

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

**DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the City Council was held on **Tuesday, March 3, 2009** at 7: 06 p.m. in the City Council Chamber with all Members present except Councilor Silva [who arrived at 7:07 p.m.] and Councilor Fielding [who arrived at 7:10 p.m.].

Approximately Twenty [20] persons were present.

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members present that the minutes of City Council Meetings conducted January 20, 2009 were submitted by the City Clerk for consideration and acceptance of the City Council Members.

**[7:07 p.m. – Councilor Silva arrived and is present]**

Upon the motion of Councilor Kolofoles to accept the minutes as presented, as seconded by Councilor Abdoo, the Council Members present voted unanimously [8-0] to accept the minutes. [Councilor Fielding absent]

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Maureen Nimmo, 24 Yale Street, Lawrence, MA, Library Director, spoke in favor of the Fiscal Recovery Plan to be presented by Budget Director Mark Andrews for

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

consideration by the City Council Members. She also stated that the City of Lawrence Library Staff agrees with the proposed project to preserve books and items to be archived, but has no preference how the project is implemented.

**[7:10 p.m. – Councilor Fielding arrived and is present]**

Norm Nimmo, 24 Yale Street, Lawrence, MA, City Recycling Coordinator spoke in favor of the Budget Director's 2009-2010 Fiscal Recovery Plan, particularly in regard to the financial aspects of the proposed recycling plan.

Dave Mazzaglia, Department of Public Works Union Shop Steward, commented that he believes the Department of Public Works inordinately absorbs the loss of City personnel through lay-offs when they occur.

Upon conclusion of the public comment portion of the City Council Meeting, Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to take documents 84/09, 85/09 and 86/09 out of the order appearing on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilor Abdo and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Doc.84/09: Appointment – Patricia Mariano – Lawrence Cultural Council – 3 yr. term-  
Pers. Comm. – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Abdo presented the report from the Personnel Committee in the form of a motion to appoint Patricia Mariano to the Lawrence Cultural Council for a 3 year term. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

Upon a call for discussion, Councilor Kolofoles suggested that all Board Appointment applications provide the Council Members with detailed information

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

concerning the expiration date of the term for the person being nominated to fill the position and the name of the person being replaced [if any]. Councilor Kolofoles spoke favorably for the approval of the applicant.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez concurred with Councilor Kolofoles regarding the information concerning applicants recommended for appointment to any board in the City. She stated that the information is important to assure that a proper record of the term is provided and maintained for future reference and that it is difficult if not impossible to determine that information at a later date if necessary.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo spoke in favor of approving the appointment of the applicant presented and stated that the appointment will assure a quorum is met at all meetings of the Cultural Council.

Upon being recognized, Patricia Waters, a current member of the Cultural Council, informed the Council Members of the importance of assuring that full membership of the Cultural Council is maintained at all times.

Council President Blanchette commented on the importance of receiving and retaining information concerning all individuals who may be recommended and approved to all City Boards.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members who voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the appointment of Patricia Mariano to the Lawrence Cultural Council.

**Doc.84/09: Approved**

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

**Doc.85/09: Appointment – Sandy Blanes – Lawrence Cultural Council - 3 yr. term – Pers. Comm. – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Abdo presented the report from the Personnel Committee in the form of a motion for the approval of Sandy Blanes to the Lawrence Cultural Council for a 3 year term. The motion was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

Upon no offer of discussion or comment on the motion presented, The Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the appointment of Sandy Blanes to the Lawrence Cultural Council for a three year term.

**Doc.85/09: Approved**

**Doc.86/09: Appointment – Eli Bernabe – Lawrence Cultural Council – 3 yr. term – Pers. Comm. – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Abdo presented the report from the Personnel Committee in the form of a motion to favorably recommend the appointment of Eli Bernabe to the Lawrence Cultural Council. The motion for approval of the recommended applicant was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofos spoke favorably on Ms. Bernabe's job performance as a Lawrence Police Officer and work as the former City Personnel Director. He stated that he favors Ms. Bernabe's application for appointment and urged the other Council Members to join in his support by voting favorably as well.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez spoke in favor of approving the applicant as recommended by the Personnel Committee. She commented that

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Ms. Bernabe has more than demonstrated her commitment and dedication of the Lawrence Community through her public service throughout the years.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the appointment of Eli Bernabe to the Lawrence Cultural Council for a three year term.

**Doc.86/09: Approved**

#### **IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Doc. 44A/09: Oliver School – openings and closings – Hearing Held - Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

Lynn Garcia, Assistant Principle of the Oliver School, spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Maureen Nimmo, Lawrence Library Director, suggested the ordinance should be approved in a way that will allow library patrons to exit the rear parking area near Lawrence Street during the time that Oliver School access streets may be closed.

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

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

A discussion ensued regarding the issues of vehicle access to the area where streets were to be closed was discussed.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez suggested that the vehicles exiting the Library Parking lot area should be allowed to exit from the area of the street that may be closed. A discussion ensued between Council President Blanchette and Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez suggesting that it be left to the Lawrence Police Officers actually overseeing the street closing on each day to make practical decisions to allow vehicles that may be parked in the back parking lot area of the Lawrence Library to exit if the street location is blocked at times when the Oliver School is opening or closing rather than re-draft the proposed ordinance.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles discussed the matter further and suggested that discretion be left to Officer Sean Burke regarding any decision to direct traffic in the location of the proposed street closings that may be affected by the ordinance if it is approved.

Deputy Police Chief Michael Driscoll informed the Council Members that the portion of Oak Street subject to closing is not wide enough for two-way traffic to pass. He stated that the blocking the street as required by the proposed ordinance will be accomplished by placing police officers who will be present to monitor the vehicular traffic as needed.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez discussed the practicality and importance of implementing the ordinance with school staff safety personnel available to assist as suggested by Deputy Chief Driscoll.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to approve the measure which was seconded by Councilor Kolofoles.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Gonzalez stated that he has discussed the traffic flow issues with the School Principal. He also informed the Council Members that buses will not be able to turn onto Oak Street from Jackson Street which may pose other traffic difficulties.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles stated that there are motor vehicle safety issues presented at all Lawrence Public School locations. He suggested that the proposed ordinance be amended to “sunset” in thirty days which would require the measure to be addressed before the City Council for further approval if it is effective or to amend it further if it is not effective.

Upon no further discussion or comment offered by the Council Members present, Council President Blanchette closed the discussion portion of the hearing and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez, as seconded by Councilor Kolofoles, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the measure presented.

**Doc. 44A/09: Approved**

**Doc.18/09: Handicapped Parking – 123 Garden Street – Hearing Held – Approved/30 Days Waived**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk’s reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

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

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

Upon a motion to approve the measure and waive the 30 days waiting period required by section 3.8(a) of The Lawrence City Charter presented by Councilor Kolofoles, as seconded by Councilor Abdoo, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve Handicapped Parking at 123 Garden Street.

**Doc. 18/09: Approved-30 Days Waived**

**Doc.19/09: Loading Zone – 250 Broadway Street – Hearing held – Approved/30 Days Waived**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, the City Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the above as published. Upon the conclusion of the Clerk's reading of the public notice, Council President Blanchette opened the public hearing portion of the proceedings and invited anyone who wished to be heard to present themselves before the Council Members.

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

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

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

Upon a motion to approve the measure presented by Councilor Abdo as seconded by Councilor Kolofoles, the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to approve the Loading Zone at 250 Broadway Street.

**Doc. 19/09: Approved/30 Days waived**

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

- None

**V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTION:**

**Doc.89/09: Appropriation Transfer –Department of Public Works -\$7,104.65 –  
Budget & Fin. Comm. – Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of appropriation transfer as submitted by DPW. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approve the measure which was seconded by Councilor Kolofoles and unanimously [9-0] approved by the Council Members present in the amount of \$7,104.65

**Doc.89/09: Approved**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Doc.35/09: Handicapped Parking Ordinance – Delete (Sec. 10.36.340) –Salem St. - Ord.  
Comm. & Public Hearing ordered**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion to order a public hearing on the measure presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Silva and the Council

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to order a public hearing for the deletion of the handicapped parking space designated on Salem Street pursuant to Sec. 10.36.340 of the Revised Ordinances.

**Doc.35/09: Public Hearing Ordered**

**Doc.42/09: Bay State Gas – request to install 8” Gas Line on Casey Bridge/Duck Bridge – Ord. Comm. & Public Hearing Ordered**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion to order a public hearing on the measure presented. The motion was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to order a public hearing on the item.

**Doc.42/09: Public Hearing Ordered**

**Doc.37A/09: Municipal Records – Scanned Documents to be retained for 90 days – Ord. Comm. - Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles requested that Mr. James Sweeney be allowed to address the Council Members.

Mr. James Sweeney informed the Council Members of his concerns about retaining original hard copies of records and documents that may be scanned for the purpose of retention. Mr. Sweeney also provided information about the record retention project and how it would interface with State Law and other mandates relating to specific City Departments responsible to keep records and information for public access and availability.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Upon conclusion, Councilor Kolofoles thanked Mr. Sweeney for his input and assistance regarding this matter.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez discussed the availability and involvement of other agencies committed to retaining valuable records and information retained by a variety of City Departments. She suggested that issues regarding storage ability and cost be reviewed in greater detail with particular attention given to the manner of public access and dissemination with direct involvement by the Mayor's Office and any other City Department that may be involved.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present. Upon vote of the Council Members present, the measure was unanimously [9-0] approved.

**Doc.37A/09: Approved**

**Doc. 37B/09: Storage of Municipal Records – Ord. Comm. – Discussed**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report from the Ordinance Committee in the form of a motion to recommend the approval of the measure that will allow for the storage of municipal records which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles informed the Council Members that the Ordinance Committee agreed that valuable records generated and in possession of various City Departments must be retained but it could not be determined which location would be most suitable for this purpose. He discussed the necessity of maintaining records in

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

balance with the requirements that all records intended for public use and access remain available for that purpose.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez suggested that the location of retaining records should be reviewed by the City Council. A discussion ensued among the Council Members regarding the possibility of defraying the cost of maintaining records by assessing fees through the department that may generate the information intended for retention.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles commented that many of the records throughout the City of Lawrence have tremendous historical significance and importance aside from the reason they may be created. He cited examples of the such records and the necessity of maintaining the integrity of the records not only for use but also for historical significance. Councilor Kolofoles stated that the item being considered would benefit by further proceedings before the Ordinance Committee. A discussion among the Council Members ensued regarding the process that may be required to assure proper retention of records as directed by the City Council.

Upon reconsideration, Councilor Kolofoles withdrew his motion to approve the item and suggested that additional proceedings may be necessary.

Mr. James Sweeney suggested there was an intention to avoid any immediate destruction of valuable documents from occurring and that the IT Department should be assigned the responsibility of planning the method and manner of storing documents. He

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

suggested that other cities and towns be contacted to determine the various methods of storage used or available.

**Doc. 37B/09: Discussed**

Upon being recognized, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez presented a motion to declare the following parcels of real property as “Surplus Property” of the City of Lawrence as a block. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fielding and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [8-0]. [Councilor Gonzalez absent from the Chamber]:

43/09	Surplus Declaration – Beacon Street – (Tax Map #153, Lot 1) – Hous. Comm.
44/09	Surplus Declaration – 14-16 Bennett Street – (Tax Map #164, Lot 30) – Hous. Comm.
45/09	Surplus Declaration – Bourque Street 35 Rear – (Tax Map #178, Lot 47)- Hous. Comm.
46/09	Surplus Declaration – Bourque Street 35 Rear – (Tax Map #178, Lot 46)- Hous. Comm.
47/09	Surplus Declaration – 8 Bradford Street – (Tax Map #166, Lot 41) – Hous. Comm.
48/09	Surplus Declaration – 65 Bradford Street – (Tax Map #146, Lot 12)- Hous. Comm.
49/09	Surplus Declaration – 67 Bradford Street – (Tax Map #146, Lot 11) – Hous. Comm.
50/09	Surplus Declaration – 2 Butler Street – (Tax Map #188, Lot 86) – Hous. Comm.
51/09	Surplus Declaration – 4-6 Butler Street – (Tax Map #188, Lot 87) – Hous. Comm.
52/09	Surplus Declaration - 33-35 Butler Street – (Tax Map #187, Lot 37) – Hous. Comm.
53/09	Surplus Declaration – 37-39 Butler Street – (Tax Map #187, Lot 36) – Hous. Comm.
54/09	Surplus Declaration – Butler & Margin Street – (Tax Map #188, Lot 93)– Hous.
55/09	Surplus Declaration – 29-37 Center Street – (Tax Map #173, Lot 34) – Hous. Comm.
56/09	Surplus Declaration – 55-59 Center Street – (Tax Map #195, Lot 14) – Hous. Comm.
57/09	Surplus Declaration – 84 Dracut Street – (Tax Map #118, Lot 52) – Hous. Comm.
58/09	Surplus Declaration – Garfield Street Lot 60 –(Tax Map #76, Lot 35) – Hous. Comm.
59/09	Surplus Declaration – 5-13 Giuffrida Place – (Tax Map #110, Lot 64) – Hous. Comm.
60/09	Surplus Declaration – 143 Hancock Street (Tax Map #183, Lot 54) – Hous. Comm.
61/09	Surplus Declaration – 1-3 Howe Court – (Tax Map #90, Lot 42A) – Hous. Comm.
62/09	Surplus Declaration – 197-203 Jackson St. – (Tax Map #109, Lot 80) – Hous. Comm.
63/09	Surplus Declaration – 361-365 Lowell Street – (Tax Map #187, Lot 62)– Hous. Comm
64/09	Surplus Declaration – 11-17 Mason Street – (Tax Map #184, Lot 65) – Hous. Comm.
65/09	Surplus Declaration – 215-217 Newbury Street–(Tax Map #109, Lot 57)– Hous. Comm.
66/09	Surplus Declaration – 129-133 Oxford Street – (Tax Map #188, Lot 45) – Hous. Comm
67/09	Surplus Declaration – 219-225 Park Street – (Tax Map #171, Lot 122) – Hous. Comm.
68/09	Surplus Declaration – 354 Park Street – (Tax Map #192, Lot 60) – Hous. Comm.
69/09	Surplus Declaration – 300-306 Prospect Street (Tax Map #90, Lot 37) – Hous. Comm.
70/09	Surplus Declaration - Riverside Drive – (Tax Map #225, Lot 92) – Hous. Comm.
71/09	Surplus Declaration – 7 Showell Court – (Tax Map #184, Lot 36) – Hous. Comm.
72/09	Surplus Declaration - 10-12 Trenton Street (Tax Map #129, Lot 5) – Hous. Comm.
73/09	Surplus Declaration – 128 Union Street (Tax Map #88, Lot 27) – Hous. Comm.
74/09	Surplus Declaration – 132 Union Street (Tax Map #88, Lot 28) – Hous. Comm.
75/09	Surplus Declaration – 146-150 Union Street – Tax Map #88, Lot 48) – Hous. Comm.
76/09	Surplus Declaration – 154-156 Union Street – (Tax Map #88, Lot 49) – Hous. Comm.
77/09	Surplus Declaration – 183 Union Street – (Tax Map #89, Lot 5) – Hous. Comm.
78/09	Surplus Declaration – 177-119 Walnut St. – (Tax Map #171, Lot 118)– Hous. Comm.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

79/09 Surplus Declaration – 31-35 West Street – (Tax Map #167, Lot 9) – Hous. Comm.  
 80/09 Surplus Declaration – 26 Whitman Street – (Tax Map #193, Lot 11) – Hous. Comm.  
 81/09 Surplus Declaration – 5 Winslow Place – (Tax Map #167, Lot 53) – Hous. Comm.

**Doc. 43/09 thru 81/09 Declared Surplus**

**Doc.38/09: New Balance Athletic, Inc.–5 Union Street–TIF Zone plan and agreement – Budget and Finance Comm–Approved**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report from the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the approval of the item presented.

The report was presented as a motion to approve the measure which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Twomey thanked Francis O’Connor of the Planning Department for providing the information explaining the TIF application presented.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Abdoo informed the Council Members that he supports the measure presented.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present. Upon vote of the Council Members the measure was unanimously [8-0] approved by the Council Members present [Councilor Kolofos absent from the Chamber].

**Doc. 38/09: Approved**

**Doc. 87A/09: FY 2009-2010 Fiscal Recovery Plan - Demand Fees – Budget and Finance Comm. –Public Hearing Ordered**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva discussed the measure and presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee recommending approval of the item. The report was presented as a motion for approval of the measure and was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Council President Blanchette informed the Council Members present that the item only addresses “demand fees” that may be imposed by the Treasurer for unpaid taxes and other items it may be responsible to collect.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Silva suggested that an ordinance may be required to properly address the issue regarding unpaid tax bills.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofos stated that he believed the item required a public hearing and that a public notice of the hearing may be required.

Upon further consideration, Councilor Silva amended the original motion and requested that a public hearing be ordered with the approval of the Council Members.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to order a public hearing on the item.

**Doc. 87A/09: Public Hearing Ordered**

**Doc.87B/09: FY 2009-2010 Fiscal Recovery Plan – Violations – Penalties – (10.08.170) Increases – Budget & Finance Comm. – Public Hearing Ordered**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report from the Budget & Finance Committee recommending the measure be scheduled for a public hearing. The report was presented in the form of a motion to order a public hearing which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez stated she had some reservations about increasing parking fines and suggested that any measure that may be considered must be fair to constituents.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present and the Council Members present voted unanimously [9-0] to order a public hearing on the item.

**Doc. 87B/09: Public Hearing Ordered**

**VII. WITHDRAWALS:**

**Doc. 31/08: Tax Increment Financing – Budget & Finance Comm. – Withdrawn**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Silva presented the report of the Budget & Finance Committee for the withdrawal of the item from the City Council Agenda. The report was presented in the form of a motion to approval withdrawal of the measure which was seconded by Councilor Twomey and unanimously approved [9-0] by the Council Members present.

**Doc. 31/08: Withdrawn**

**Doc.1/09: Handicapped Parking – 2 Hobson Street – Ord. Comm. – Withdrawn**

At the request of Council President Blanchette, Councilor Kolofoles presented the report of the Ordinance Committee recommending the withdrawal of the above item from the City Council Agenda. The report was presented in the form of a motion to withdraw which was seconded by Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles stated that he believed that the measure might benefit by further consideration and review by the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Kolofoles discussed the reasons for recommending withdrawal of the measure but stated that funds may be available through Community Development to create a handicapped parking space at the location needed by the resident.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Council President Blanchette suggested the item be withdrawn at this time.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present. Upon consideration, the Council Members unanimously [9-0] approved the motion to withdraw the item from the City Council Agenda.

**Doc.1/09: Handicapped Parking–Withdrawn**

**VIII. TABLED MATTERS:**

Councilor Kolofoles presented a motion to remove Doc.17/09 from the table which was seconded by Councilor Abdoo and unanimously approved by the Council Members present [9-0].

**Doc.17/09: National Grid – request to place underground electric conduits on Merrimack Street – Approved**

Councilor Kolofoles invited National Grid’s representative to address the Council Members regarding the measure presented.

Upon conclusion of the presentation on behalf of National Grid, Councilor Kolofoles moved to approve the item which was seconded by Councilor Gonzalez.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Moran suggested that, if possible, the contractor should provide additional conduit for City use.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez informed the Council Members present that spare conduits are typically made available for City use through the efforts of National Grid employees throughout the Commonwealth. Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez asked the National Grid representative for additional information concerning the individual who should be contacted to further discuss the matter.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Twomey posed questions to the National Grid representative who provided details of the proposed project.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Kolofoles discussed the possibility of providing conduits that could be available for city use in the future with the National Grid representative.

Upon no further comments, discussion or inquiry Council President Blanchette called the motion to the attention of the Council Members present and the Council Members present who unanimously [9-0] approved the measure as presented.

**Doc.17/09: Approved**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:** - None

**X. TABLED MATTERS:**

The following items remained “tabled” without further action:

- 275/07: Marion Avenue – park to be named – Ord. Comm.
- 6B/08: City Contract Ordinance – Section 3.04.230- Ord. Comm.
- 22/08: Personnel Department – Re-organization
- 236/08: National Grid–req. permission to place underground electric conduits on Green St.-hear.
- 256/08: Parking – Prospect St/East Haverhill St- - removal of a 20 minute parking sign
- 289/07: Disposition – Saunders School Project – 243 South Broadway Street – Hous. Comm.
- 39/09: Water Commissioner – lay off – compliance with MGL Chapter 111 Section 160- City Attorney invited to attend

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

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

- 91/09: Handicapped Parking – establish policy – renewals – Council Vice Pres. Kolofoles – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

[Tuesday, March 3, 2009]

92/09: Wholesale Junk License Application – Windfield Alloy, Inc.-1-11 Medford St.,  
Lawrence, MA – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

93/09: Iglesia Cristo Misionera – 620 Essex Street – request permission to use the  
Campagnone Park on Saturday, July 11, 2009 for a religious parade and for religious  
services on several other dates – Anthony Bernabel, Coordinator – Ref. to Ord. Cmt.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**ADJOURNED**  
**(8:56p.m.)**

Attest:

William J. Maloney  
City Clerk