



CITY OF WOONSOCKET

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 @ 6:00 PM
HARRIS HALL – THIRD FLOOR
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND 02895**

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Council Present: Daniel M. Gendron
Valerie Gonzalez
Garrett Mancieri
Scott McGee
David Soucy
Brian Thompson
John Ward

Council Absent:

Also in attendance was: Mayor Beauchamp, Solicitor Lepizzera, Director D'Agostino, Director Debrousse & Director Jalette.

Participating in the discussions was: Ed Wojcik, Alyssa McDermott & John Ahumada.

2 DISCUSSION WITH ED WOJCIK ARCHITECT, LTD. REGARDING ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT

- Ed Wojcik gave a brief synopsis of the animal shelter project, noting a 25% increase in costs. Discussed areas of downgrading. Construction to commence around Fall.

3 DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGARDING MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

A.Global War on Terrorism.

- Proposed monument site at World War II Veterans Memorial Park (entrance).**
- Stain glass design with anti-vandalism panels.**
- Possible funding source/steel (from Twin Towers) from Tunnel to Towers Foundation.**

B.CDBG – HOME – ESG Draft Budget.

- \$190K left from previous budgets.**
- \$1.2M allocated for FY25.**
- Monies allocated for new playground in Oak Grove (new location).**

- Discussion re: CDBG advisory board.
- CDBG-CV funds (no expiration).
- Monies to revamp Cold Spring Park, if needed.
- \$314K allocated for HOME funds.
- Bernon Mills project & Neighborworks (Sayles Street) possible funding eligibility.
- Home Repair Project increase from \$20K to \$75K.
- ESG covers miscellaneous programs, CCA & Sojourner House possible funding eligibility.
- No funding for road repairs/paving.

C.Food Hub and EDA Grant

- Discussed concerns with EDA re: Termination of Convenience.
- Questions concerning second floor issues, administrative costs, timeline/extension.
- If building sold in the future - 80/20 split with EDA getting 80%.

Motion to dispense with the regular order of business and take up the following: Resolution 24-R-105.

Councilman Gendron moved Councilman Thompson seconded the motion.

Passed 7 to 0 by voice vote.

Councilman Gendron	For
Councilwoman Gonzalez	For
Councilman Mancieri	For
Councilman McGee	For
Councilman Soucy	For
Councilman Thompson	For
Council President Ward	For

24 R 105 Authorizing the settlement of litigation and claims made by a group of Police Retirees against the City of Woonsocket.-Ward

Councilman Gendron moved Councilman Thompson seconded the motion.

7 to 0 by voice vote.

Councilman Gendron	For
Councilwoman Gonzalez	For
Councilman Mancieri	For
Councilman McGee	For
Councilman Soucy	For
Councilman Thompson	For

4 NEW BUSINESS

24 R 104 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a mortgage in favor of the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (“EDA”) in connection with the property located at 330 Social Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island for the development of the Food Hub.-Ward

Councilman Soucy moved Councilwoman Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Also seconded by Councilman McGee. 3 to 4 by roll call vote.

Councilman Gendron	Against
Councilwoman Gonzalez	For
Councilman Mancieri	Against
Councilman McGee	For
Councilman Soucy	For
Councilman Thompson	Against
Council President Ward	Against

5 ADJOURNMENT

that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Councilman Thompson moved Councilman Gendron seconded the motion.

Passed 7 to 0 by voice vote.

Councilman Gendron	For
Councilwoman Gonzalez	For
Councilman Mancieri	For
Councilman McGee	For
Councilman Soucy	For
Councilman Thompson	For
Council President Ward	For

Attest: Christina Harmon, City Clerk