



## IN CITY COUNCIL

### REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2018

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Regular Meeting of the City Council was held in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, on Monday evening, August 6, 2018.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Council President Scott Joseph Graves called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

#### CALL OF THE ROLL

City Clerk Alan Agnelli called the Roll of Members. Eleven (11) Councillors were present including President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson and James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh.

#### OPENING PRAYER

President Graves led the Council in reciting the Opening Prayer.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Graves led the Council in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance".

#### OPEN MEETING RECORDING & PUBLIC RECORDS ANNOUNCEMENT

President Graves announced to the assembly that the Open Meeting Recording and Public Records Announcement is posted at the entrance to the Chamber, and that any person planning to record the meeting by any means should identify themselves.

#### READING & ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councillor Edward Gravel and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, and Elizabeth Kazinskas, to waive reading and to accept the Minutes of the May 2, 2018 and May 15, 2018 Informal Meetings, the May 15, 2018 Special Meeting, and the July 2, 2018 Regular Meeting, as printed.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**#9963**

President Graves opened the Public Hearing on an Application by Folgar Salvage and Export Company for a License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, at Rear 27 Hill Street, by reading aloud the Legal Notice, as follows:



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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §§ 58, 59, and Chapter 606 of *The Code of the City of Gardner*, notice is hereby given that the City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, on an application by Folgar Salvage and Export Company for a License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, at Rear 27 Hill Street. Persons interested in this matter are encouraged to attend and to offer testimony.

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Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

The President called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

Deborah Anctil of 61 Hill Street spoke in favor of the License, but only if Michael Rahaim purchases the property and continues to operate the business.

Joshua Hall of 61 Hill Street testified that he was told that Folgar was purchasing the business, but then heard that the deal was cancelled.

Councillor James Johnson, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, informed the assembly that at the Committee's recent meeting, no representative of the Applicant appeared and that the Committee was advised that the Applicant's deal to purchase the property fell through. He added that the current owner, Mr. Lajoie, plans to sell the property to Mr. Rahaim. He added that the City has not received notification from Folgar Salvage, the Applicant, that the application is being withdrawn. Therefore, he said, it is the Committee's intent to request more time for study and report.

The President twice called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

There being none, the President called twice for persons wishing to testify in opposition to the Petition.

There being none, the President declared the public hearing closed.

#### **#9965**

President Graves opened the Public Hearing on a Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for permission to install 1 jointly-owned pole on West Broadway beginning at a point 170' northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Airport Road.

The President called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.



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Kim Tavallaimola, representing National Grid, testified that there is a need to install a new pole in front of 838 West Broadway for a new daycare center, which would be on the same side of the street as the day care center.

James Welch, 64 Hale Road, Hubbardston, testified that he is the owner of the new day care center and that the new pole would serve its needs.

Michel Leger, 47 Draper Road, Gardner, testified in favor of the Petition.

Sandra Welch, 64 Hale Road, Hubbardston, testified that she is also the owner of the new day care center and that she supports to Petition.

The President twice called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

There being none, the President called thrice for persons wishing to testify in opposition to the Petition.

There being none, the President declared the public hearing closed.

#### **#9979**

President Graves opened the Public Hearing on a Petition by National Grid and Verizon New England for permission to relocate 1 jointly-owned pole on Parker Street beginning at a point 139' southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Greenwood Street.

The President called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

Kim Tavallaimola, representing National Grid, testified that the new pole will service the need of the new parking lot for the GFA Federal Credit Union. The existing pole is situated in front of 232 Parker Street, which is private property, and the new pole would be located on public property which would avoid trespass on private property for the proposed underground conduits.

John Wyman, representing the GFA Federal Credit Union, testified in favor of the Petition.

The President twice called for persons wishing to testify in favor of the Petition.

There being none, the President thrice called for persons wishing to testify in opposition to the Petition.

There being none, the President declared the public hearing closed.



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#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

##### APPOINTMENTS

###### **#9966**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier informed the Council that Mr. Germano previously worked for the City as Local Inspector and that the position became available when Roland Jean was promoted to the position of Building Commissioner.

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Rick Germano to the position of Local Inspector for term expiring July 5, 2021.

Worcester, ss.

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Then personally appeared RICK GERMANO and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Local Inspector according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,

/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

###### **#9967**

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of James E. Imprescia to the position of Plumbing & Gas Inspector for term expiring July 5, 2021.

Worcester, ss.

August 6, 2018

Then personally appeared JAMES E. IMPRESCIA and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Plumbing & Gas Inspector according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,

/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

###### **#9968**

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Karen Hardern, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier,



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Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointments of Election Officers for terms expiring August 31, 2019, as follows:

#### WARD 1A

Warden	Norman	H.	Beauregard	147 Oak Street	Gardner
Clerk	Glenice	M.	Rossignol	103 Highland Street	Gardner
Inspector	Sally	Q.	Hartshorn	61 Elm Street	Gardner
Inspector	Erana	E.	Landry	298 Park Street	Gardner
Inspector	Sherry		Szoc	130 Highland Street	Gardner
Inspector	Gina	M.	Kelley	212 Crestwood Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Ellen	T.	Kudravetz	90 Cherry Street	Gardner
Inspector	Michael	L.	Kudravetz	90 Cherry Street	Gardner
Inspector	Jacqueline	M.	Kraskouskas	222 Bickford Hill Road	Gardner
Inspector	Shirley	B.	Bunarowski	182 Graham Street #1	Gardner
Inspector	Paula		Hassam	123 Cherry Street	Gardner
Inspector	Roland	D.	Mailloux, Jr.	20 Teaberry Lane	Gardner
Inspector	Deborah	F.	Mathieu	144 Willis Road	Gardner

#### WARD 1B

Warden	Lynn	M.	Roux	203 Betty Spring Road	Gardner
Clerk	Kathleen		O'Brien	190 Leamy Street	Gardner
Inspector	Gloria	C.	Bourgeois	47 Racette Avenue	Gardner
Inspector	Carolyn		Fournier	158 Ash Street	Gardner
Inspector	Carolyn	A.	LaBonte	169 Summer Street	Gardner
Inspector	Valerie	D.	Spar	20 Plymouth Street	Gardner
Inspector	Carol	L.	Saulnier	136 Princeton Street	Gardner
Inspector	Marjorie	J.	Whittemore	47 Lake Street, A606	Gardner
Inspector	Carlene	A.	Kemp	108 Opal Lane	Gardner

#### WARD 2A

Warden	Clifton	J.	Melatti	37 Rosewood Drive	Gardner
Clerk	Donna	M.	Lehtinen	203 Green Street	Gardner
Inspector	Carol	A.	Cormier	47 Lake Street, A207	Gardner
Inspector	Robert	J.	Cormier	47 Lake Street, A207	Gardner
Inspector	Alice	P.	Anderson	34 Chapman Park	Gardner
Inspector	Joseph	R.	Andrews	139 Euclid Street	Gardner
Inspector	Trine		Aschim	141 Parker Hill Road	Gardner
Inspector	Nancy	A.	Boucher	146 Holly Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Laurie		Drake	61 West Broadway, #201	Gardner
Inspector	Audrey	A.	Faucher	156 Green Street	Gardner



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Inspector	Dianne	A.	Hunt	28 Osgood Street, #1	Gardner
Inspector	Gerald	E.	St. Hilaire	39 High Street	Gardner
Inspector	Hope	B.	Swaney	143 Greenwood St., #1	Gardner

#### WARD 2B

Warden	Donald	J.	Cosentino	131 Lovewell Street	Gardner
Clerk	Nancy	M.	Girouard	110 Marquette Street	Gardner
Inspector	Aline		Cosentino	131 Lovewell Street	Gardner
Inspector	Patricia	A.	LeBlanc	66 Conant Street	Gardner
Inspector	Roger	R.	LeBlanc	66 Conant Street	Gardner
Inspector	Priscilla	J.	Proulx	228 Washington Street	Gardner
Inspector	Marcia	J.	White	92 Ryan Street	Gardner
Inspector	Patricia	A.	Lewis	161 Euclid Street	Gardner
Inspector	Val	J.	Cormier	166 Acadia Road	Gardner
Inspector	Annette	M.	Melanson	178 Waterford Street	Gardner
Inspector	Cathy	T.	Leger	134 Greenwood Place	Gardner
Inspector	Brad	S.	Arnold	143 Greenwood St., #2	Gardner
Inspector	Scott	T.	Varney	143 Greenwood St., #2	Gardner

#### WARD 3A

Warden	Donald	R.	Girouard	52 Draper Road	Gardner
Clerk	Bonnie	G.	Romanson	87 Century Way	Gardner
Inspector	Rachel	I.	Blais	25 Way Street	Gardner
Inspector	Barbara	M.	Cormier	116 Sand Street	Gardner
Inspector	Anita	M.	Boudreau	8 Jackson Park	Gardner
Inspector	Marcel		Martin	62 Ash Street	Gardner
Inspector	Norman	G.	Webb	176 Ash Street	Gardner
Inspector	Robert	L.	Owens	217 Riverside Road	Gardner
Inspector	Linda	M.	Martel	12 Stewart Road	Fitchburg

#### WARD 3B

Warden	Thomas	H.	Patterson	132 Pinewood Drive	Gardner
Clerk	Paulette	A.	Burns	5 Travers Street	Gardner
Inspector	Ernie	J.	Richard	50 Jean Street	Gardner
Inspector	Juliette	L.	Richard	50 Jean Street	Gardner
Inspector	Dorothy	M.	Ronn	145 Prospect Street	Gardner
Inspector	Paul	W.	Ronn	145 Prospect Street	Gardner
Inspector	Odette	R.	Racette	44 Jean Street	Gardner
Inspector	Gayle	M.	Jaillet	35 Wickman Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Louise	C.	Boudreau	134 Barthel Avenue	Gardner
Inspector	Christoph	A.	Knoll	238 Greenwood Street	Gardner
Inspector	Toby	P.	LaRoche	83 Murray Road	Ashburnham



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#### WARD 4A

Warden	Robert	J.	Swartz	53 Racette Avenue	Gardner
Clerk	Janice		Magliacane	358 Temple Street	Gardner
Inspector	Judith	A.	King	32 Jay Street	Gardner
Inspector	Judith		Roy	51 Pinewood Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Ronald	J.	Roy	51 Pinewood Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Stephanie	S.	Samsia-Nji	317 Pleasant St, #3	Gardner
Inspector	Donald	A.	LeBlanc	209 Elm Street	Gardner
Inspector	Dianne	M.	LeBlanc	209 Elm Street	Gardner
Inspector	Adeline	M.	Aukstikalnis	9 Ames Avenue	Gardner
Inspector	Raymond	R.	Plourde	194 Central Street, #315	Gardner

#### WARD 4B

Warden	Marjorie	F.	Tetzloff	317 Pine Street	Gardner
Clerk	David	E.	Tetzloff	317 Pine Street	Gardner
Inspector	Charlene	A.	Wilson	44 Olde Colonial Drive, U1	Gardner
Inspector	Susan		Greninger	194 Central Street, #315	Gardner
Inspector	Theresa	H.	Hillman	155 Champagne Road	Gardner
Inspector	Jacqueline	M.	LaPrade	322 Pine Street	Gardner
Inspector	Ann		Chandler	133 Pleasant Street, #2	Gardner
Inspector	Diane	R.	Jasiewicz	36 Robillard Street	Gardner
Inspector	Brian	J.	Dickens	65 Krantz Road	Winchendon

#### WARD 5A

Warden	Paul	A.	Spano	33 Adams Street	Gardner
Clerk	Barbara	D.	LeBlanc	37 Bayberry Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Lorraine	A.	Manca	110 Temple Street	Gardner
Inspector	Sandra	J.	Barton	331 High Street	Gardner
Inspector	Carole	A.	Baublis	252 Union Street	Gardner
Inspector	Charles	R.	LeBlanc	37 Bayberry Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Claire	M.	Lagasse	131 Champagne Road	Gardner
Inspector	Gloria	M.	O'Malley	80 Kendall Pond Road West	Gardner
Inspector	David	J.	Cormier	150 Pinewood Drive	Gardner
Inspector	Judith	T.	Collette	47 Kendall Street	Gardner
Inspector	Sheila	B.	St. Hilaire	39 High Street	Gardner

#### WARD 5B

Warden	Marcelle	S.	Cormier	55 Wickman Drive	Gardner
Clerk	Barbara	A.	Yablonski	195 Sherman Street	Gardner
Inspector	Patricia	L.	Cormier	365 Pearl Street	Gardner
Inspector	Leonette	M.	Roy	49 Temple Street	Gardner



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Inspector	Mary	Ann	Suchocki	154 Sand Street	Gardner
Inspector	Edward	S.	Yablonski	195 Sherman Street	Gardner
Inspector	Stephen	E.	Cormier	365 Pearl Street	Gardner
Inspector	William		Edwards	4 Sunrise Lane	Gardner
Inspector	Dorothy	E.	Leger-Lore	31 Lennon Street, Unit B	Gardner
Inspector	Melissa	A.	Paulhus	144 Sawyer Street	Gardner
Inspector	Doris	H.	St. John	204 Willis Road	Gardner
Inspector	Marcia	A.	Stone	185 Bridge Street	Gardner

#### **#9969**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor James Walsh informed the Council that the Finance Committee, by majority, voted to recommend that the Mayor's appointment of Mr. Beauregard be confirmed.

Councillor Walsh moved to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Trevor Beauregard to the position of Community Development & Planning Director for term expiring July 17, 2021.

Councillor Ronald Cormier seconded the motion.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau requested that the vote be taken by a call of the roll.

Councillor Christine Johnson informed the Council that she met with Mr. Beauregard and acknowledged that "although we do not always agree with the Department," that "he works hard and has 5 employees that he is directly responsible for." She cited several projects that are underway and noted that by not confirming his appointment, that "it would put the key to the success of our City in great detriment."

On call of the roll, Councillor James Boone announced, "I abstain."

President Graves questioned Councillor Boone's grounds for his abstention.

Councillor Boone stated that he has not made a decision either way and is not comfortable taking a vote.

President Graves questioned his vote other than 'yes' or 'no.'

Councillor Boone withdrew his abstention and declared "Yes."

The Clerk resumed the call of the roll.

On the motion, on recommendation of a majority of the Finance Committee, it was voted on call of the roll, ten (10) yeas, Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel ("in protest"), Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James





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Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; on (1) nay, President Scott Graves, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Trevor Beauregard to the position of Community Development & Planning Director for term expiring July 17, 2021.

Worcester, ss.

August 6, 2018

Then personally appeared TREVOR BEAUREGARD and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Community Development & Planning Director according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,  
/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

#### **#9970**

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Greg Dumas to the position of Member, Conservation Commission, for term expiring July 17, 2021.

Worcester, ss.

August 6, 2018

Then personally appeared GREG DUMAS and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Member, Conservation Commission, according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,  
/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

#### **#9971**

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Nicholas Maroni to the position of Police Lieutenant, Permanent.

Worcester, ss.

August 6, 2018

Then personally appeared NICHOLAS MARONI and made oath that he would bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and would support the Constitution and laws thereof.

Before me,  
/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk



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#### **#9972**

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Matthew Arsenault to the position of Police Sergeant, Permanent.

Worcester, ss.

August 6, 2018

Then personally appeared MATTHEW ARSENAULT and made oath that he would bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and would support the Constitution and laws thereof.

Before me,

/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

#### **#9973**

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Dr. James A. Faust to the position of Trustee, Williams-Rockwell Educational Gift Fund Board of Trustees, for term expiring January 5, 2021.

Worcester, ss.

August 20, 2018

Then personally appeared DR. JAMES A. FAUST and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Trustee, Williams-Rockwell Educational Gift Fund Board of Trustees, according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,

/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

#### **#9974**

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Robert L. Rice, Esq. to the position of Trustee, Williams-Rockwell Educational Gift Fund Board of Trustees, for term expiring January 5, 2021.



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Worcester, ss.

August 9, 2018

Then personally appeared ROBERT L. RICE, ESQ. and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of Trustee, Williams-Rockwell Educational Gift Fund Board of Trustees, according to law and the best of his abilities.

Before me,  
/s/ Alan L. Agnelli, City Clerk

PETITIONS, APPLICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

#9975

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Order:

CITY OF GARDNER  
STATE PRIMARY ORDER  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

VOTED: That meetings of the citizens of this City qualified to vote in the State Primaries shall be held on TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018, FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of casting their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE .....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	THIRD DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	WORCESTER & MIDDLESEX DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	MIDDLE DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS.....	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS.....	WORCESTER DISTRICT

It is further ordered that the following polling places are designated by the City Council:



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WARD 1, PRECINCT A – Elk’s Home, 31 Park Street  
WARD 1, PRECINCT B – Elk’s Home, 31 Park Street  
WARD 2, PRECINCT A – Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 West Lynde Street  
WARD 2, PRECINCT B – Levi Heywood Memorial Library, 55 West Lynde Street  
WARD 3, PRECINCT A – Acadien Social Club, 193 Parker Street  
WARD 3, PRECINCT B – High Rise Community Room, 104 Church Street  
WARD 4, PRECINCT A – Police Headquarters, 200 Main Street  
WARD 4, PRECINCT B – Police Headquarters, 200 Main Street  
WARD 5, PRECINCT A – Knights of Columbus, 110 South Main Street  
WARD 5, PRECINCT B – Knights of Columbus, 110 South Main Street

Presented to Mayor for Approval – August 7, 2018

Approved – August 7, 2018

MARK P. HAWKE, Mayor

#### **#9976**

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Measure:

APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO G.L. C.268A, §20(b)  
FINANCIAL INTEREST OF CAITLIN BOSSE  
CONTRACT FOR RECREATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR

*VOTED:* To approve an Exemption pursuant to G.L. C. 268A, §20(b) in the Matter of a Financial Interest by Caitlin Bosse for a Contract for Recreation Program Supervisor.

Presented to Mayor for Approval – August 7, 2018

Approved – August 7, 2018

MARK P. HAWKE, Mayor

#### **#9977**

On a motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Ronald Cormier, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Measure:



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APPROVAL OF EXEMPTION PURSUANT TO G.L. C.268A, §20(b)  
FINANCIAL INTEREST OF ANGEL RUIZ  
CONTRACT FOR RECREATION PROGRAM SUPPORT STAFF

**VOTED:** To approve an Exemption pursuant to G.L. C. 268A, §20(b) in the Matter of a Financial Interest by Angel Ruiz for a Contract for Recreation Program Support Staff.

Presented to Mayor for Approval – August 7, 2018

Approved – August 7, 2018

MARK P. HAWKE, Mayor

#### **#9978**

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to place on file a *Notice from the Contributory Retirement Board Relative to a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for Retirees/Beneficiaries, effective July 1, 2018.*

#### **#9979**

On a motion by Councillor Nathan Boudreau and seconded by Councillor James Boone, on recommendation of the Public Service Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Order:

#### ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

By the City Council of the City of Gardner, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said companies dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-



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Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – Parker Street – Gardner, Massachusetts.

No. #26171191.....Dated: June 8, 2018 - filed with this order.

There may be attached to said poles by NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. such wires, cables and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referenced to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:-

Parker Street – National Grid to relocate 1 jointly-owned pole on Parker Street beginning at a point 139' southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Greenwood Street. National Grid to relocate pole 13-1 off the property of 232 Parker Street. Pole will be relocated approximately 10 feet to the right and installed on City property. Pole will be 198' northeast of the centerline of Marquette Street.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

#### **#9980**

On a motion by Councillor James Johnson and seconded by Councillor Edward Gravel, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to grant a Permit to Salvadore Auto Exchange, Inc. to amend the Motor Vehicle Dealer License, Class 1, from Salvadore Chrysler-Dodge, 442 West Broadway, to Salvadore Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep-Ram, 442 West Broadway.

#### **#9981**

On a motion by Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas and seconded by Councillor Edward Gravel, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to place on file a Communication from Environmental Resources Management Requesting Reconsideration of *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675 Thereof, Entitled "Zoning," to Expand the West Street Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District* (Calendar No. 9909).



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### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE & PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE

**#9905**

There being no objections, the Committees were granted more time for study and report on *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner by Adding a New Chapter to Be Entitled "Scenic Roads."*

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

**#9965**

On a motion by Councillor Nathan Boudreau and seconded by Councillor James Boone, on recommendation of the Public Service Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Order:

#### **ORDER FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS**

By the City Council of the City of Gardner, Massachusetts

Notice having been given and public hearing held, as provided by law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. (formerly known as NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY) be and they are hereby granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said companies dated the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:-

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonably straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked – West Broadway – Gardner, Massachusetts.

No. #26294748.....Dated: June 18, 2018 - filed with this order.

There may be attached to said poles by NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. such wires, cables and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.





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The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referenced to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:-

West Broadway - National Grid to install one (1) jointly-owned pole on West Broadway beginning at a point 170' northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Airport Road. National Grid to install one (1) jointly-owned pole, number 95-1, 98' NW of pole 94-1 for a new day care center.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

##### **#9962**

There being no objections, the Public Safety Committee was granted more time to report on an *Application by Folgar Salvage and Export Company for a License to Buy and Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles, Class 2, at Rear 27 Hill Street.*

##### **#9963**

There being no objections, the Public Safety Committee was granted more time to report on an *Application by Folgar Salvage and Export Company for License to Deal in Motor Vehicle Junk, Class 3, at Rear 27 Hill Street.*

##### **#9964**

On a motion by Councillor James Johnson and seconded by Councillor Edward Gravel, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to grant to *Rob's Dyno Service, LLC, a License to Buy and Sell Second Hand Motor Vehicles (Motorcycles), Class 1, at 268 Coleman Street* .

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

##### **#9954**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier informed the Council that the Committee reviewed the Ordinance and voted to recommend that it be ordered to First Printing.

Councillor James Walsh seconded the motion.





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On the motion, Councillor Walsh reported that the Ordinance generally represents a 2% cost-of-living increase to non-union employees, effective and retroactive to July 1, 2018. He noted, however, that a larger percentage increase would be granted to the GIS position due to additional duties. He said that the Committee discussed the changes to the GIS position with the Human Resources Director and that the Committee was persuaded that the change was appropriate. He added that funding for the wage adjustments was included in the FY2019 Budget.

Councillor Edward Gravel informed the Council that the GIS Coordinator is doing a great job, that he knows her personally, has five or six things on her plate at all times, and that she gets grants for the City for lighting.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau said that he is big fan of the current GIS Coordinator and suggested that "there is kind of a theme" as "to different things going on around here, including a different employee, [and] wondering why this person is taking on additional grant work when we have an employee for that." He added that "it was an issue earlier in the evening when the votes went not that way but they easily could have." "So," he said, "I'd like to put that out to people that why are things being shifted ... when there are other employees that could be doing grant work."

Councillor Gravel remarked, "I think that this is an executive decision and process at that level" and "that we're here just to approve it or not approve it."

On the motion, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to Order the following Ordinance to First Printing:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 171 THEREOF, ENTITLED "PERSONNEL" TO CHANGE COMPENSATION SCHEDULE EXHIBIT E.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Gardner as follows:

Section 1. Section 171-68 of Chapter 171, Personnel, of the Code of the City of Gardner is hereby amended by deleting and repealing Compensation Schedule Exhibit E and inserting in place thereof, the following:

**Exhibit E**  
**Non-Union Employees**  
**Effective Date: 07/01/2018**



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### Department Heads

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Building Commissioner	G-10		\$ 76,619.22	\$1,473.45	
Chief of Police	G-13		\$101,195.73	\$1,946.07	
City Assessor	G-9		\$ 71,703.71	\$1,378.92	
City Auditor	G-10		\$ 79,682.11		
Retirement Board (ex officio)			<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$ 82,682.11	\$1,590.04	
City Clerk	G-10		\$ 78,151.60		
Clerk of the City Council		MGL c. 41, §19F	\$ 3,500.00		
Registrar of Voters		MGL c. 41, §19G	<u>\$ 550.00</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$ 82,201.60	\$1,580.80	
City Treasurer/Collector	G-10		\$ 82,469.49		
		MGL c. 32, §20(6)	<u>\$ 300.00</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$ 82,769.49	\$1,591.72	
City Engineer	G-11		\$ 83,505.33	\$1,605.87	
City Solicitor	G-10		\$ 79,051.18	\$1,520.22	
Council on Aging Director	G-6		\$ 55,372.77	\$1,064.86	
Director of Community Development & Planning	G-10	City:	\$ 64,547.98		
		GRA:	\$ 21,814.19		
		CDBG:	<u>\$ 4,545.15</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$ 90,907.32	\$1,748.22	
Director of Local Origination & Educational Planning	G-6		\$62,591.01	\$1,203.67	
Director of Public Health	G-10	Step 1	\$68,978.52	\$1,326.51	
		Step 2	\$76,937.58	\$1,479.57	
Fire Chief	G-12		\$92,841.90	\$1,785.42	
Golf Course Driving Range/Superintendent	G-9		\$75,070.56	\$1,443.66	
Human Resources Director	G-11		\$85,175.74	\$1,638.00	
Information Technology Director	G-10	City	\$47,015.98		
		School	<u>\$47,015.98</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$94,031.96	\$1,808.31	
Library Director	G-10		\$73,932.57	\$1,421.78	
Public Works Director	G-12		\$98,130.70	\$1,887.13	
Purchasing Agent/Civil Enforcement Director	G-10	MGL c. 148A, §5	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$77,998.58	\$1,499.97	
Veterans' Director	G-6		\$56,871.20	\$1,093.68	

### Non-Union Direct and Supervisory Staff

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Assistant City Clerk	G-3	Step 1	\$41,927.08	\$ 806.29	\$21.79
		Step 2 (5 Yrs)	\$42,765.62	\$ 822.42	\$22.23
		Step 3 (10 Yrs)	\$43,620.93	\$ 838.86	\$22.67
Assistant City Engineer	G-8		\$65,787.47	\$1,265.14	
Assistant City Solicitor	G-3		\$43,695.30	\$ 840.29	
Assistant City Treasurer/Collector	G-5		\$52,324.35	\$1,006.24	



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Assistant Director of Community Development**	G-7	City	\$ 3,277.26		
		CDBG	<u>\$62,267.94</u>		
		Total Compensation:	\$65,545.20	\$1,260.48	
Assistant Director of Public Health	G-5		\$52,324.35	\$1,006.24	
Assistant Director of Public Works	G-9		\$71,703.71	\$1,378.92	
Assistant Library Director	G-6		\$57,275.70	\$1,101.46	
Conservation/Planning Agent	G-6		\$57,855.20	\$1,112.60	
Deputy Chief of Police	G-11		\$85,175.74	\$1,638.00	
Director of Public Safety Regional Dispatch Center	G-8		\$72,828.00	\$1,400.54	
Economic Development Coordinator**	G-7	:	\$57,120.00	\$1,098.46	
Executive Secretary	G-4		\$46,620.99	\$ 896.56	\$24.23
GIS/Energy Analyst	G-5		\$58,000.00	\$1,115.38	
Golf Professional	G-6			\$1,256.18	
Golf Pro Manager	G-6			\$1,082.43	
Local Inspector	G-6		\$59,146.27	\$1,137.43	
Producer	G-2		\$47,436.67	\$ 912.24	
Senior Animal Control Officer	G-2		\$39,809.84	\$ 765.57	
Systems Manager	G-6		\$62,558.21	\$1,203.04	
Electrical Inspector	G-6				\$30.74
Plumbing Inspector	G-6				\$30.74
Transfer Station Supervisor	G-3				\$21.74
Executive Aide					\$26.53
			<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	
Civil Defense Director			\$8,992.04	\$ 749.34	
Sealer of Weights & Measures			\$9,158.21	\$ 763.18	

### Non-Union Staff Positions

		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
Animal Control Officer	G-1	\$32,897.45	\$ 632.64	\$15.82
		<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Administrative Assistant		\$14.60	\$16.93	\$20.40
Administrative Coordinator		\$13.84	\$16.30	\$18.76
Administrative Clerk		\$13.40	\$15.58	\$17.75
Animal Shelter Attendant		\$12.00		
Budget/Project Manager**	City	\$ 1.07		
	GRA	\$ .64		
	CDBG	<u>\$22.40</u>		
Total Compensation:		\$24.11		
Building Maintenance Craftsman		\$17.74	\$20.01	\$22.29
Building Maintenance Man		\$16.22	\$18.42	\$20.62
Council on Aging Coordinator		\$12.68		
Financial Administrator		\$14.78	\$17.63	\$20.79
Financial Clerk		\$13.58	\$15.97	\$18.64



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### Golf Course Positions

Golf Pro Shop Supervisor	\$13.80	\$14.33	\$14.86
Grounds Maintenance Man GC-8	\$16.24	\$18.86	\$19.76
Motor Equipment Repairman GC-8	\$16.24	\$17.86	\$19.76
Working Foreman – Grounds Maintenance Man GC-9	\$19.95		
Working Foreman – Motor Equipment Repairman GC-9	\$19.95		

### Library Department Positions

Staff Librarian	\$21.42		
Senior Library Technician	\$19.52		
Library Technician	\$18.41		
Library Clerical Staff	\$12.88	\$13.14	
Library Custodian	\$15.73	\$17.85	\$19.98
Head Lifeguard	\$15.00	\$16.40	
Parking Meter Clerk	\$16.32		
Production Assistant	\$14.48		
Transfer Station Monitor	\$12.00		

### Non-Union Staff: Temporary, Seasonal, and Intermittent Positions

<u>Position</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>
Alternate Animal Control Officer	N/A	\$12.00		
Certified Pool Operator	S-4	\$21.68		
Golf Course Laborer/ Pro Shop Assistant	GC-4	\$12.00		
Golf Course Groundsman	GC-5	\$14.23		
Golf Course Ranger	GC-6	\$12.00		
Lifeguard	S-6	\$12.00		
Temporary Seasonal Technical	T-6	\$14.08		
Election Clerk	N/A	\$12.00		
Election Inspector	N/A	\$11.00		
Election Warden	N/A	\$13.00		
Special Detail Police Officer	N/A	\$47.00		
Temporary Seasonal Laborer	T-4	\$12.00	\$13.50	\$15.00
Recreational Playground Supervisor	T-5	\$15.00	\$16.40	
Recreational Support Staff	N/A	\$12.00		

\*\*Compensation increase contingent upon positive evaluation of oversight commission, Board or individual (Mayor or City Council) with the approval of the Mayor.

%Community Development & Planning Administrative Coordinator wages paid for by City, CDBG and GRA in the following approximate percentages: City – 84.5%, GRA – 10.5%, CDBG- 5%.

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### COUNCIL AS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**#9899**

Citing the Council's informal discussions and Councillor-offered amendments and suggestions at the Joint Public Hearing, Councillor James Walsh recommended that the Committee of the Whole be granted more time. There being no objections, the Committee was granted more time to study and report on *An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner by Deleting and Repealing Chapter 675 Thereof, "Zoning," and Replacing it With a New Chapter 675, to be Entitled "Zoning."*

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND MATTERS FOR RECONSIDERATION

**#9909**

President Graves recognized Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas.

Councillor Kazinskas addressed the City by reading aloud from a prepared statement, as follows:

"Thank you, Mr. President. Leading to a motion.

I am open to reconsideration of any matter where the City Council is provided with new information. I am also open to changing my vote upon reconsideration of any matter where new information justifies changing my vote.

I am changing my vote based on the new information Environmental Resources Management provided with their request for reconsideration. They have made important project modifications directly based on the feedback from our City Council and community, and have diligently made every effort to reach out to and communicate with City Councillors individually since the City Council's vote against the project. They have also done significant work and gone above and beyond to answer questions that were previously unanswered, and address all concerns on an ongoing basis over the past month. Through this transparency and outreach, they have shown their clear willingness to work with our City and ensure the success of this project for our City, environmentally and economically.

We cannot pretend that this vote exists in a vacuum. We need funding for our schools and roads, and there are only so many ways we can obtain more funding. We cannot drain our stabilization account without a plan to rebuild it, we cannot ask the citizens of Gardner to vote on a prop 2 ½ override and guarantee that it will pass, and we cannot rely on unrealistically optimistic fundraising.

Here is what we can do. This project is not all about the money. This project is about taking the opportunity to rebuild an underutilized area of land that has been sitting for over 10



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years and eliminate reported incidents of vandalism, gunfire, brushfires, etc. in that area, rebuild the relationship with our constituents who live there and were so negatively impacted by the previous project with a positive, reliable and responsibly planned project, rebuild our stabilization fund and reduce future possible tax increases, as this project will generate \$13,700,000 in tax revenue over the life of the project, at \$585,000 per year for 20 years of personal property tax revenue and \$100,000 per year of real estate tax revenue, and most importantly, the opportunity to rebuild the City of Gardner.

Having voted on the prevailing side of calendar number 9909, I move to reconsider it.”

Moved by Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas to reconsider #9909, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SOUTHWESTERLY OF WEST STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT. Councillor Nathan Boudreau seconded the motion.

On the motion to reconsider, Councillor Christine Johnson stated that she voted against the Ordinance “because we have zones in our City – [solar is allowed in] Industrial I and II as a matter of right, which the Planning Board discussed this evening. That is where they go.” She continued, saying that she “found it interesting reading from the 118-page document sent to the Council by ERM that one part of the document discussed talking with neighbors from that area. She said that she spoke with five concerned neighbors from that area and “we had a gentleman here this evening that said, ‘When are you going to protect us?’”

Continuing, Councillor Johnson said, “We don’t know whether there is going to be any kind of contamination in the wells. And, if there is, it is already too late, because they’ve consumed it and already gotten sick.” “I do not support this going through. We need to start protecting our residential areas and making the solar people go where it is a matter of right.”

Councillor James Boone expressed agreement with Councillor Christine Johnson’s comments that “this is a rural residential area and the proposal would allow commercial. At some point, we have to protect our zoning laws.”

Councillor Edward Gravel stated that he “also received several phone calls, including a lady on Princeton Street who owns a day care system, who is also concerned with the construction going on over there.” “As Councillors,” he said, “we’re elected to make tough decisions and we’re expected to abide by those decisions – not flip flop – not change our mind on a whim. It is about the money and that is what it comes down to with this Administration.” Continuing, he said, “It’s not what’s best for the use of the land over there. It’s about the money, because there is a shortfall. It was just brought up that there is a



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Proposition 2½ Override. When does society decide that it's not about the money? It's about the best welfare of our citizens that live in these areas." He added that he "personally spoke with neighbors in the areas of the two proposed solar overlay districts. We need to start listening to the voters."

Councillor James Walsh stated that he voted in favor of the solar overlay district initially, and was disappointed that it did not pass. He said that he "wanted to come to the defense of Councillor Kazinskas for when it was being suggested that reconsideration is some sort of a whim. It is not a whim." He said that she explained the basis on which she feels that reconsideration is appropriate and did so very eloquently, and to suggest that it is some sort of whim suggests that here reasons weren't being listened to."

On the motion, on call of the roll, six (6) yeas, Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Karen Hardern, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; five (5) nays, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Edward Gravel, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, reconsideration of #9909 was adopted.

Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas moved to amend AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ZONING," BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SOUTHWESTERLY OF WEST STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT by striking Parcels H32-19-2 and H27-14-103 from the list of parcels.

Councillor James Walsh seconded the motion.

On the motion to amend, Councillor James Johnson questioned whether the City Council and Planning Board would be required to conduct another public hearing because the original Ordinance discussed and recommended by the Planning Board would not be the one that the City Council acted on, if amended.

President Graves responded, saying that the City Council can amend any measure before it at any time.

Councillor James Walsh informed the Council that prior to the most recent meeting that the Council acted on the Ordinance, he inquired with the City Solicitor as to whether any further action was required to be taken by the Planning Board if the Council voted to amend the Ordinance. The Solicitor's response was "No," he said.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau stated that the amendment presented is the reason that he does "not consider this a whim," adding, "these people are willing to be a community partner and





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that is why I am changing my vote and not on any sort of a whim.” He said that he has received many phone calls and that there are many people that support the project and, as a result of their willingness to work with the community, that he “now can support the measure.”

Councillor James Johnson stated that he remained opposed to the Ordinance and informed the Council that the reason that he opposes it is because at the original Planning Board meeting, the proponent specifically said that they would not be putting anything on Annunciation Parish property and since this amendment, they are going to be putting [arrays] on the land. He continued, saying that he e-mailed one of the developers suggesting that the reason behind his ‘no vote’ is because of the opposition of the people in the area, adding that if the Petitioners could obtain the signatures of the abutters in support of the project and bring it before the City Council, [and] then he would reconsider his vote. “They came back with one person in favor, so I remain opposed.”

On the motion, viva voce, seven (7) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Karen Hardern, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; four (4) nays, Councillors James Boone, Edward Gravel, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, the amendment was adopted.

Councillor James Walsh moved to order the Ordinance, as amended, to First Printing, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SOUTHWESTERLY OF WEST STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT.

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

Section 1. Chapter 675 of the Code of the City of Gardner, the Zoning Map, is hereby amended by designating the following parcels southwesterly of West Street as a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District:

H27-7-3	H27-00019-00024	H27-00013-00051	H27-00023-00078
H27-7-6	H27-00019-00025	H27-00013-00052	H27-00023-00079
C32-14-18	H27-00019-00026	H27-00013-00053	H27-00024-00080
H27-00013-00106	H27-00024-00027	H27-00013-00054	H27-00024-00081
H27-00025-00001	H27-00024-00028	H27-00013-00055	H27-00024-00082
H27-00025-00002	H27-00023-00029	H27-00017-00056	H27-00024-00083
H27-00020-00022	H27-00023-00030	H27-00017-00057	H27-00024-00084
H27-00020-00021	H27-00023-00031	H27-00017-00058	H27-00019-00085





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H27-00020-00020	H27-00018-00032	H27-00017-00059	H27-00019-00086
H27-00019-00006	H27-00018-00033	H27-00017-00060	H27-00019-00087
H27-00019-00007	H27-00018-00034	H27-00017-00061	H27-00020-00088
H27-00019-00008	H27-00013-00035	H27-00017-00062	H27-00025-00089
H27-00019-00009	H27-00018-00036	H27-00017-00063	H27-00025-00090
H27-00019-00010	H27-00018-00037	H27-00017-00064	H27-00025-00091
H27-00019-00011	H27-00018-00038	H27-00017-00065	H27-00025-00092
H27-00019-00012	H27-00018-00039	H27-00017-00066	H27-00025-00093
H27-00019-00013	H27-00023-00040	H27-00017-00067	H27-00025-00094
H27-00019-00014	H27-00023-00041	H27-00017-00068	H27-00025-00095
H27-00019-00015	H27-00022-00042	H27-00017-00069	H27-00025-00096
H27-00014-00016	H27-00017-00043	H27-00022-00070	H27-00025-00097
H27-00014-00017	H27-00017-00044	H27-00022-00071	H27-00025-00098
H27-00014-00018	H27-00017-00045	H27-00023-00072	H27-00025-00099
H27-00014-00019	H27-00017-00046	H27-00023-00073	H27-00014-00101
H27-00014-00020	H27-00017-00047	H27-00023-00074	H27-00014-00102
H27-00015-00021	H27-00013-00048	H27-00023-00075	H27-00015-00105
H27-00014-00022	H27-00013-00049	H27-00023-00076	
H27-00019-00023	H27-00013-00050	H27-00023-00077	

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Councillor Karen Hardern seconded the motion.

President Graves recognized Mayor Hawke.

Mayor Hawke stated that what the Council has before “is not the project, but an overlay district.” He said that “it appears that this whole thing hinges upon the project within the overlay district,” and remarked that “if the City had a way to poll every voter in the City to determine the majority’s position, then we would know what they want. But, unfortunately, we do not have that.” “So,” he added, “what we all have to do is to work in the best interest of the City.”

Continuing, Mayor Hawke said, “The top thing that I hear is taxes. [People ask] ‘Why are my taxes so high?’” “So,” he said, “what we have to rely on is a regressive property tax and questions how the City could get more taxes, particularly from industrial and commercial in order to relieve the residential taxpayers. The City is roughly 83% residential and 17% commercial and industrial, [so] “we are not a hotbed of activity,” he added.



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Continuing, the Mayor noted that this \$15 million project would have “zero impact” on the school system, “close to zero” [impact] on Police and Fire services, generate \$585,000.00 per year in PILOT payments, plus additional revenues generated from real estate taxes. “What we have,” the Mayor said, “is the position of this project [which is] in a residential area [which], by right, it is not allowed.” “But,” he said, “through an overlay [district], [it] would be allowed.”

Continuing, the Mayor said, “What is allowed ‘by right’ there is 100 homes. So, ask yourself, ‘What will happen to that neighborhood?’” He said that it would not have the road repaved by a private developer and cited increased traffic; impact on the City’s water and sewer systems; additional students in the schools; additional Police and Fire calls; or, [the option of] “what you have before you – which is for the greater good. That is what you really have to think about tonight.”

The Mayor continued, saying “We all want economic development,” and if the project is allowed, that it would “almost [be] equal to our Prop 2½ increase this year.” “I think that we have to pay close attention to that,” he added. Continuing, he said that due to the reduced size of the project and renewed interest, he noted that every tree that would be cut will be replaced; that the road will be repaved; and, 40 acres will be set aside for conservation with trails. He noted that people have used the former Simplex fields, which “is not their land [to use], [so] they are trespassing.” “And, he said, “The Police have had to respond to that area – for gunshots, ATVs and accidents.” Concluding his remarks, the Mayor asked, “So, what is the greater good for the citizens? Not for the one or two that I have talked to, but for the citizens of Gardner.”

Councillor James Boone stated, “The Mayor points out that the project brings in revenue and that there’s a lot of carrots in front of me that says, ‘We could sure use that money.’ At some point, we’ve got to say that this is Rural Residential II, [so] why are we doing commercial there? Yes, it is about the money.”

Continuing, Councillor Boone said that he has heard that the [Cedar Hills] development “has been dead for ten years,” and acknowledged that the area experienced “a terrible real estate downturn,” but that “many of us have heard that real estate is coming back.” He asked, “Do we want to grow Gardner and have some more young families come in to support Gardner businesses? This is a great location for that to happen and that was the original intent.” He noted that there is infrastructure there [Cedar Hills] for housing. “My argument,” he said, “is that I think it is going to come back.” Citing schools, Councillor Boudreau said that the City has had a population decrease in its schools, “so there is room in the schools,” adding, “we’ve already hired the teachers, so we don’t have to hire any more teachers. So, I am not totally



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buying that argument, but guess that I can buy the argument about Police and Fire. Not paving the roads, well, maybe the developer will do that?” It is a nice piece of land for housing. These are the reasons that I am opposed to the [solar] development.”

Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas stated that if the City is to attract young families, then it will have to support its schools and to find money in order to do so. “They will come here if the school system gets better and there are only so many ways to get money,” she said.

Continuing, Councillor Kazinskas noted that “there are a lot of other benefits to the project besides money, such as those which the Mayor addressed, adding “I believe that we will establish a healthy connection with the residents of the area.” Concluding, she said that one of her constituents reached out to her about a problem with a filtration system, so she alerted an ERM representative about the problem and was advised that the developer will pay for a new water filtration system.

Councillor Edward Gravel stated that he received an e-mail from Councillor Boone that said that the median value of a new home in Massachusetts is \$400,000.00. He added that he wants a housing development in there, as it adds economic development to the City. He encouraged the Mayor to market the City to attract new businesses.

On the motion, it was voted on call of the roll, six (6) yeas, Councillors Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Karen Hardern, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; five (5) nays, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Edward Gravel, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, to order the Ordinance to First Printing, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND SOUTHWESTERLY OF WEST STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT.

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

Section 1. Chapter 675 of the Code of the City of Gardner, the Zoning Map, is hereby amended by designating the following parcels southwesterly of West Street as a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District:

H27-7-3	H27-00019-00024	H27-00013-00051	H27-00023-00078
H27-7-6	H27-00019-00025	H27-00013-00052	H27-00023-00079
C32-14-18	H27-00019-00026	H27-00013-00053	H27-00024-00080
H27-00013-00106	H27-00024-00027	H27-00013-00054	H27-00024-00081
H27-00025-00001	H27-00024-00028	H27-00013-00055	H27-00024-00082
H27-00025-00002	H27-00023-00029	H27-00017-00056	H27-00024-00083



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H27-00020-00022	H27-00023-00030	H27-00017-00057	H27-00024-00084
H27-00020-00021	H27-00023-00031	H27-00017-00058	H27-00019-00085
H27-00020-00020	H27-00018-00032	H27-00017-00059	H27-00019-00086
H27-00019-00006	H27-00018-00033	H27-00017-00060	H27-00019-00087
H27-00019-00007	H27-00018-00034	H27-00017-00061	H27-00020-00088
H27-00019-00008	H27-00013-00035	H27-00017-00062	H27-00025-00089
H27-00019-00009	H27-00018-00036	H27-00017-00063	H27-00025-00090
H27-00019-00010	H27-00018-00037	H27-00017-00064	H27-00025-00091
H27-00019-00011	H27-00018-00038	H27-00017-00065	H27-00025-00092
H27-00019-00012	H27-00018-00039	H27-00017-00066	H27-00025-00093
H27-00019-00013	H27-00023-00040	H27-00017-00067	H27-00025-00094
H27-00019-00014	H27-00023-00041	H27-00017-00068	H27-00025-00095
H27-00019-00015	H27-00022-00042	H27-00017-00069	H27-00025-00096
H27-00014-00016	H27-00017-00043	H27-00022-00070	H27-00025-00097
H27-00014-00017	H27-00017-00044	H27-00022-00071	H27-00025-00098
H27-00014-00018	H27-00017-00045	H27-00023-00072	H27-00025-00099
H27-00014-00019	H27-00017-00046	H27-00023-00073	H27-00014-00101
H27-00014-00020	H27-00017-00047	H27-00023-00074	H27-00014-00102
H27-00015-00021	H27-00013-00048	H27-00023-00075	H27-00015-00105
H27-00014-00022	H27-00013-00049	H27-00023-00076	
H27-00019-00023	H27-00013-00050	H27-00023-00077	

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **#9982**

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Councillor Ronald Cormier cited the DPW Director's letter outlining the purpose for the Loan Order and said that it is the Mayor's intent to cover the cost of the project immediately through short-term borrowing and to then finance it through the Water Enterprise Surplus, once certified.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau, Chairman of the Public Service Committee, reported that the Committee met with the DPW Director and voted to recommend its approval.

Councillor James Walsh stated that normally he is reluctant to vote on a Loan Order under New Business; however, due to the opportunity to immediately address the problem, then he would support it. He added that it is the Mayor's plan to not actually borrow, but to finance the expense from the Enterprise Fund when certified and the Council would then be in a position to rescind the Loan Order.



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On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier and seconded by Councillor James Walsh, it was voted on call of the roll, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adopt the following Order:

CITY OF GARDNER  
LOAN ORDER FOR SNAKE POND WELL REPAIRS

ORDERED: That the sum of \$100,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated to pay for Snake Pond well repair expenses as more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow \$100,000.00 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor.

Presented to Mayor for Approval – August 7, 2018

Approved – August 7, 2018

MARK P. HAWKE, Mayor

#### **#9898**

Leading to a motion, Councillor James Boone expressed his intent to move to reconsider #9898, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND EASTERLY OF LOVEWELL STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT.

Councillor Boone explained that his reason for bringing the Ordinance back to the floor for reconsideration is to grant it the same consideration provided to another solar overlay ordinance that was reconsidered earlier in the meeting. *(Note: Councillor Boone voted on the prevailing side on July 2, 2018).*

Councillor James Boone moved to reconsider the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED “ZONING,” BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND EASTERLY OF LOVEWELL STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT.

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



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Section 1. Chapter 675 of the Code of the City of Gardner, the Zoning Map, is hereby amended by designating Parcel R07-3-11 easterly of Lovewell Street as a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Overlay District.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law. Any claims of invalidity by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption may only be made ninety days after the posting or the second publication.

Councillor Nathan Boudreau seconded the motion.

On the motion, Councillor Boone stated that Councillor Kazinskas spoke about the other team working with the City “and trying to do right by the neighbors.” He said that he also found through discussions over the past couple months that the Lovewell Street project proponent was flexible with the overall project scope. He closed by saying that he sought reconsideration to allow discussion on the matter, the same opportunity given the other solar overlay Ordinance; however, he is unlikely to support it.

Councillor Christine Johnson stated that she would not support a solar overlay district in a residentially-zoned area, noting that she walked the area and spoke to many people and that “they are not for it.” She said that “not a single person expressed support in the area, except for the proponents, and that the Council needs to protect residentially-zoned areas from solar arrays, thereby protecting its residents.”

Councillor James Johnson stated that he remains opposed to the proposed Ordinance and took issue with the Mayor’s comment that “a majority of people will benefit from this solar development. He said, “We are not only a democracy, but a republic, where minority rights are also important.” “In this case,” he said “the minority are the residents that would be most affected by the development. Everyone in that area is opposed to that development.” Concluding, Councillor Johnson said that the site is different [from West Street], in that a majority of the Cedar Hills area is already disturbed and trees have been cut; whereas, the Lovewell Street site is near a lake and in a fully-wooded area that would require clearing.

Councillor Karen Hardern stated that she agrees with remarks made by Councillor James Johnson, adding that she voted in favor of the West Street Solar Overlay and against the Lovewell Street Solar Overlay, which are very different. She said that the land off Keyes Road is disturbed, has been empty for ten years, and then acknowledged “the accuracy of comments made by Councillor Kazinskas.” She closed by saying that she does not support the Lovewell Street Solar Overlay.

On the motion, on call of the roll, it was voted six (6) yeas, Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; five (5)



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nays, President Scott Graves and Councillors Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, to reconsider #9898.

On the motion by Councillor James Walsh and seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Kazinskas, on call of the roll, it was voted six (6) yeas, Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh; five (5) nays, President Scott Graves and Councillors Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, to Order to First Printing the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GARDNER, CHAPTER 675 THEREOF, ENTITLED "ZONING," BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATING CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND EASTERLY OF LOVEWELL STREET AS A LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC OVERLAY DISTRICT.

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

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTARY**

Councillor Nathan Boudreau expressed his appreciation to Square Two for successful weekend events, including honoring local heroes.

Councillor Christine Johnson informed the Council that she relayed to Councillors the School Department's Year-End Report and suggested that each Councillor look at it due to its importance. She said that she will be submitting some questions, particularly pertaining to the cataloguing of encumbrances that were included in the 2018 Budget, but not in the 2017 Budget. Citing revenues in the report, she stated that "if you add everything, there are understated revenues of \$1.4 million." She added that she may ask that an audit be performed, since the Department has a new Superintendent and Business Administrator.

Councillor Edward Gravel said that "Movies in the Park" have been postponed for the past two weeks due to inclement weather; however "Concerts in the Park" have been held "and are going great."





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President Scott Graves reminded the public that the Council President does not deliberate on measures before the City Council, so “people sometimes wonder what the President’s position is on issues.” He said that he participates on the Committee level, so that his views are generally known. Citing his vote to not support the motion to reconsider the West Street Solar Overlay Ordinance, but supporting the motion to amend, he explained that he wanted to provide for further discussion on the measure.

Continuing, citing the “Mayor’s campaign on tax revenue,” he said that “we all have to agree that the evil amongst us, if that is what it is, is taxation. Government doesn’t exist without taxation. And any society needs taxes to survive.” “And,” he added, “There are different ways to raise revenues – some good some bad – and it is not always about the money.” He said that if Amazon wanted to build a distribution plant on Lawrence Street and [to] create jobs and revenue for the City, “then I don’t think that we would be for it and the Mayor wouldn’t be standing there questioning the intent of the Council and citizens who would pass up an economic boon for the City.” He continued, “It’s as if this is the last solar project that will ever come into the City. If we don’t let this one in, then we will never see another solar project come to the City, ever!” He suggested that there are available locations for solar arrays in commercial and industrial areas in the City and questioned the life [span] of the proposed solar farms - proposed for 20 years – then cited [periodic] economic downturns that could shut down such operations. He concluded by saying that the Council speaks not only for the 11,000 voters, but for its 21,000 citizens and its businesses.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

President Graves led the Council in the Closing Prayer.

#### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councillor Christine Johnson and seconded by Councillor James Johnson, it was voted viva voce, eleven (11) yeas, President Scott Graves and Councillors James Boone, Nathan Boudreau, Craig Cormier, Ronald Cormier, Edward Gravel, Karen Hardern, Christine Johnson, James Johnson, Elizabeth Kazinskas, and James Walsh, to adjourn at 9:05 p.m.

Accepted by the City Council: *September 5, 2018*