

HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL, JULY 10, 2017

Hearing opened at 7:10 P.M. with Councillor Dombrowski, Chair of the LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, presiding. All members were present.

The following ORDINANCE was the subject of the hearing:

Relative to amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" by amending Section 13-77 entitled "Stop Signs" by inserting the Montrose Street, against southbound drivers at Grant Street.

No one in the audience spoke in favor or opposition to the ordinance.

No Councillors spoke.

HEARING ADJOURNED AT 7:11 P.M.

Lynn A. Bouchard, City Clerk and
Clerk of the City Council

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, JULY 10, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Attendance was taken by a roll call vote; all members were present.

The Committee on Records reported that there were no records to approve.

A recess was called at 7:32 P.M. to hold a public forum.

Meeting reconvened at 9:06 P.M.

The following COMMUNICATION was received under SUSPENSION OF THE RULES, referred to the WAYS AND MEANS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE and given REGULAR COURSE.

C-3 Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Approve the CDBG Budget/Action Plan for Year 43.

The following COMMUNICATIONS were received, referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE and given REGULAR COURSE.

C-1 Relative to the appropriation of \$1,300,000.00 to the School Department Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund.

C-2 Relative to the appropriation of \$55,000.00 to the School Transportation Expense Account; same to be raised by Fiscal Year 2018 Revenues.

The following PETITION was received, referred to the WAYS AND MEANS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE and given REGULAR COURSE.

1-18 Claire Freda: Eliminate Rule #34 entitled "Legal Opinions" regarding the City Council Rule that applies to Council access to the City Solicitor.

The following PETITION was received, referred to the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE, given REGULAR COURSE and referred to the Department of Public Works. A hearing was set for July 24, 2017 at 6:50 P.M. Vt 8/0. Councillor David Cormier abstained due to a possible conflict of interest.

2-18 National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc.: Central Street/Route 12 – Install four Jointly owned poles on Central Street/Route 12 beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Research Drive & Central Street/Route 12 and continuing approximately 90 feet in a northern direction.

The following PETITION was received, referred to the PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE, given REGULAR COURSE and referred to the Department of Public Works. A hearing was set for July 24, 2017 at 6:55 P.M. Vt 9/0

3-18 National Grid: Research Drive & Central Street – Install underground electric conduits beginning at a point approximately 360 feet north of the centerline of Research Drive and Central Street/Route 12 and continuing approximately 2500 feet in a westerly direction; also approximately 400 feet of concrete encased conduits and 1 manhole on west side of Central St/Route 12 from pole 150-5. National Grid to petition for approximately 2500 feet of concrete encased conduits and 9 manholes currently in Research Drive that were installed when the road was private as well as three new road crossing from manholes 4,7 & 8.

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Upon request of the LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, the following PETITION was given FURTHER TIME. Vt 9/0

69-17 Michael J. King: Grant an Easement for an existing driveway for the property located at 767 Willard Street.

Upon recommendation of the LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, the following PETITION was GRANTED. Vt 9/0

Petition was submitted to the Mayor but he did not approve, therefore this is not in effect.

80-17 John M. Dombrowski: Accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 32 pursuant to Special Act 329 of the Acts of 1987 entitled "An Act Increasing Local Control Over the Annual School Budget".

Upon recommendation of the LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, the following PETITION was AMENDED and GRANTED AS AMENDED. Vt 9/0

Amended to replace "north side" with "south side".

81-17 Interim Chief Michael Goldman: Amend Section 13-34 of the Revised Ordinances entitled "No Parking on Certain Streets" by adding the south side of Wachusett Street beginning at the intersection of Pleasant Street, 450 feet west on Wachusett Street.

Upon request of the LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, the following PETITION was given FURTHER TIME. Vt 9/0 (Hearing scheduled for July 24, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.)

82-17 Carolyn A. Parker for NJLJ Properties, LLC: Grant a license to store a total of 35,000 gallons of which 26,000 gallons is gasoline and 9,000 gallons is diesel fuel at 180 Central Street.

Councillor Bodanza, Chair of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, read the Financial Report for the City into the record. Account balances are as follows:

Stabilization Account	\$14,517,854.57
Free Cash	\$1,130,815.00

Upon recommendation of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, the following COMMUNICATION was RATIFIED. Vt 8/0. Councillor Feckley opposed.

C-106 Relative to the appropriation of \$75,000.00 to the Health Refuse Collection Disposal Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Upon recommendation of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, the following COMMUNICATION was RATIFIED. Vt 9/0.

C-107 Relative to the appropriation of \$29,265.00 to the Insurance Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Upon recommendation of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, the following COMMUNICATION was RATIFIED. Vt 7/2. Councillors Chalifoux Zephir and Feckley opposed.

C-108 Relative to the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Municipal Building Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

Upon recommendation of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, the following COMMUNICATION was RATIFIED. Vt 9/0

C-109 Relative to the appropriation of \$35,000.00 to the Police Department Overtime Account; same to be transferred from the Police Department Salary and Wages Account.

Upon request of the FINANCE COMMITTEE, the following COMMUNICATION was given FURTHER TIME. Vt 9/0

C-110 Relative to the appropriation of \$1,085,399.00 to the Street Resurfacing Expense Account; same to be transferred from the Highway State and Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account.

Upon recommendation of the WAYS & MEANS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, the following APPOINTMENTS were CONFIRMED. Vt. 9/0

2017-2018 Election Workers - terms to expire August 31, 2018

WARD 1A	PARTY	NAME	ADDRESS
Warden	U	Kathleen Kaldis	709 Main St
Clerk	U	Dennis Grammont	30 Judy Drive
Inspector	D	Jane Kalfus-Maine	770 Main Street
Inspector	U	Emery Gaudet	25 Pierce Street
Inspector	U	Jeannita Gaudet	25 Pierce St.
Inspector	U	Chris Chiumento	30 Crystal Ave.
Inspector	U	Mary Golas	371 Willard Street
Inspector Handi	U	Phyllis Grammont	30 Judy Drive
Inspctor	D	Domenic Marcantonio	73 Heritage Lane #B9
Dep Insp	U	Ann C. Loiselle	44 Lantern Way Shirley, MA
Dep Insp	U	Charlene J. Renczkowski	44 Lantern Way Shirley, MA
WARD 1B			
Warden	D	Margaret Woovis	44 Boutelle St.
Clerk	U	James Woovis	44 Boutelle St.
Inspector	U	Sandra L. Ricci	50 Stuart Ave.
Inspector	D	Concetta Ayles	25 Warren Street
Inspector	R	Betsey McPhee	77 King Ave.
Inspector	D	Beatrice Robichaud	255 Pierce St.
Inspector	U	Carmelita Giambrocco	78 Heritage Ln Bldg 13 -B4
Inspector	R	Evelyn Vignola	1103 Main Street
Dep Insp	U	Elaine D.G. Greene	1099 Main Street
Dep Insp	R	Francis X Gesel Jr.	45 Tina Street
WARD 1C			
Warden	U	Priscilla Regopoulos	57 Linda St.
Clerk	U	David Henderson	29 Princenton St.
Inspector	U	Barbara A. Burke	121 Day Street
Inspector	U	Philena Richards	48 Norwood Ave.
Inspector	U	Janice LeDuc	13 Kinsman Ave.
Inspector	U	Rosemary Cella	22 Farm Hill Rd.
Inspector	U	Brenda Maffeo	24 Sanderson Street
Inspector	U	Jeanne Jekanowski	17B Fernwood Drive
Dep Insp	D	Rose MacDonald-Stirk	71 Keystone Drive
WARD 2A			
Warden	U	Kelly Lyddy	70 Dillon Street
Clerk	U	Taylor Lyddy	70 Dillon Street
Inspector	D	Claire M. Lincoln	161 Spruce St. #306
Inspector	D	Ida Kendall	7 Arrowhead Road
Inspector	U	Diane Aubuchon	42 Eugene Street
Inspector	U	Barbara Lanza	225 Seventh St
Inspector	U	Leonie M. Cormier	11 Theresa Avenue
Inspector	R	Milagros Vazquez	73C Manchester St. Apt. 5C
WARD 2B			
Warden	D	Kerry A. Boudreau	473 Johnny Appleseed Ln
Clerk	D	Debra McNally	63 Weathervane Drive
Inspector	D	Patricia C. Vallee	16 Arrowhead Road
Inspector	U	Claire M. Babineau	240 Mechanic Street
Inspector	U	Theresa Andrzejewski	46 Shire Road
Inspector	U	Emilda E. Sauvageau	173 Stuart Ave.
Inspector	D	Barbara E. Leblanc	245 Water Street
Inspector	R	Nicole Cote	127 Berrington Rd.
		MAIL TO:	PO Box 57, Winchendon
WARD 2C			
Warden	U	Dennis M. Lyddy	70 Dillon St.
Clerk	U	Amelia Piermarini	14 Lido Avenue
Inspector	U	Jean Morel	792 Lancaster St.
Inspector	D	Nancy Oxner	556 Central St. Lot #44
Inspector	D	Anna McCarthy	168 Central St. #3
Inspector	U	Rita Souliere	161 Spruce St. #608
Inspector	U	Marie J. Sharrigan	161 Spruce St. #603
Inspector	U	Anne M. Richard	109 Fourth Street

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WARD 3A	PARTY	NAME	ADDRESS
Warden	D	Kathleen Haskell	18 Johnson St.
Clerk	D	Patricia Porter Adams	387 Grant Street
Inspector	U	Karen J. McNall	267 Willard St
Inspector	U	Lucy Ciccolini	210 Central St.
Inspector	U	Norma Surovich	44 Grant St.
Inspector	U	John J. Caron	175 Chapman Place
Inspector	D	John Purretta	78D Meadow Pond Drive
Inspector	D	Claudette A. Guilmette	503 Union Street
Dep. Insp.	U	Doris A. Quinn	556 Central St. - Lot 80
WARD 3B			
Warden	U	Nancy Koski	2 Debbie Drive
Clerk	U	Laura Casey	5 Belgian Lane
Inspector	U	Deanne Comeau	1174 Pleasant St.
Inspector	U	Gail Cunningham	680 Union St.
Inspector	U	Caroline Perla	5 Argentine St.
Inspector.	U	Kathleen Lamb	171 Bayberry Hill Lane
Inspector	U	Ronald A. St. Laurent	76 Chapman Place
Inspector	U	Gail Purretta	78D Meadowpond Dr.
Dep. Insp.	D	Christine Souter	82 Glenwood Drive
Dep. Insp.	U	Paula Iacoboni Richard	207 Debbie Drive
Dep. Insp.	U	Sushmita Basu	200 Brooks Pond Rd. #205
WARD 3C			
Warden	U	Louise Comeau	68 Avon Street
Clerk	U	Nilah Gerhard	68 Sycamore Drive
Inspector	U	Beverly Amedio	156 Lincoln Terrace
Inspector	U	Gerald R. LeBlanc	18 Evans Court
Inspector	D	Nancy A. Lee	42 Elm Road
Inspector	D	Katherine Saunders	346 Central St.
Inspector	D	Diana D. Giannetti	68 Chapman Place
Inspector	U	Ralph Sacramone	592 Union Street
Dep Insp.	U	Mary P. Richard	56 Dogwood Road
Dep Insp.	U	Donna Henderson	112 Richard Road
WARD 4A			
Warden	R	Janet Baron	150 Pleasant Terrace
Clerk	U	Joyce LaFleur	970 Pleasant St.
Inspector	U	Phyllis DelGiudice	265 Hill St.
Inspector	D	Verna Charpentier	69 Eugene St.
Inspector	U	Arnold Baron	150 Pleasant Terrace
Inspector	U	Rosalie LaManna	135 Pleasant Terrace
Inspector	D	Janet Flanagan	17 Knollwood Lane
Inspector	U	Susan Sweeney	214 Lowe St.
Dep Insp	U	Marcia J. Tarara	48 Dupont Circle
Dep Insp	D	Linda Allard	53 Dupont Circle
Dep Insp	U	Linda Vezina	22 Hill Street
WARD 4B			
Warden	R	Janet Parker	34 View St.
Clerk	D	Louise DiPalma	400 Brooks Pond Rd. #108
Inspector	D	Louise Bourque	6 Rose Avenue
Inspector	R	Joan Nicholson	12 Monroe St.
Inspector	U	Birdie Siciliano	13 Daley St.
Inspector	D	Patricia Pinder	71 Exchange St.
Inspector	U	Joanne Petricca	326 Pleasant St.
Inspector	R	Rebecca Leavenworth	81 Granite Street
Dep. Insp.	R	Anthony M. Fiduccia	75 Constitution Drive
Dep Insp.	U	Deborah Nutting	1077 Mt. Elam Rd.
		Mailing address:	1077 Mt. Elam Rd. Fitchburg
WARD 4C			
Warden	U	Joanne Anderson	42 Avon Street
Clerk	D	Elizabeth Denis	40 Hickory Rd.
Inspector	U	Deborah G. Hebert	198 Lowe Street
Inspector	U	Nancy Hicks	861 West St.
Inspector	U	Maureen Jennings	78 Anthony Rd.
Inspector	D	Kathleen Vaillette	37 Avon Street
Inspector	D	Karen Gustafson	31 Cotton St. Apt. A
Inspector	U	Anna Mikels	15 Exchange St.

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WARD 5A	PARTY	NAME	ADDRESS
Warden	U	Cynthia Henderson	29 Princenton St.
Clerk	R	Chester Carter	86 Lindell Ave.
Inspector	R	Marilyn Carter	86 Lindell Ave.
Inspector	U	Leslie Tobin	222 Grove Avenue
Inspector	U	Therese M. Tobin	222 Grove Avenue
Inspector	U	Edward A. Sullivan	700 Brooks Pond Rd. - #206
Inspector	D	Madeleine Marcoux	18 Green St. #1
Inspector	D	Marie Blondin	18 Green St. #2
WARD 5B			
Warden	R	Donald Piermarini	215 West Street
Clerk	U	Doris DeCicco	187 North Main St.
Inspector	U	Jean A. Gagne	30 Smith Street
Inspector	U	Guilio G. Greco	175 Washington St.
Inspector	U	Irene C. Greco	175 Washington St.
Inspector	D	David W. Grimm Sr.	325 Merriam Ave.
Inspector	U	Charles Hayes	23 George Street - Apt. 15
Inspector	D	Francis J. Giangrande	23 George St. - Apt. 35
Dep Insp	D	Arthur M. Tunnessen	120 Hall Street
Dep Insp	D	JoAnn Tunnessen	120 Hall Street
WARD 5C			
Warden	U	Diane Shepherd	221 West Street #5
Clerk	U	Margaret Allen	136 Hall Street
Inspector	D	Anthony E. Stelluto	43 Thayer St.
Inspector	U	Timothy Keller	13 Millette Ave.
Inspector	U	Denise Lamkin	8 Shadowlawn Dr.
Inspector	U	Marta Bahde	50 Robin Road
Inspector	U	Rosalie O'Donnell	79 Orchard Street
Inspector	U	Donna Allard	42 Orchard Street

The following ORDINANCE was read a second time, ADOPTED as presented and passed to be ordained. Vt 9 “yeas”

The City of Leominster

In the year two thousand and seventeen

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Leominster, as follows:

Section 13-77 of the Revised Ordinances entitled “Stop Signs” is hereby amended by inserting the following:

Montrose Street, against southbound drivers at Grant Street.

Upon recommendation of the WAYS AND MEANS AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE the following RESOLUTION was ADOPTED. Vt 9 “yeas”

RESOLUTION – Regarding Department of Revenue Financial Management Review

Whereas, the Leominster Public School System previously had a financial operation review done by the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (hereafter known as the MASBO report) which outlined many inefficiencies in the accounting systems between the School Department and City’s Administration.

Whereas, many, if not all, of those inefficiencies outlined in the MASBO report have not been adequately addressed and continue to exist.

Whereas, many of the same inefficiencies outlined in the MASBO report between the City’s Administration and the School Department, also exists in other city departments.¹

Whereas, the Leominster Public Schools are currently experiencing significant difficulties including, but not limited to, an approximately 5.6 million dollar shortfall with resulting cuts in spending, cuts in education funding and layoffs of school personnel.

Whereas, public hearings before the City Council have disclosed serious and prevalent communication breakdowns between the City Comptroller’s office and the School Administration.

Whereas, the City Council is committed to increasing efficiency in city government and therefore reducing waste.

Whereas, the Department of Revenue offers Financial Management Reviews aimed at increasing efficiency in government at no cost to the city as per the DOR Division of Local Services website which states:

“The Division of Local Services helps Massachusetts cities and towns achieve sound and efficient fiscal management through technical assistance, training and oversight. Its bureaus are responsible for ensuring the fairness and equity of local property taxation, the accuracy and quality of local accounting and treasury management, interpreting state laws that affect local governance, distributing local aid and maintaining a comprehensive databank on local finances. DLS meets these responsibilities through community advising, seminars, publishing, Internet services, research, software development and support and community specific management reviews and audits.”

There, be it resolved, that the City Council of Leominster request that the Mayor of the City of Leominster request a financial management review with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to address these issues and offer insight and recommendations to remedy same.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

Lynn A. Bouchard, City Clerk and
Clerk of the City Council