293/18 Resolution – Police Officer Dean Thomas Murphy - Councs. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 321/18 Order Pursuant to G.L. c. 56, sec. 60 issued by William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][09-18-18]
- 326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Counc. Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][12-4-18]
- 328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Counc. Payano[T][09-18-18]
- 336/18 State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-Early Voting-Other matters-William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T]
- 388/18 Resolution - In honor of Patricia Karl – Counc. Payano – Ord. Cmt.
- 389/18 Department Heads Quarterly Report-Counc. Payano & Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez-Committee of the Whole [01-15-19][T]

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XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Vasquez brought the matters listed below to the attention of the Council Members present and referred each to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

- 23/19 Parking – [2] 15 minutes spaces @ 51 Myrtle Street [Carlos Grocery Store] – Counc. Reyes – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 24/19 Taxi Medallion Transfer – From Mr. Geny J. Vargas to Mr. Jose E. Vargas – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department Taxis and Livery Services – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 25/19 Taxi Medallion Transfer-From Mr. Geny J. Vargas to Mr. Anastacio Rodriguez-Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department Taxis and Livery Services – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 27/19 Appointment – Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ana Medina – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 28/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – Kate Hernandez – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 29/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – Jonas Stundza – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 30/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – David Meehan – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 31/19 Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Richard Rivera – To be re-appointed -Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 32/19 Appointment - Planning Board – Tamar Kotelchuck – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 33/19 Appointment – Planning Board – David Quarrell – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 34/19 Appointment – Planning Board – Antonio Reynoso – To be-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 35/19 Appointment – Full Voting Member – Brenda Rozzi – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 36/19 Appointments – Conservation Commission -Tennis Lily, Eddie Rosa, Mary DiMauro & Joseph Kluff – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.
- 37/19 Iglesia de Cristo Rios de Agua Viva – Request to use Cronin Park, Juniper Street on May 24th; Donovan Park, Andover Street on May 25th; Plains Man Park, Elm Street on June 21st; Kenned Park, Holly Street on June 22nd; Misserville Park, Summer Street on July 19th; Campagnone Common on July 20th; Rowell Park, Auburn Street on August 16th; Costello Park, Shawsheen Road on August 17th; Reviviendo Park, Newbury Street on September 20th & McDermott Park, Bailey Street on September 21st, 2019 from 6pm to 9pm to hold Religious Events “Preaching of the Word of God” – Pastor Graciela Gual – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 38/19 Lawrence History Center [Immigrant City Archives] - Request use of various streets to hold Race 5K Fundraiser on May 19th, 2019 from 9am - Susan Grabski, Director – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 39/19 Handicapped Parking – 2 Bennington Street - Apt. 84 - Katherine Torres – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 40/19 Handicapped Parking – 2 Bennington Street – Apt. 76 – Rafaela Rodriguez –Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 41/19 Handicapped Parking – 32 Knox Street – Counc. DePeña –Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 42/19 Handicapped Parking – 2 Bennington Street – Apt. 83 – Rosalie Lorenzo-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

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- 43/19 Bread and Roses Heritage Festival – Request permission to use the Campagnone Common to hold an event of History and Celebration of Bread and Roses Strike 1912 on Labor Day, September 2, 2019 from 11am to 7pm – Andrea E.K. Vannett – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 44/19 Lawrence Police Department - Animal Control – Ordinance 6.04 of the City of Lawrence Municipal Code to be amended – Roy P. Vasque, Chief of Police – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 45/19 Handicapped Parking – 41 East Haverhill Street – Ann Balsamo - Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 50/19 Office of Planning and Development – Housing Choice Initiative Program Grant [206,500.00]– Susan E. Fink, Manager of Financial & Administrative Services – Ref. to Budget & Finance Cmt.
- 51/19 No Parking – Bennington Street [from Auburn Street to Chestnut Street] from the West side to the East of the street – Milagros Puello, City Engineer – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 53/19 American Disability Act [ADA] Coordinator – Reclassification – Frank Bonet, Personnel Director – Ref. to Pers. Cmt.

**Doc. 52/19: Lawrence Fire Department - 2018 Annual Report –
Quarterly Report – Chief Brian F. Moriarty - Withdrawn**

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes moved to withdraw document 52/19 from the Council Agenda stating that the item appears on the Council Agenda in error. The motion was seconded by Councilor Abdo and unanimously [9-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 52/19: Withdrawn

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

**ADJOURNED
(10:25p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk

Date Minutes of 2-5-19 Approved by City Council: 3-5-19

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday February 19, 2019

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019** at 7: 14 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA.

Attendance recorded by roll call of the Council Members as follows:

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B Councilor] – Present;
Councilor Anna Levy [Councilor at Large] - Present;
Councilor Marc Laplante [District F Councilor] – Present;
Councilor David Abdoo [District E Councilor] – Absent;
Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Absent;
Councilor Maria De La Cruz [Councilor District A] Present;
Councilor Brian DePena [Councilor At Large] Present;
Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D Councilor] – Present;
Council President Kendrys Vasquez [District C Councilor] – Present;

Council President Vasquez left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Other attendance matters:

Approximately Thirty-five [35] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council President Vasquez informed the Council Members present that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted January 29, 2019 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration of approval by the City Council Members.

Upon the motion of Councilor DePena to approve the minutes as presented, duly seconded by Council Vice President Rodriguez, the Council Members present voted unanimously [7-0] to approve the minutes.

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II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Council President Vasquez requested those who wished to provide public input and participation to present themselves and address the City Council. Upon the invitation of Council President Vasquez, the following individuals addressed the City Council:

[7:20 p.m. – Council President Vasquez left the City Council Meeting requesting City Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez to chair the City Council Meeting]

Homayoun Maali, 53 Chester Street, Lawrence, MA stated that Mayor Rivera should support the Lawrence Police Department, Lawrence Fire Department, Department of Public Works, Lawrence Public School Teachers and their Unions, and the Teacher’s Union Representative Frank McLaughlin. He praised the efforts of Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque. He concluded by stating that September 13, 2018 should be dedicated as citizen appreciation day to show appreciation of the Lawrence Public Safety Officers providing their dedicated assistance to keep all people safe during the gas disaster.

Jackie Marmol, 2 Museum Square, Lawrence, MA commended Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque for providing public safety assistance during the Columbia Gas disaster on September 13, 2018.

Richard Russell, 34 Cross Street, Lawrence, MA spoke about the recent article in the Eagle Tribune newspaper honoring John McCue for his service as a Veteran of the United States Military who was elderly and recently passed away without living friends or family to attend his funeral. He thanked all those who came to Mr. McCue’s funeral service to show their support and friendship in remembrance of his life and service.

Lawrence Police Officer Abdel Cano, 90 Lowell Street, Lawrence, MA provided information about the newly created Citizen’s Police Academy stating that the board will strengthen Community input with the Lawrence Police Department by providing direct citizen input necessary to establish Community trust and confidence. Officer Cano provided the Council Members with information about the goals and objectives of the program.

Samuel Salib, 117 Millville Circle, Salem, N.H. thanked the City Council Members for its supportive vote approving the petition of The Movement Family to use the Buckley Garage to provide meals and substance abuse support for those who show up to their regular meetings. He stated that The Movement Family is aware of Mayor

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Rivera's veto of the City Council vote and urged the Council Members to over-ride the veto entered by Mayor Rivera to allow The Movement Family to continue with its positive services to the Community.

Council Vice President Rodriguez informed those interested in the matter concerning Mayor Rivera's veto of the Council vote to allow The Movement Family to continue using the Buckley Parking Garage that the veto was received on February 19, 2019 and will be placed on the City Council Agenda on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 [Document 26/19] and requested those with an interest in the item be present at the City Council Meeting on that date.

Upon the conclusion of all those present being provided an opportunity to comment, Council Vice President Rodriguez closed the Public Speaking portion of the proceedings and submitted the list of those addressing the City Council Members to the City Clerk to be placed in the City Council Record.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Doc. 419/16: Urban Renewal Plan - Zoning Recommendations – Kristen Harol, Chair, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ord. Cmt. -Public Hearing held – Tabled

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, 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 Vice President Rodriguez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner inquired about the proceedings to be followed by the City Council in this matter and suggested that the item may be better addressed with more Council Members present to consider and vote upon the item.

Evan Silverio, Lawrence Redevelopment Authority Member, spoke in support of the item and described the Urban Renewal Plan presented for consideration stating that there are many involved with the process that support the plan submitted for consideration.

Maggie Superchurch, 90 Nesmith Street, Lawrence, MA described the proposed redevelopment plan presented for consideration of approval. She provided information about the location of the development to be

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implemented as well as establishing a City Trust account to retain and generate funds for use with other development projects.

Tennis Lily, 40 Spruce Street, Lawrence, MA Chair of the Conservation Committee spoke in support of the proposed Urban Development Plan stating that the plan provides vegetation and plant growth necessary for urban areas like Lawrence and urged the Council Members to approve the plan presented.

Spencer [last name was inaudible], a representative of Groundworks Lawrence, 5 Yield Terrace [unknown City/Town], spoke in favor of the proposed redevelopment plan and cited the provisions for housing construction.

Upon no further discussion or comment offered by anyone present, Council Vice President Rodriguez closed the public comment portion of the proceedings and called upon the Council Members to offer comment or discussion on the item presented for consideration.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to approve the measure as presented, as seconded by Councilor DePena.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz inquired of Lawrence Land Use Planner Daniel McCarthy who confirmed upon inquiry that six votes of the City Council are necessary to approve the item. Councilor De La Cruz inquired about the plan provisions for available parking and recreational areas. Land Use Planner McCarthy informed the Council Members that the plan provides parking for areas near developed housing locations consistent with current zoning regulations.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante thanked the Lawrence Redevelopment Board Members for their hard work. He stated that he has concerns about the areas near the downtown section of Lawrence asking if the plan provides an overlay that will provide mixed use for housing and businesses. Land Use Planner McCarthy described informed the Council Members that the plan presents a Downtown Smart Growth Overlay [DSGO] area to improve the planning process for the included areas. Councilor Laplante stated his concern that the plan provides housing construction, improved businesses and industrial districts as part of the plan. Land Use Planner McCarthy explained that the plan allows for construction of planned housing in areas that may also have

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business stating further that industrial locations are also included in the plan. Councilor Laplante stated he has reservations about the proposal and that further time to study the proposal would be necessary to consider the matter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz inquired of the six vote requirement for approval.

Upon taking the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez posed questions to Land Use Planner McCarthy who described the proposed Downtown Smart Growth Overlay (hereinafter referenced as “DSGO”) area and the Planned Industrial Development District (PIDD)(I-4).

Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner described the purpose and intent of the DSGO provided in the plan for the purpose of provide housing while the purpose of the Planned Industrial Development District (I-4) provision is to utilize land that is not productive near the Merrimack Street corridor. He stated the benefit of re-districting the area as (I-4) will allow small businesses and chemical facilities to be established which will create employment.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy posed questions to Maggie Superchurch who described the means by which additional revenue would be generated and available to the City of Lawrence with approval of the plan presented for consideration. Ms. Superchurch described the 20 % affordability requirement for the housing projects built and statutory requirements.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council Vice President Rodriguez closed the discussion portion of the proceedings and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

Upon being recognized, Councilor DePena presented a motion to “table” the measure which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and approved by the Council Members present by roll call vote as follows:

Yes-6; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes

Councilor Anna Levy - Yes

Councilor Marc Laplante - Yes

Councilor David Abdoo - Absent

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Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 419/16: Tabled

Doc. 5/19: National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.–Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Floral and Jasper Streets – Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Ord. Cmt. - Public Hearing held - Approved

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, 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 Vice President Rodriguez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

National Grid Senior Engineering Designer Dave Bouche described the work subject of the petition presented stating that the installation is to provide electric service to customers.

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

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and Council Members present voted unanimously [5-0] to approve the item [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 5/19: Approved

Doc. 8/19: Proposed Amendment of the City’s Zoning Ordinance – Petitioner - National Grid – Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner – Ord. Cmt.- Public Hearing to be rescheduled

Upon inquiry by Council Vice President Rodriguez, City Clerk Maloney informed the Council Members that the item has not been advertised to meet legal requirements for consideration of the City Council.

Council Vice President Rodriguez announced that the item will be addressed at the City Council Meeting on March 5, 2019 upon sufficient public notice publication.

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The item was then continued to the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2019 by Council Vice President Rodriguez to hold a public hearing.

Doc. 8/19: Public Hearing to be rescheduled

Doc. 9/19: National Grid and Verizon New England – Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures on Burke Street –Dave Johnson, Engineering Department – Ord. Cmt. - Public Hearing held – Approved

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, 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 Vice President Rodriguez opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

National Grid Senior Engineering Designer Dave Bouche described the work subject of the petition presented stating that the installation is to provide electric service to customers.

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

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes presented a motion to approve the item as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz and Council Members present voted unanimously [5-0] to approve the item [Councilor Levy being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

Doc. 9/19: Approved

Doc. 49/19: Water and Sewer Bond Authorization [26,800,000.00]-Mayor Dan Rivera – Discharge Budget & Fin. Cmt-Public Hearing to be published for next Council Meeting

Council Vice President Rodriguez stated that the item will be republished and presented for public hearing at the next City Council Meeting on March 5, 2019.

The item was then continued to the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2019 by Council Vice President Rodriguez for a public hearing.

Doc. 49/19: Continued for Public Hearing

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IV: Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney: - None

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS: - None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doc. 20/19: Lawrence Public Library – Request for Authorization to Expend Technology Grant [10,000.00]-Jessica V. Vilas Novas, Library Director-Budget & Fin. Cmt. - Approved

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the measure/item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 20/19: Approved

Doc. 46/19: Resolution–Approving Application Submission of Certified Project–Theresa Park, Director of the Office of Planning and Development-Budget & Fin. Cmt. – Approved

Doc. 47/19: Resolution – Approving Incentives Dedicated to 155 Shepard Street – Theresa Park, Director of the Office of Planning and Development-Budget & Fin. Cmt. – Approved

Upon the motion of Councilor Laplante, seconded by Councilor Reyes, the above two items were unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0] to be presented and considered as a block.

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor Laplante presented a motion to receive the reports of the Budget & Finance Committee in regard to Document 46/2019 and 47/2019 without a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and the Subcommittee Reports on both items were unanimously [6-0] received by the Council Members present.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante presented a motion to approve Documents 46/2019 and 47/2019 as seconded by Councilor Reyes

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante spoke in support of the Tax Incremental Financing Agreements [hereinafter referenced as “TIF Agreements”] presented by Planning Director Theresa Park as submitted to the City of Lawrence Planning & Development Office. Director Park introduced the TIF Agreement

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applicants [BIV-155 Shepard, LLC and A & P Coat, Apron & Linen Supply LLC] as being available for questions that the Council Members may have concerning the company presenting the agreement for consideration of approval. Director Park provided the Council Members detailed information of the 10 year term of the TIF Agreement presented for consideration of approval by the Council Members.

Upon introduction, the representative of the A & P Coat, Apron & Linen Supply Company [name was inaudible] described the linen cleaning and supply services to be provided by the UNITEX company for cleaning medical wear and other service related uniforms. He informed the Council Members that the Company has approximately 1,700 employees in 11 businesses currently in operation. He stated the work force to be employed is expected to be drawn from Lawrence residents primarily and the company has plans to purchase fourteen million dollars of real property to build a plant to house between 150 to 200 employees. He described the corporate plan to establish initial operations in 2020 to continue through 2022 when the company will reach an employee capacity of approximately 360 employees.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes asked questions of the developer about the local job benefit to residents and inquired about any expected educational level. In response, the company representative stated that nothing more than a high school diploma will be necessary for most employees. Councilor Reyes asked Director Park about the Planning Department approval process necessary to advance the proposed project.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz asked if the company will endorse an increased minimum wage for approval in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In response, the company representative stated that the company is required to meet any wage standards that may be in place in the Commonwealth.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante posed questions about the wage scale of most workers and benefit programs that may be provided to company employees. The representatives discussed and explained their company salary rates and benefits that will be provided to those hired to work in its facilities.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy asked about the “target” area, to which Director Park stated all of Lawrence is considered an economic target area in regard to the type of application presented.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DePena asked about the availability of positions and the availability to the resident of Lawrence. In response, the company representative stated that Lawrence residents are expected to be offered available positions and intended to be employed at the Lawrence facility.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes asked about the date that the company expects applications may be available which the representative stated applications will be made available as soon as the plant opens.

Upon taking the floor, Council Vice President Rodriguez reviewed the TIF Agreement exemption rates of 95% to 10% in its last years asking how much revenue the City of Lawrence will be available to receive in the last year of the agreement. Director Park stated the city will receive 111,547.00 in year one of the agreement stating that the comparable revenue without the TIF Agreement in place will be approximately 106,000.00. Council Vice President Rodriguez continued with a review of the tax exemption and collections expected during the course of the TIF Agreement. Director Park also reviewed terms of the TIF Agreement with Council Vice President Rodriguez.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council Vice President Rodriguez call the motion to approve Documents 46/2019 & 47/2019 to the attention of the Council Members present who voted by roll call vote to approve the items as follows: Yes-6- Absent-3

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor David Abdoo - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante – Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 46/19: Approved

Doc. 47/19: Approved

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**Doc. 48/19: Appropriation Transfer – Lawrence Fire Department – From: Salaries Permanent [012230-5110] to Uniforms Replacement [012211-5581] – [38,000.00] –
Brian F. Moriarty, Fire Chief-Budget & Fin. - Approved**

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the appropriation as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present.

Doc. 48/19: Approved

**Doc. 50/19: Office of Planning and Development – Housing Choice Initiative Program Grant [206,500.00]–
Susan E. Fink, Manager of Financial & Administrative Services-
Budget & Fin. Cmt. – Approved**

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor Laplante presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item as presented. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes posed questions to Susan Fink, Manager of Financial & Administrative Services asking if there were any matching funds required for the grant to be accepted. In response, Manager Fink stated there are no matching funds required to obtain the funds through this grant.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz inquired about the grant presented for consideration and Manager Fink described the intent and purpose of the grant presented for consideration of approval to the Council Members present.

Upon inquiry, Council Vice President Rodriguez asked about repairs to park areas affected by the Columbia Gas crisis that are in need of repair. Manager Fink stated Columbia Gas is being asked and expected to make all repairs to the park areas that were used for temporary housing or equipment staging areas due to the gas disaster. She stated the projects subject to the grant funding will take place after the necessary restoration repairs have been completed by Columbia Gas.

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Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council Vice President Rodriguez called the motion to approve and the Council Members present voted unanimously [5-0] to approve the Grant [Councilor DePena being absent from the Council Chamber at the time the vote was called and recorded].

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Doc. 27/19: Appointment – Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ana Medina – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. –Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 28/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – Kate Hernandez – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 29/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – Jonas Stundza – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 30/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – David Meehan – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 31/19: Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Richard Rivera – To be re-appointed -Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 32/19: Appointment - Planning Board – Tamar Kotelchuck – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt.- Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 33/19: Appointment – Planning Board – David Quarrell – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 34/19: Appointment – Planning Board – Antonio Reynoso – To be-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 35/19: Appointment – Planning Board -Full Voting Member – Brenda Rozzi – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Council Vice President Rodriguez informed the Council Members that the following items were as presiding officer of the Lawrence City Council Session in accord with City Council Rule 5, acknowledged and determined that 30 days have passed since the filing of the above petitions on January 16, 2019 seeking the approval of the City Council for appointment to each of the boards presented in the petition filed resulting in the “approval of the appointment by default” pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Lawrence City Charter [see; City Charter Sec. 3.7(a)-cited below]. Council Vice President Rodriguez called for a “ceremonial vote” of the City

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Council Members on each of the following items presented:

27/19 Appointment – Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ana Medina – Mayor Dan Rivera
 28/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – Kate Hernandez – Mayor Dan Rivera
 29/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – Jonas Stundza – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera
 30/19 Appointment – Historic Commission – David Meehan – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera
 31/19 Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Richard Rivera – To be re-appointed -Mayor Dan Rivera
 32/19 Appointment - Planning Board – Tamar Kotelchuck – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera
 33/19 Appointment – Planning Board – David Quarrell – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera
 34/19 Appointment – Planning Board – Antonio Reynoso – To be-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera
 35/19 Appointment – Full Voting Member – Brenda Rozzi – Mayor Dan Rivera

Council Vice President Rodriguez stated further that the recommended appointments were properly referred to the Personnel Committee with recommendations advanced to the Full City Council as required. He stated that the appointments presented by Mayor Rivera in the above document items are subject to City Charter Section 3.7(a) which requires the City Council to take action within 30 days of submission. He explained that the City Council has not acted on the recommended appointments in a timely manner as required by the City Charter and all items appear to be approved due to the passage of 30 days without City Council action. City Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested that despite the “default approval” of all of those recommended for appointment that the City Council Members enter a discussion, review of each applicants and cast a “ceremonial vote” of the Council Members on each applicant. A discussion ensued among the Council Members present concerning the applicability of City Charter Section 3.7(a) to the appointment recommendations presented to the City Council. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Council Members acknowledged the approval of each of the applicants as a result of the passage of 30 days without City Council action in accord with the applicable provisions of City Charter Section 3.7(a) and proceeded with a “ceremonial review and vote” of each of the applicants presented.

Doc. 27/19: Appointment – Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Ana Medina – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. – Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Ana Medina to the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve as seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante asked if the applicant is present.

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Councilor De La Cruz stated Ms. Medina is not present.

Upon continuing, Councilor Laplante informed the Council Members that the application presented has not been signed by the applicant.

Council Vice President Rodriguez stated Ms. Medina has served in many capacities for the City of Lawrence and is well known for her work in the Lawrence Community. He suggested that the lack of a signature may have been an inadvertent oversight and further suggested that the Council Members take her dedicated service to the City of Lawrence into account.

Upon continuing, Councilor Laplante stated that the lack of signature on the application is not fatal but stated that the applicants should be present before the Council Members to allow questions to be asked by Council Members who do not serve on the Personnel Committee. Further discussion ensued among the Council Members concerning the appointment of the applicant by operation of Section 3.7(a) of the City Charter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz stated she supports the applicant for the position citing her many years of service to the Lawrence Community.

Council Vice President Rodriguez reminded the Council Members that the vote to be recorded is ceremonial in light of the approval by operation of the City Charter.

A discussion ensued among the City Council Members and City Clerk Maloney regarding the applicability of City Charter Section 3.7(a). Council Vice President Rodriguez suggested the 30 day requirement of the City Charter may have to be amended to allow the City Council sufficient time to consider applicants presented for appointment.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council Vice President Rodriguez called upon the Members present to consider the ceremonial approval of the applicant as presented.

Upon a motion for the ceremonial approval of the appointment of Ana Medina presented by Councilor De La Cruz, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to

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register their ceremonial vote for the appointment of Ana Medina to the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority. Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdoo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Absent

Doc. 27/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 28/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – Kate Hernandez – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Kate Hernandez to the Historic Commission. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to enter the ceremonial approval of the applicant. Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdoo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 28/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 29/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – Jonas Stundza – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Jonas Stundza to the Historic Commission. The report

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was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the appointment of the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to approve the appointment. Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 29/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 30/19: Appointment – Historic Commission – David Meehan – To be re-appointed - Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of David Meehan to the Historic Commission. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to approve the appointment. Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 30/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

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Doc. 31/19: Appointment – Zoning Board of Appeals – Richard Rivera – To be re-appointed -Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Richard Rivera to the Zoning Board of Appeals. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante posed questions to the applicant and discussed the importance of serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. He thanked the applicant for his interest in the position.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes inquired of Mr. Rivera and thanked him for his interest and service as a Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Addressing the City Council Members, Board Member Rivera emphasized that the Zoning Board Members take their responsibilities very seriously and assured the Council that the Members will continue to work diligently to improve the City of Lawrence.

Council Vice President Rodriguez asked about notice to the abutters sent to those by petitions presented before the Zoning Board and whether the notices are effective. A discussion ensued between Council Vice President Rodriguez and Mr. Rivera concerning measures that may be taken to increase notices to abutters and those residing in the areas subject to petitions presented for consideration of the Zoning Board.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council Vice President Rodriguez called upon the Members present to consider the ceremonial vote for the appointment as presented. Upon a motion to ceremonially approve the appointment of Richard Rivera presented by Councilor De La Cruz, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to enter a ceremonial vote to approve the appointment of Richard Rivera to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes

Councilor Brian DePena - Yes

Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes

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Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 31/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 32/19: Appointment - Planning Board – Tamar Kotelchuck – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt.- Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Tomar Kotelchuck to the Planning Board. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz spoke favorably of the applicant citing several areas of service to the City of Lawrence.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council Vice President Rodriguez called upon the Members present to consider the ceremonial appointment as presented. Upon a motion to ceremonially approve the appointment of Tamar Kotelchuck presented by Councilor De La Cruz, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to enter the ceremonial vote to approve the appointment of Tamar Kotelchuck to the Planning Board.

Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 32/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

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Doc. 33/19: Appointment – Planning Board – David Quarrell – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of David Quarrell to the Planning Board. The report was presented in the form of a motion to enter a ceremonial vote to approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being recognized, Mr. Quarrell informed the City Council Members that the Planning Department sends notices of all hearings to abutters as required. A discussion ensued between Council Vice President Rodriguez and Mr. Quarrell regarding the public hearing notice requirements.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Reyes spoke in support of Mr. Quarrell's application for re-appointment to the Planning Board based on his continued and outstanding dedicated service to the City of Lawrence.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council Vice President Rodriguez called upon the Members present to consider entering a ceremonial vote for the appointment of the applicant as presented. Upon a motion to enter a ceremonial vote to approve the appointment of David Quarrell presented by Councilor De La Cruz, as seconded by Councilor Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows for the ceremonial vote to approve the appointment of David Quarrell to the Planning Board. Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor David Abdoo - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 33/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

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**Doc. 34/19: Appointment – Planning Board – Antonio Reynoso – To be-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-
Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter**

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Antonio Reynoso to the Planning Board. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to ceremonially approve the appointment.

Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Marc Laplante - No
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

Doc. 34/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

**Doc. 35/19: Appointment – Planning Board -Full Voting Member – Brenda Rozzi – Mayor Dan Rivera-
Pers. Cmt. - Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter**

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee recommending the appointment of Brenda Rozzi to the Planning Board. The report was presented in the form of a motion to ceremonially approve the applicant which was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted by roll call vote as follows to ceremonially approve the appointment.

Yes-5; No-1; Absent-3

Council Vice President Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
 Councilor Brian DePena - Yes
 Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
 Councilor Pavel Payano - Absent
 Councilor David Abdo - Absent
 Councilor Marc Laplante – No
 Councilor Anna Levy - Yes
 Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
 Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Absent

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Doc. 35/19: Approved pursuant to sec. 3.7(a) of the Lawrence City Charter

Doc. 36/19: Appointments – Conservation Commission -Tennis Lily, Eddie Rosa, Mary DiMauro & Joseph Kluft – To be re-appointed – Mayor Dan Rivera-Pers. Cmt. - Withdrawn

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented the report of the Personnel Committee to withdraw Document 36/2019 from the Council Agenda stating City Council approval to the Conservation Commission is not required. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to withdraw the item from the Council Agenda.

Doc. 36/19: Withdrawn

Doc. 53/19: American Disability Act [ADA] Coordinator – Reclassification – Frank Bonet, Personnel Director-Pers. Cmt. – Letter/Tabled

At the request of Council Vice President Rodriguez, Councilor De La Cruz presented a motion to receive the report of the Personnel Committee without a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante emphasized that those advancing petitions should be present to discuss and explain the necessity of obtaining City Council approval of the item. Councilor Laplante presented a motion to send correspondence to Personnel Director Bonet to be present at the next Meeting of the City Council on March 5, 2019 and to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes and unanimously [6-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 53/19: Letter/Tabled

VII. WITHDRAWALS:

Doc. 12/19: Senior Center – Fence Replacement – Counc. Reyes-Budget & Fin. Cmt – Withdrawn

Upon being recognized, Councilor Laplante presented a motion to withdraw the above item from the City Council Agenda pending before the Budget & Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante stated someone advocating for the construction of a fence on the property line with the Council on Aging building asked the City to appropriate funds to build the fence suggesting that the petition was not the proper manner of presenting a request for such an appropriation. A

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discussion ensued among the Council Members regarding the funding necessary to repair or construct a fence at the location.

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council Vice President Rodriguez called the motion to withdraw and the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to withdraw the item from the Council Agenda.

Doc. 12/19: Withdrawn

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: - None

IX. TABLED MATTERS:

Doc. 336/18: State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-Early Voting-Other matters-William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T] – Letter/Tabled

Councilor Levy presented a motion to remove the item from the table which was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [6-0].

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy inquired about the status of Capital Improvement Plan.

Council Vice President Rodriguez discussed the option of the City Council consideration of the Capital Improvement Plan in 2018-2019.

Upon continuing, Councilor Levy stated that a Capital Improvement Plan allocation may not be sufficient to assure new voting machines, if purchased, were in place by the required deadline of May 27, 2019. She stated without an appropriation to purchase new voting machines the upcoming elections may not benefit from new voting machines and reliance on the old voting machines may adversely impact the Municipal Preliminary and Election.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor DePena asked about what would be necessary to be obtained from the funds allocated.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Levy presented a motion to send correspondence to Mayor Rivera to allocate necessary funds from available “free cash” monies to purchase new voting machines. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena.

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10:00 - Councilor Reyes presented a motion to conduct Council business past 10:00 p.m. which was duly seconded by Councilor Levy and unanimously [6-0] approved by the Council Members present

Upon no further inquiry, comment or discussion Council Vice President Rodriguez called the motion to send correspondence to Mayor Rivera and the Council Members present voted unanimously [6-0] to approve sending correspondence to Mayor Rivera for the allocation of funds necessary to purchase new voting machines from available “free cash” monies.

Upon being recognized, Councilor Reyes moved to “table” the item. The motion was seconded by Councilor DePena and unanimously [6-0] approved by Council Members present.

Doc. 336/18: Letter/Tabled

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

- 39/10 Charter Review [Public Hearings as needed]
- 148/11 Parking – Merrimack Street–alternate side parking–Counc. Laplante–Ord. Cmt.
- 224/13 Lawrence Historical Commission-Temp. Public Art Ord. & Art/Mural Regulations-Jonas Stundzia,Chairman-Pub. Hrg. [cont.]
- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition–Counc. Laplante
- 175/14 Security regulations at nightclubs – Counc. Laplante – Ord. Cmt. [T][09-05-18]
- 197/14 Double Poles–Locations–Review–Council Pres. Maldonado
- 311/14 Guilmette & Lawrence High Schools Litigation [Executive Session Anticipated]–Atty. Raquel D. Ruano, Ass’t. City Atty.
- 337/15 E-Commerce Exchange Zone – Ordinance – For: Resolution - Counc. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt.
- 72/16 Residency requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez – Ord. Cmt
- 341A/16 Removal of Breda Daou from Office of Assessor – Mayor Dan Rivera – Pers. Cmt.
- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Rodriguez – Public Hearing
- 162/17 Water and Sewer Department –Woodard & Curran update to City Council re: Lead and Copper tests per Mass DEP Regulation Daniel J. Lahiff, Acting Commissioner
- 221/17 Stop Sign–Intersection of Andover and Foster Streets–Counc. Vice Pres. Laplante–Public Hrg Pending-Traffic Study Ordered
- 308/17 Lawrence Historical Commission–request to recognize authority of the Commission to name or rename sites within its jurisdiction– Donna Bertolino, Secretary – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 342/17 Lawrence Historical Commission –Vendors on Campagnone Common– Statement and Position– to create a Resolution In support of enforcing the ordinance of Vendors at the Common - Jonas Stundza– Counc. Reyes – Ord. Cmt.
- 392/17 Speed Limit–South Broadway [30 MPH]–Counc. Abdoo [T][2-6-18]
- 11/18 Creation of City Council Standing Subcommittee on Education – Counc. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt
- 85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units– [Sec. 15.12.065] - Counc. Payano – Public Hearing

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- 110/18 Haverhill St–One way btwn Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Counc. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
- 147/18 Parking – Stearns Ave [296-296A Lawrence St] – 15 minute – Council Pres. Vasquez [T][08-21-18]
- 148/18 Lawrence Auxiliary Police – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez & Counc. Payano – Public Safety Cmt.
- 168/18 Americans with Disabilities Act: Poll Accessibity Citations DOJ– [Executive Session Anticipated][T][08-21-18]
- 189/18 A&M Auto Body, Inc. – 341 South Broadway –Zoning Amendment [Executive Session Anticipated][T][01-29-19]
- 190/18 Resolutions honoring the top Lawrence Graduates from Lawrence High School, Central Catholic High School, Notre Dame Cristo Rey, Greater Lawrence Technical School, and Northern Essex Community College – Counc. Laplante – Presentation
- 208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Counc. DePeña – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
- 214/18 Board of Health Ordinance Amendment–Counc. Payano–Public Hearing Closed [8-21-18]
- 280/18 Stop Sign – 4-way – Alder and Hampshire Streets – Counc. Payano – Public Hearing
- 288/18 Private Livery & Taxis Services Office-Meditran, LLC - 49 Blanchard Street Ste. 207-3-Jose L. Fernandez –Sgt. Mélix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept. – Ord. Cmt.[T][09-05-18]
- 292/18 Resolution - Boys “Thunder” Beyond Soccer Program - Councs. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 293/18 Resolution – Police Officer Dean Thomas Murphy - Councs. Abdo and Laplante [T][08-21-18]
- 321/18 Order Pursuant to G.L. c. 56, sec. 60 issued by William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][09-18-18]
- 326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Counc. Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][12-4-18]
- 328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Counc. Payano[T][09-18-18]
- 336/18 State Election Update-Poll Locations and Impact of Recent Disaster-Early Voting-Other matters-William J. Maloney, City Clerk [10-02-18][T]
- 388/18 Resolution - In honor of Patricia Karl – Counc. Payano – Ord. Cmt.
- 389/18 Department Heads Quarterly Report-Counc. Payano & Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez-Committee of the Whole [02-05-19][T]
- 14/19 Reclassification of Mayor’s Health Task Force Position – Mayor Dan Rivera [02-05-19][T]

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Council President Vasquez brought the matters listed below to the attention of the Council Members

present and referred each to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

- 55/19 Junk Dealer License – 1-15 Medford Street, Winfield Alloy, Inc., Arthur Caras/Eric Tetler – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 56/19 Seventh Day Adventists Church-Request to use Campagnone Common- August 3, 2019- Anthony Galan – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 57/19 Handicapped Parking – 14 Temple Street – Petition to DELETE ordinance and remove signage – Arelis Caba – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 58/19 Taxi Licsense Renewal Petition – Go United Express Transportation. LLC-Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

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- 59/19 Semana Hispana en Lawrence – Request use of the Campagnone Common-Fiest Show; Set up dates: 4-29-19; 4-30-19; 5-1-19; Fiesta Show Carnival Dates: 5-2-19 (6pm to 11pm); 5-3-19 (6pm to 11pm); 5-4-19 (Noon to 11pm); 5-5-19 (Noon to 11pm) on weekend – Jose A. Davila/Pura Saint Hilaire – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 60/19 Semana Hispana en Lawrence- Request to use Campagnone Common for a Cultural Festival-Set up dates: 6-10-19; 6-11-19; 6-12-19, 6-13-19 (6:00 am to 4:00 pm each day); Kiosk Set Up: 6am to 4pm on 6-14-19; Official Opening and dates of event: 6-14-19 (5pm to 11pm); 6-15-19 (Noon to 11pm); 6-16-19 (Noon to 11pm)-Jose Davila/Pura St. Hilaire –Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 61/19 Olive in July, Inc.–Request to use the Campagnone Common-Anniversary Celebration on 7-7-19 [Rain Date: 7-14-19] Eulalia Feliz – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 62/19 Combiando el Mundo–Request to use the Campagnone Common-6-22-19 (8am to 8pm)-Raquel Quezoda – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 63/19 Small Cell Guidance and Regulation-Counc.Vice Pres. Jeovanny Rodriguez-Ref. to Ord. Cmt.
- 64/19 City Attorney Contract Negotiations [Executive Session Anticipated]-Attorney Raquel Ruano, City Attorney – Ref. to Committee of the Whole

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

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

**ADJOURNED
(10:04p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney
City Clerk

Date Minutes of February 19, 2019 approved by City Council: 3-19-19