

**METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING
September 8, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

Chairwoman Quinn called the Regular meeting of the Methuen City Council, scheduled for September 8,2009 to order with all members present

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION BY: Councilor Cronin to amend the agenda to move out of order TR-09-53 and place it after Public Participation. Councilor Zanni also requested to move TO-08-08 out of order and place it after TR-09-53 seconded by Councilor Giordano, to accept the agenda as amended.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Kannan gave the Invocation. Everyone remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Giordano to waive the reading and accept the minutes of previous meetings:

June 27,09 - July 1,09- August 3,09- August 17, 09

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

CORRESPONDENCE/PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor William M. Manzi presented a citation to Arthur Hutton for his dedication of service to the community and his years of service as President of the Methuen Exchange Club.

City Council along with Chairwoman Deborah Quinn and Councilor Stephen Zanni presented a citation to Arthur Hutton for his spirit and generosity to the City of Methuen as an outstanding citizen.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucille Donegan - 19 Somerset Street spoke on the Charter Commission and stated it should be voted up or down. The insinuation of having the wrong people on the ballot is wrong. It should not be people who have a personal agenda or intentions of making rules with no measure. This is not a dictatorship and people should not be discriminated against. Anyone has the right to run for office and everyone has the right to vote who they want placed on this nine-member commission.

Councilor Pappalardo read a letter from the DiLeo family relative to the memorial bench and tree placed at the Tenney School. The family thanked the Mayor, Superintendent Whitten, Councilor Pappalardo, Superintendent of maintenance Bruce Stella and the Rock of Ages Memorial for the beautiful tribute for their son Timmy. The letter stated that it shows the love and caring of the people of Methuen to the DiLeo family.

Councilor Pappalardo also thanked George Kazanjian. He was the liaison to get the meeting together and get this done. She also thanked Lawn Care for donating the pavers leading up to the concrete bench and tree, they did a wonderful job and Councilor Pappalardo would urge everyone to go and look at this beautiful memorial.

Councilor Pappalardo also read a letter into the record (attached) from Roland and Marilyn Glaude of 54 Hampshire Street regarding the Appleyard property. They are direct abutters and feel they have a vested interest in its development. They are asking that the state funds that Methuen is receiving be put in an interest bearing account to be held for the sole purpose for the Appleyard property to ensure cleanup and development.

(out of order)

TR-09-53 Resolution Re-Authorizing School Revolving Funds Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan to remove from the table

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Glenn Fratto Business Administrator for the school department was before Council for questions regarding TR-09-53.

Councilor Kannan noted the information sent to council by Mr. Fratto and was thankful for the information. Councilor Kannan said there was a lot of money left over in the revolving fund and council was wondering if there was additional monies in the account the city could allocate to get particular services up and going and putting money back in the general fund and Council allocate it to the schools to add custodians.

Mr. Fratto stated that the information given to council is dated 6-30-09 for the balances in each of the revolving accounts. They have already encumbered many invoices against those accounts. The information council had on 6-30-09 was \$181,000 dollars but already committed was \$110,000 dollars towards various improvements and the ongoing salaries of the employees of the ice rink. At this point and time there is significantly less than what Council originally had. Council did not see the encumbrances.

Councilor Kannan thanked Mr. Fratto for his explanation.

Councilor Pappalardo understood that the Pleasant Valley School sent a letter regarding the (dire) situation they are in if this (resolution) is not passed.

Mayor Manzi stated the legal requirements have been stretched a little and yes the letter was sent and failure to reauthorize in a timely way has posed a real hardship but not just there. He would recommend reauthorization based on that hardship and other problems. Councilor Pappalardo understands they cannot pay the bills, for milk and such. Mayor Manzi said that if the money is not reauthorized they couldn't pay anything. This needs to be reauthorized.

Councilor Giordano asked is this legislation voted every year?

City Solicitor Attorney Peter McQuillan stated based on the statute this requires an annual authorization.

Mayor Manzi stated the funds being reauthorized; the accounts being reauthorized have been reauthorized every year except for one year immediately at the start of the new fiscal year. City Council for many years has reauthorized. The Mayor does not want to be critical but Council needs to reauthorize in a timely fashion or do something else. Councilor Giordano stated that Council was not sure (at the time) what the money was for and only requested information but did not get that information in a timely fashion and that was the reason for the delay.

Councilor Leone stated that Council got the resolution after July 1st with no back up information. He was not prepared to vote on the issue until he got the information. He had a discussion with the Superintendent, explained what he was looking for and hence the meeting here tonight with Mr. Fratto. Councilor Leone said rather than the recommendation of Mr. Fratto that Council give up the reauthorization of revolving fund, Councilor Leone would rather Council get the information (much) earlier next year. Mr. Fratto agreed.

Councilor Cronin asked if this is passed tonight is there a thirty-day waiting period? If so he would add an emergency preamble

Attorney McQuillan said he would suggest attaching an emergency preamble

MOTION BY: Councilor Cronin to add an emergency preamble for the good and welfare of the community, seconded by Councilor Leone

UPON VOTE: (EPA) UNANIMOUS

MOTION BY: (main motion) Councilor Cronin seconded by Councilor Leone to adopt TR-09-53 (EPA attached)

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

(out of order)

TO-09-08 Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 Municipal Contract Ordinance Section 7-3 of Chapter 7. (amended) (Req of Clr Lahey Clr Pappalardo) (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: Councilor Lahey seconded by Councilor Pappalardo to remove from the table

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION BY: Councilor Lahey seconded by Councilor Pappalardo to adopt.

Councilor Lahey stated this is relating to Councilors concerns regarding consultants, stipends and side letters.

Councilor Kannan asked for the Mayor's opinion on this issue.

Mayor Manzi stated that his agreement with City Council is that all side letters are set up standardly. The Mayor is not in favor of this. It is an infringement on Mayoral prerogative. At first he thought it was about contracts and he would be extremely

opposed to that but this does have contractual implications by virtue of the inclusion of consultants, which is a broadly defined term. He is not in favor and the consultant portion should be taken out and maybe that would be a way to compromise. Those items are handled through the budgetary process and Council is the appropriators (not the mayor) Council can control this through the appropriation process. This would be an infringement on the mayoral ability to manage.

Councilor Kannan remembers her first budget and not knowing who was getting what. One of her requests (at the time) was that whoever the employee or department was she would want to see what the salary was, are they doing a special service above and beyond after hours. Her concern is the over one thousand dollars (everything) has to come to council.

Mayor Manzi stated that he does not agree with this (legislation) and the one thousand dollars is low. Prior to him being Mayor there was a discussion on giving the customer service (people) stipends. It was done through the appropriation process. The Mayor at the time came to City Council and asked for a specific appropriation called a stipend and city council had to approve it through the budgetary process as it should be. Council can vote for it through the budget cycle or not vote it. Council is the appropriating authority and he recognizes that. His recommendations are to make the appropriations. The Mayor does not have a problem with the stipends but does with the other two issues. The Mayor feels one thousand dollars is too low of a number.

Councilor Lahey stated it is not really the dollar figure. He disagrees with the Mayor on this particular issue. Councilor Lahey stated that when it comes to side letters, stipends and consultants Council does not have control. Councilor Lahey found out (today) that some of the stipends are added on to the annual pay when they retire and increases the total. We are not just paying the stipend while they are here we are paying a portion of the stipend until the day they die.

Councilor Kannan asked if that was true.

Mayor Manzi said there has been a change in tax law that requires some differences in how things like that are treated, in terms of being part of the base wage. The Mayor respectfully stated that has nothing to do with what is being proposed. Whether it is called a stipend or part of gross wage it would still come before Council to be appropriated.

Councilor Lahey stated that stipends do not come before Council.

Mayor Manzi stated they do.

Councilor Lahey asked why is it that every time Council questions a stipend they are told it's contractual.

Mayor Manzi said that if there is a contractual stipend, the contract couldn't be put into effect until the city council votes ya or na on the contract. If it is part of the collective bargaining agreement it still has to be a vote on the agreement. When changes are made in recommended salary levels (leaving out the issue of stipends) at budget time there would be (attached to the budget) changes in the personnel ordinance that would reflect what is going on with a salary or stipend. The Mayor respectfully disagrees. He does show them as part of the budget and he deferred to Tom Kelly, city auditor, as to the change in the IRS tax code.

Councilor Lahey stated he will respectfully disagree with the Mayor all night but is steadfast on how he feels on the issue and will vote this up or down.

City Auditor Thomas Kelly stated there was a time when clothing allowances, customer service stipends were paid out of other expenses contractual. IRS came out two years ago and deemed that as regular compensation. Two years ago those line items were moved up to personal services. It was an IRS code that changed and it then became part of the base pay, which is calculated on their pension.

Councilor Giordano stated that Councilor Lahey is correct.

Councilor Leone stated the difficulty he has is the understanding that the city council has the need to monitor employee compensation. Council has to right to approve or disapprove salary, collective bargaining agreements. Council needs to know what is happening with stipends and extra pay. That happens once a year. It is simple for the Mayor to give council one list at budget time to tell council what is happening with the twenty or thirty people. The case of consultants is a problem because a one thousand dollar threshold means council will be meeting every Monday night with a fifty item agenda. Anyone doing work for the city, not an employee is a consultant. We should have a different threshold for them or not include them in this measure.

(Point of information) Councilor Lahey asked City Solicitor McQuillan if this applies to past and present employees, wasn't that made clear?

Attorney McQuillan stated he was asked to clarify the provision by adding the language "professional services to be provided by the city by city personnel or former city personnel".

Councilor Kannan asked if this is for someone who is rehired who was originally a city employee only.

Councilor Lahey stated prior city employee from Methuen only.

Councilor Leone asked only city employees being hired as consultants.

Councilor Lahey said "yes".

Attorney McQuillan stated, "yes"

Councilor Pappalardo stated she respectfully disagrees with the Mayor. Her gripe is that there are no more contracts except for the one he (Mayor) negotiated for one year. All the contracts expire come next year.

Mayor Manzi stated contracts expired June 30 and he extended all by agreement for one year but the agreements that were extended deal with the specifics of some of the items negotiated in the terms of giving back. The balance of the contracts continues to live via the evergreen clauses. It is true they expire on June 30 those provisions continue to go forward.

Councilor Pappalardo stated until next June 30, until he (Mayor) negotiates a new contract, she is asking (and the reason why she signed onto this issue) the Mayor to negotiate the new contracts when they come available and not give away everything. If the stipends are in the contracts, the way the economy is and the employees were wonderful enough to give up 10% no one should be receiving stipends or side letters unless it is by law such as in the clerks' office, and treasurer, that is all minimal stipends. She agrees with Councilor Lahey regarding prior people coming on as consultants, she does not agree with it or hiring new consultants. We should not be hiring anybody given the taxpayers and charging more money, we do not need all these consultants. We need to put a stop to hiring all these consultants. We have capable employees in the city and do not need to hire a consultant to look at another consultant.

Mayor Manzi respectfully disagreed. It is one thing to criticize but to say we are over using consultants, show him where and be specific and he will address the criticism. It is unfair to criticize and accuse the Mayor of using all the consultants. How is he overusing? Which ones? There was some controversy (month ago re: Don Morelle) when inquirers came to his office regarding a consultant to go into the motor pool after retirement. During the course of the budget process he (Mayor) said specifically that he was going to request an appropriation for that amount, he said what it was for and the city council approved it based on his saying that it would be of limited duration and the city would end up saving about sixty thousand dollars (which we did) and it was approved. This is a perfect example of saying we are overusing a consultant when in fact we did not overuse the consultant we saved a ton of money for the city.

Councilor Pappalardo stated she was not referring to the Mayor she was responding to what Councilor Leone said about the water department needing a consultant or anyone else needing a consultant that is what we want to stop in the future, if in fact we need to hire consultants.

Councilor Leone said that Councilor Pappalardo is taking what he said out of context. Councilor Leone said there are many different people who have to work for the city on an interim basis for many things such as servicing the air-conditioning unit in the building or fixing the water pump at the water department or doing a study. It could be one thousand dollars or one hundred thousand dollars. The fact is anyone who gets money from the city who is not on the payroll can be characterized as a consultant. He did not mean to say that we had too many consultants.

Councilor Kannan thanked Councilor Leone for clarifying his statement. She said that Council did not hear how the Mayor saved money by hiring back someone. Councilor Kannan heard the explanation from the Mayor and does not see any problems or abuse on this issue and she will vote no on this ordinance. In the future she would like to see who gets stipends under each item and let council make that decision at the next budget.

Councilor Lahey said he agreed on the budget begrudging and that was one of the reasons why he put this legislation in. To say we are saving sixty thousand dollars a year because this person is training his replacement, he put in for his retirement in 2006, he had three years to train someone.

Mayor Manzi stated that he (individual) may have put in his retirement in 2006 but changed his mind. He left before the 10% reductions were going in and that was his call. Times have changed but the idea that we would have eliminated the position in 2006 is not accurate, we would have replaced him. Today with the fiscal problems we have we let two superintendents go without being replaced and that was a savings of \$140,000 dollars and a big savings for the city. At this time the mayor thought it appropriate to ask the existing workforce to do more and there was no time to train them prior, it was not a long pre planned item. The mayor felt it was appropriate.

Councilor Lahey stated that he knew this person was going one year ago. If he could not train someone in one year Councilor Lahey calls that poor management.

Mayor Manzi said that he takes offense to that. There is a position there. Not replacing him was a late decision based on budgetary factors. Why would he train someone if there were going to be a new superintendent coming in? The game plan was changed which means we do more with less. We saved money.

Councilor Zanni stated he does not want to usurp the Mayor's authority. The budget is in. The important thing to Councilors is that we hear this one got a stipend or a side letter and not knowing what it is about. Councilor Zanni would like to see, when the next budget comes forward, a list of the individuals who are receiving a stipend with the amounts prior to the budget. That would be something he is looking for.

Mayor Manzi said that he has provided a comprehensive list of collective bargaining, side letters and stipends. He is happy to provide anything in the budget. Should there be questions he has no problem providing any data that Council request.

Councilor Willette said this legislation has valid points. We are dealing with someone's concern of a former employee coming back into the system as a consultant. He is under the impression that at the state level when they passed a pension reform package that abuse was eliminated. Councilor Willette would like to have some clarification. If we are focusing on consultants or former employees who have a pension coming back into the system, he is not in favor of that, it is double dipping, retiring from a system and coming back as a consultant. We should review that process before we make a drastic decision on this. That loophole should be closed.

UPON ROLL CALL: (failed) 4-yes 4-no (Zanni, Leone, Quinn, Kannan) 1- present (Willette)

PUBLIC SERVICE

GRANTS:

Public Service Grant #655 – Swan Street – Remove (1) one pole. Replace (1) one pole

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Leone to approve.

UPON VOTE: UANNIMOUS

LICENSES: None

CONTRACTS

C-10-5 McDevitt Trucks Inc 939 East Street, Tewksbury MA – Three (3) New Model Year 2010 Heavy Duty Dump Trucks AMT: \$425,745.

MOTION BY: Councilor Lahey seconded by Councilor Zanni to approve.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

C-10-6 McDevitt Trucks Inc 939 East Street, Tewksbury MA – Heavy Duty Dump Truck with Lease Purchasing Financing. AMT: \$133,132.30 (Lease for 5 years @ \$26,626.46.yearly)

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan to approve.

Councilor Lahey stated that he supported the water budget but is concerned with these contracts. C-10-6 is to buy a heavy-duty six-wheeler dump truck. He understands the need but with the influx of three ten wheelers going to the highway, we have three six wheel max. When they needed a dump truck they would go down and borrow one.

Councilor Lahey does not see the necessity to spend money on this. The water department may need one or two pick-up trucks but they do not need a whole new fleet. He would be willing to give them a couple of trucks with a crew cab for the crew but when they start to turn into transportation a vehicle that is up-setting. Councilor Lahey will vote against these two contracts.

Councilor Leone asked next year when it is time to make the second payment on the two contracts (\$70,000) where will that money be in the budget?

City Auditor Thomas Kelly stated water and sewer enterprise fund- equipment outlay (where it is right now).

Councilor Leone asked what will happen if there is not a sufficient amount of money in that fund to make that payment.

Mr. Kelly said that would be a legal debt that would have to be honored.

Councilor Leone said the city is legally obligated to put these annual payments in the budget ahead of personnel expenditures. If the money is not there someone might get laid off in order to make the payment.

Mr. Kelly stated they could repossess the trucks.

Councilor Cronin asked if next year could the money be taken out of Chapter 90 funds?

Mr. Kelly said he did not think so.

Mr. DiFiore spoke from the audience and was inaudible...

Councilor Pappalardo said she wants to vote these trucks but the way the city finances are, she voted against a five-dollar service charge for water and sewer. She was told we would be in trouble if we do not vote the five dollars in but we are taking this money out of water and sewer. She cannot see spending this money, employees took decreases and next year is going to be worse. Where are we going to find the money for next year's payment? Councilor Pappalardo will vote no on these contracts.

Councilor Kannan said the 2010 Fords and the four plows at this time are a bit much.

They may need some but maybe we could forgo some of them for one year and break this down to two. Forgo the dump truck. Next year will be equally challenging. As it stands she cannot vote for all of these trucks.

City Engineer Frank Russo said he couldn't wait one year. To look at the budget from last year the same vehicles were in last year's budget. He has foregone it one year. They are in poor condition and we cannot continue to use this equipment. It is unsafe and we cannot keep them on the road. Some of these vehicles will be junked.

Councilor Kannan asked is there is a dump truck that could be passed over to the water department for one year?

Mr. Russo said they are taking the water department vehicle and giving it to the highway department for their use. This is the same as what was in the budget last year but has increased because the prices have gone up. Every year we wait the price goes up.

Councilor Zanni asked what service does this provide, what services would we not have if we decide not to vote these contracts.

Mr. Russo said there is no dump truck for construction operations; he has to rent a truck for \$1500 per month. The others have major front-end work, utility body is rotten out and that equipment will be junked. This truck will be used for service calls, to fix a service leak; this will have all the equipment to fix the service. Truck #53 will be given to the water treatment to use with a plow. The sewer water truck is very old and in poor condition with rotted floorboards and will be junked.

Councilor Lahey is not saying we do not need new vehicles but he does not think they need a whole new fleet. Water department never had a dump truck; they would go to the DPW and borrow one. A crew cab for the crews and sewer and water for the guy's is fine. Why do we need five pick-up trucks?

Mr. Russo stated one 250 goes to the sewer department (replaces truck #88). The other 250's goes to the water department (replace truck #53) the 350 has major front-end work is rotted out and will be junked.

Councilor Lahey referenced the list of trucks from the water department and DPW from 2000 to 2005 and one from 1995.

Mr. Russo said the 1995 one is junk. A 1998 is being taken off the road.

Councilor Lahey said they are asking for six vehicles.

Mr. Russo stated the sewer and water department has wanted to get those for three years. It was in the budget last year, could not do it, now he is trying again.

Councilor Lahey asked why he did not go piece-meal over the last (few) years?

Mayor Manzi stated that request was sent to his office last year but he cut it out. The reason we see it now is because budgetary constraints have led us to defer capital expenditures and other important longer-term projects because the money has not been there. When we keep deferring capital expenditures puts us at this point.

Councilor Lahey stated that rather than spend \$1500 a month on a six wheeler, we should have freed up a Blue Mac (3) or (2) ten- wheeler from highway?

Mr. Russo stated they were being used for the highway department doing roads.

Councilor Zanni asked out of the replacements are any being taken off the road and which one?

Mr. Russo said # 52 heavy-duty dump truck, # 77(1995 F 350), # 60 1993 Mac. The other three are given to the water treatment plant.

Councilor Zanni feels we should compromise, \$1500 dollars to rent a truck is not right.

Councilor Zanni would agree to the heavy-duty dump truck but take away the Mac, agree with acquiring three but forgo the other three at this time. If some are not being taken off the road they can still be used. This would allow some of the vehicles for use as opposed to nothing at all.

Councilor Leone asked who does the motor vehicle maintenance for the water and sewer enterprise fund and do they bill for this?

Mr. Russo said the garage and they do bill. Mr. Russo's department pays for one of the salaries out of the water enterprise budget.

Councilor Leone said his point is that if we get new vehicles we would cut down on the maintenance costs.

Chair Quinn asked if anyone is taking these vehicles home?

Mr. Russo stated two, distribution and sewer maintenance supervisors.

Councilor Pappalardo would want to see them get all of the vehicles but we are not in the financial situation we were in two years ago. She does agree with the Mayor that he deferred these. We will be in a tougher situation next budget and she would like to do chapter 90 all the way around but we can't. We do not know where we will fund the new high school. She wants to hold onto this money because we might be in trouble come next budget.

Mayor Manzi agrees that we need to save money and could look at a reduction of the requests. The important point is that in difficult financial times the work goes on and needs to be done. Whether it be cruisers, fire, DPW or buying an ambulance the time is not good but because of the deferrals we find ourselves in a situation and that is the reason for the request, he does not think it extravagant it is affordable. The Mayor is willing to compromise.

Councilor Lahey asked why couldn't the highway borrow one of the blue six wheelers any time they want?

Mr. Russo said he does not know he does not run the highway department.

Mr. DiFiore (DPW Director) stated that he tries to utilize from both sides but every time he tries to do that there are other jobs going on and it becomes a problem. When we can, we do. This is to eliminate that problem.

Councilor Lahey feels we do not have that many guys on the highway to justify this. There will be one blue Mac free every day.

Councilor Kannan asked to order the three and forgo the dump truck, use one of the old ones. Get only 1- 250, 1-350, and 1-450. Get some but not the whole fleet.

Councilor Cronin was prepared to vote for all of them until he heard some of the trucks are going home. If they are line trucks or a work truck is okay but two are supervisor trucks and they do not need new trucks. We could get used trucks. If they are not on the line (pipe on the back) not heavy-duty work trucks he does not see the need for new at this time. \$1500 per month for one year is \$18,000 dollars times five years is \$90,000 dollars. It will cost \$133,000 dollars to buy it for the five years. We will be saving \$43,000 dollars if we rent. Councilor Cronin asked what the life of the trucks is?

Mr. Russo stated twenty-five years on the Mac.

Councilor Cronin said it might be worth doing it that way (rent). For five years it would be cheaper to rent.

Mr. Russo stated the supervisor for sewer maintenance is on-call 24/7. He decides when the crew should go in. His truck will be given to the workers because their (crew) truck is no good (junk).

Councilor Cronin said that is the problem. If we get a new truck it should be on the line working.

Councilor Zanni asked how many have to be taken off the road and cannot be used? One is the heavy-duty dump truck (renting), 1993 Mac not being used. Councilor Zanni asked (next year at budget time) where would we find the money for the second year. His thought is to do some this year and get by with two or three trucks for now as opposed to the whole thing.

Chair Quinn asked Mr. Russo what trucks are definitely needed and will any services be delayed to the citizens if this is not voted in?

Mr. Russo stated the dump truck, the F 350 and the cabin chase for sewer water. Those are the (most) important ones. The city will have to just get by with what we have and not give the spares to the highway.

Director DiFiore asked that Council entertain the three and leave the others till next year, 1- F 350, 1-F 450, and the six -wheeler and one plow.

Councilor Willette stated he does not see the urgency to vote this, if the mayor would want to revise this proposal to Council.

Mr. Russo asked that Council not delay the dump truck because it needs to be ordered to have it ready for the winter.

Councilor Willette said the problem is that the water sewer enterprise account was supposed to be a self-sustaining. He understands in years past we had to adjust for inflation and we had a capacity issue. Then we had an over capacity and once everything is completed to the system we will have an over surplus of water in the tank. We are dealing with the replacement of a fleet. We cannot have this both ways. We can't devise

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a system to have a surplus of water that is never going to be used and not sell to neighboring communities to meet the budget and replace the entire fleet of trucks and expect the taxpayers to face that. Councilor Willette will not vote for this. Councilor Lahey asked how long would the wait be for the six-wheeler before it comes on line?

Mr. Russo said Mac is holding slots, we should order as quickly as we can to have them ready for this winter. Without the okay we will not get the vehicles this year. At the earliest we will get it for December.

Councilor Lahey will vote for the work trucks but not for transportation.

Chair Quinn asked Councilor Lahey what trucks are they voting?

Councilor Lahey stated **C-10-06** the Dump truck.

UPON VOTE: 7-yes. 2-no (Clr Pappalardo, Clr Willette)

(Amended) Recommendation of the Mayor to reflect the following change.

C-10-7 Ford Motor Credit Company, The American Road P.O Box 1739

1- 2010 Ford F 350

1 – 2010 Ford F 450 (cabin chase)

1- Plow

MOTION BY: Councilor Lahey seconded by Councilor Cronin to adopt Mayor's recommendation change.

UPON VOTE: 8-yes 1- no (Willette)

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

TR-09-56 Resolution Amending Traffic Rules and regulations of the City of Methuen Prohibited Parking – Alton Road (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: (remove from the table) Councilor Giordano seconded by Councilor Zanni

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION BY: Councilor Giordano seconded by Councilor Zanni to adopt.

UPON VOTE: UANNIMOUS

TR-09-57 Resolution Amending Traffic Rules and Regulations of the City of Methuen – Lippold Street at Arthur Street. (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: (remove from the table) Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan to adopt

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

TR-09-58 Resolution Amending Traffic rules and Regulations of the City of Methuen – Limited Parking, High Street (remove from the table)

MOTION BY: (remove from the table) Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

MOTION BY: Councilor Zanni seconded by Councilor Kannan to adopt

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

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ORDINANCES None

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

1.TR-09-59 Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Funds to the unpaid account: Veterans Services and City Solicitor Office.

MOTION BY: (first read) Councilor Giordano seconded by Councilor Zanni to adopt.

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

ORDINANCES None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY
REQUEST OF COUNCIL

ADJOURN

MOTION BY: Councilor Giordano seconded by Councilor Kannan to adjourn

UPON VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

I do hereby certify that at a meeting of the Methuen City Council, of which a quorum was present, the foregoing minutes were approved by a unanimous vote on September 21,2009.

Diane Lasonde/Council Secretary