

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**April 23, 2013**

A meeting of the North Adams City Council was held at 7:30pm in City Council Chambers with the following present:

**COUNCILORS PRESENT:** Barrett, Blackmer, Bloom, Bona, Bond, Breen, Bullett, Marden. Absent Councilor Harpin.

A moment of silent prayer was observed, remembering Carol Robare, Election Official for the City and those injured in the bombing at the Boston Marathon.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The President called for anyone wishing to speak in Hearing of Visitors, several residents expressed their opinions on the school project. Mark Trotter, 131 Woodlawn Avenue, Robert Cardimino, 173 East Quincy Street, Edward Morandi, 722 West Shaft Road all spoke in opposition to the Conte School Project. Lynette Bond, 42 Holbrook Street, Eric Wilson, 116 Brayton Hill Terrace, Mary Lou Accetta, member of the North Adams School Committee, Ely Janis, 46 Davenport Street, Ben Jensen, 43 Arnold Place, Mark Moulton, member of North Adams School Committee and James Montepare, Superintendent all spoke in favor of the Conte School Project. Mary Ann Albee-Benoit noted that ADA was just not for people with disabilities.

The President called for the approval of the minutes of April 9<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Marden, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to accept as presented.

On motion of Councilor Bullett, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to amend the minutes regarding the opening date of Windsor Lake.

Without objection the President moved the Licenses forward.

The President presented an application submitted by Brenda Wolfrum, 289 Mohawk Forest to drive taxi for David Smith, American Cab.

On motion of Councilor Bond, duly seconded by Councilor Marden it was VOTED: to grant the license.

The President presented an application submitted by Edward LaCrosse, 98 Brayton Hill Terrace to drive taxi for Lori Smith, American Cab.

On motion of Councilor Bond, duly seconded by Councilor Marden it was VOTED: to grant the license.

**11,264-1** The President presented an Order authorizing the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor to borrow the sum of \$250,000 for ADA Compliance under Chapter 44, Section 7(3a) of the

Massachusetts General Laws, which was passed to a second reading and publish as required by law at the meeting of April 9<sup>th</sup>. FIRST READING

On motion of Councilor Blackmer, duly seconded by Councilor Marden it was VOTED: to adopt the Order.

The Order was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Barrett, Blackmer, Bloom, Bona, Bond, Breen, Bullett, Marden. Nay none. SECOND READING

**11,306** The President presented a communication submitted by Council President supporting a Resolution for the Conte School Project.

Council President read his communication for the record and without objection filed the communication.

**11,306** A Resolution supporting the Conte Elementary School Project.

On motion of Councilor Marden, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED; to adopt the Resolution.

Council President read the Resolution for the record.

Councilors again all expressed their opinion on the Conte School Project. Councilor Barrett again said he does not believe this is the best project. Councilor Bond has spoken to some residents who are opposed to the project but he has not heard anyone come forward with a plan B.

The Resolution was adopted by yea and nay vote as follows; yea Councilor Blackmer, Bloom, Bona, Bond, Breen, Bullett, Marden. Nay Councilor Barrett.

**11,307** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Bond regarding Community Day of Service April 27<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Councilor Bond, duly seconded by Councilor Blackmer it was VOTED: to file the communication.

Glen Maloney said it was the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Community Day of Service and if anyone would like to participate they can register at the Church Street Center at 9:00am. We currently have 15 projects slated for the day. Spencer Moser from MCLA feels the Community Day of Service forms a great relationship with the City and MCLA, we have approximately 250 folk's from MCLA and the community. There will be a group going to Hillside Cemetery to help Roger Eurbin.

**11,308** The President presented a communication submitted by Councilor Barrett requesting the FY'12 Audit Report be placed on the City's web page.

Councilor Barrett said the Mayor has taken care of it.

On motion of Councilor Barrett, duly seconded by Councilor Bond it was VOTED: to file the communication.

The President called for any Councilor Concerns, hearing none the Mayor read a proclamation declaring May 5<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

The President called for anyone wishing to speak in Open Forum, Roger Eurbin, 677 Ashland Street said anyone wishing to help at Hillside Cemetery can meet between 8:00am and 9:00 am to begin the cleanup. Richie Ducett said Saturday the Better Block Project will be held on Eagle Street making temporary high impact changes. Young professionals do not want to wait for the downtown to change, it will be held from noon to 4:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was in order.

VOTED: to adjourn at 9:01pm

A True Record

Attest,

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City Clerk