

**CITY OF GARDNER
CITY COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2009**

Members Present: President Neil Janssens, Councillor Ronald Cormier, Councillor Kim Dembrosky

Guests: Mayor Mark Hawke, City Clerk Alan Agnelli, Joe O'Connell, *The Gardner News*, and George Barnes, *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Neil Janssens at 8:30 A.M. in the Mayor's Office.

1. MINUTES

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier, seconded by Councillor Kim Dembrosky, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2009 Finance Committee meeting, as printed.

2. AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 139, §§5-6

On a motion by Councillor Ronald Cormier, seconded by Councillor Kim Dembrosky, it was unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council adoption of the following Ordinance, as presented and recommended by the Mayor and City Solicitor:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO LICENSES AND PERMITS OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION 57 OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDNER AS FOLLOWS:

That "An Ordinance Relative To Licenses and Permits of Delinquent Taxpayer Accounts Under the Authority of Section 57 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of Massachusetts (Compilation of Ordinance No. 139) adopted by the City Council and several times amended be further amended as follows:

By striking "**SECTION 5.**" and inserting the following:

SECTION 5.

The Mayor may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if he/she finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

By striking "**SECTION 6.**" and inserting the following:

SECTION 6.

The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to the following licenses and permits:

- a. Open burning; Section 13 of Chapter 48;
- b. Bicycle permits; Section 11A of Chapter 85;
- c. Sale of articles for charitable purposes; Section 33 of Chapter 101;

- d. Children work permits; Section 69 of Chapter 149;
- e. Clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage license; Section 21E of Chapter 140;
- f. Dog licenses; Section 137 of Chapter 140;
- g. Fishing, hunting, trapping licenses; Section 1 of Chapter 131;
- h. Marriage licenses; Section 28 of Chapter 207; and
- i. Theatrical events, public exhibition permits; Section 181 of Chapter 140.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Payroll Opinion

Councillor Dembrosky informed the Committee that it is awaiting a ruling from the City Solicitor concerning a “260-day” payroll cycle.

Chairman Janssens declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

ALAN L. AGNELLI
City Clerk/Clerk of the City Council