

**CITY OF WOBURN
MAY 5, 2009 - 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Roll Call

Denaro	Gonsalves
Drapeau	Mercer-Bruen
Galvin	Raymond
Gately	Wall
Doherty	

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

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

ORDERED That the sum of \$3,325,359.38 be and is hereby appropriated as so stated from Debt Reserve Fund Acct #01-357000 \$3,325,359.38 to Debt Principle Acct #0171059-591000 \$3,210,000.00, Debt Long Term Interest Acct #0171059-591500 \$115,359.38, Total \$3,325,359.38 designated for reduction of debt.

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

s/Alderman _____

ORDERED That the sum of \$900,000.00 be and is hereby appropriated as so stated from School Stabilization Fund Acct #704059-596100 \$900,000.00 to Portables Re: Goodyear Acct #626058-586765 \$900,000.00.

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

s/Alderman _____

A communication dated April 30, 2009 with attachment from Carl R. Batchelder, Ed.D., Superintendent, Woburn Public Schools to Mayor Thomas L. McLaughlin was received as follows:

Dear Mayor McLaughlin:

At the April 29th meeting of the School Committee, it was voted to request the City Council transfer \$150,000 from the School Department Energy Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to the FY2009 School Department Budget Energy Account (0229604-521100)

As you are aware, this account is used to deposit payments received from Woburn Youth Hockey for the electricity and gas used at the O'Brien Ice Rink and also the energy payments by outside groups who use school buildings for their activities.

We do not include in our budget the cost of the utilities used by these groups, in anticipation of payments from the user, which are deposited into the Reserve Account. We pay the utility bills each month and now must recover the user receipts from the Reserve Account to fund these unbudgeted utility expenses.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would submit to the Council the attached Order so they may act on this request as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely, s/Carl R. Batchelder, Ed.D., Superintendent

Attached thereto was the following:

ORDERED That the sum of \$150,000.00 be transferred from the School Department Energy Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account to FY2009 School Department Budget Energy Account 0229604-521100

I hereby approve the above. s/Carl R. Batchelder, Ed.D., Superintendent

I hereby recommend the above: s/Thomas L. McLaughlin, Mayor

I have reviewed the above. s/Gerald W. Surette, City Auditor

s/Alderman _____

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the petition by NSTAR Electric Company for a grant of right in a way to allow conduit and two (2) manholes on Main Street southerly from MH7828 at Campbell Street to MH7821 at Walnut Street a distance of approximately 1,082 feet. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

On the petition by Robert McSheffrey, 891 Main Street, Woburn, Massachusetts for a special permit pursuant to Section 5.1.29 and Section 8.2.5 of the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, to allow for a fast food restaurant and a reduction in the required parking at 891 Main Street. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

On the petition by Robert McSheffrey, 891 Main Street, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801 for a special permit pursuant to Section 5.1.45 of the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, to allow for the sale or rental of motor vehicles and for a Second Class Motor Vehicle Sales License both at 891 Main Street. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

NEW PETITIONS:

Petition by J. Sallese & Sons, Inc., 7 Hart Street, Wakefield, Massachusetts 01880 for a special permit pursuant to Section 5.1.57b of the 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, to allow for the parking of petitioner’s vehicles at 5 Crescent Avenue.

Petition by Anthony K. Paone, Trustee of Harrison Avenue Realty Trust, 141 Sylvester Avenue, Winchester, Massachusetts 01890 for a special permit pursuant to Sections 5.1.71 and/or 5.1.72, 5.5 and 8.3.2 to finish grading and filing of lot and to utilize same for parking purposes, for rental to other businesses, on a commercial basis at 7 Harrison Avenue.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS:

A communication dated April 30, 2009 with attachments was received from Joanne Collins, Director, Woburn Council on Aging along with the minutes of the April meeting of the Council on Aging and the Director’s report for the month of April.

A copy of a communication dated April 29, 2009 to State Senator Patricia D. Jehlen, State Senator Kenneth J. Donnelly, State Representative Jay R. Kaufman, and State Representative James J. Dwyer from the Woburn City Council was received as follows:

Dear Members of the Woburn State Delegation:

At its April 28, 2009 meeting the Woburn City Council unanimously voted to send a letter urging you to support full funding of the Quinn Bill in the FY2010 State Budget. The Quinn Bill is an important component to having a well-trained, educated and responsive police force. We know that you are facing difficult decisions regarding the

budget because of the economic crisis, however, we do not want you to cut funding for public safety, which is a paramount priority for our community.

Sincerely, The Woburn City Council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF PRECEDING MEETING:

On the petition by M&L Transit Systems, Inc. for renewal of a Common Carrier License, on April 29, 2009 at 12:40 p.m. Alderman Mercer-Bruen filed a notice of intention to move for reconsideration at the next regular or special meeting of the City Council of her vote taken on April 28, 2009 approving the petition.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS: None.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDERED That there be a six (6) month moratorium on the granting of any new taxi or livery licenses from the effective date of this Order to allow the city to establish a process for implementing the new taxi driver license ordinance, and further that during this period of time the Committee on Ordinances reviews the current ordinances relative to taxi and livery licenses and make recommendations as to any necessary amendments to the ordinances in the interest of promoting and protecting the safety and convenience of the patrons using these services.

s/Alderman Gately and Alderman Mercer-Bruen

RESOLVED That the Department of Public Works assess the feasibility of installing curbing and sidewalks along Lakeview Terrace in order prohibit damage caused to abutting properties caused by parking of motor vehicles and that the curbing and sidewalks be installed as soon as practicable.

s/President Doherty

RESOLVED Whereas, Virginia Lawton Duffett was a graduate of Woburn Memorial High School, continued her education at Boston College and Suffolk University School of Law, and was the third generation of the Lawton family to practice law in Woburn; and
Whereas, Virginia Lawton Duffett recently passed away at an early age;
and

Whereas, the Lawton family have made many contributions to the community over the years; and

Whereas, the Lawton family have offered to fund the creation of a memorial bench and sitting area near the James Brennan Tennis Courts at Woburn Memorial High School to recognize James F. Lawton, Jr., Jamie Lawton and Virginia Lawton;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Woburn that the City of Woburn and the Woburn School Committee accept the donation of funds to establish a memorial bench and sitting area on the property of the Woburn Memorial High School near the James Brennan Tennis Courts to recognize James F. Lawton, Jr., Jamie Lawton and Virginia Lawton and the contributions of the Lawton family to the City of Woburn.

s/Alderman Gately

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN.