

**City Councillor  
Joseph A. DelGrosso  
City Council Chamber  
December 10, 2012**

Regular meeting of the Revere City Council was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**President Penta presiding.**

1. Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere City Council and those in attendance.

2. Roll Call of Members: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Council President Penta present. Councillor Haas was absent.

**Committee Reports**

**12-272** 3. Report of the Legislative Affairs Sub-Committee by Councillor Arrigo

**RE: An Ordinance Amending the City of Revere's Sewer Use Regulations**

**Referred back to Committee for further discussion.**

**C-12-19**

**12-292** 4. Report of the Zoning Sub-Committee by Councillor Reardon.

**C-12-19** On the application of Joseph Prizio, 338 Squire Road, LLC, 338 Squire Rd., Revere, MA seeking permission from the Revere City Council to construct an illuminated standing accessory sign (27 feet 10 3/8 inches in height and a total sign area of 164.78 square feet) at 338 Squire Road, Revere, MA within the GB District.

**Motion by Councillor Reardon:** Shall the relief requested be granted for the special permit application of 338 Squire Road, LLC relative to the installation of a standing accessory sign at 338 Squire Road, Revere, MA.

**Motion was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Council President Penta voting "YES." Councillor Haas was absent.**

**Councillor Zambuto requested suspension of rules for the purpose of filing reconsideration with the hope it does not prevail.**

**Reconsideration was declared Lost.**

**Communications**

**12-304** 5. Communication from the Mayor

**RE: Additional Appropriations**

**The City of Revere is in the process of finalizing the appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget in order to set the tax rate. As you are aware, I had recommended to the City Council to lower the health insurance appropriation for the fiscal year by one million one hundred thousand dollars in anticipation of the approval of the Public Employees' Committee. This savings was accomplished through the offering of a "Premium Holiday" for their health insurance payments to the employees throughout the City. The City and the employee groups had entered into an agreement to establish a Public Employee Committee (PEC) for the oversight of the Health Insurance benefits. In order for the Premium Holiday to be in effect, the PEC approval is required. A positive vote was taken this past Tuesday by the committee.**

**The next step is to address the savings that were affected by the total inclusion of city employees in a "Designer Plan" for health insurance. The teacher's groups entered into the plan as of July 1, 2013. Further, during the budget deliberations, I stressed the tightness of the appropriations.**

**When I was sworn into office at the beginning of this year the Fire Department Union was out of contract for a year and a half. The Department of Public Works Union was out of contract for six months. The remaining employee groups have been out of contract since June 30, 2012. It would be most irresponsible not to address these concerns at this time rather push them down the road. It is important to the stability of the finances of the City to finalize these negotiations. These union negotiations have been ongoing for the past several months.**

**In an effort to negotiate these contracts and not restrict the City's ability to settle these negotiations, I request that the amount of \$ 1,053,852 appropriated into an Account Reserved for Salary Negotiations.**

**On another note the School Department appropriations are required to be increased in order that the City meets their requirement for Net School Spending Budget an additional \$230,235 needs to be appropriated to the School Department. When the School Department submitted their budget last fiscal year, the figure that was inserted for Cherry Sheet disbursements from the Commonwealth was from the Senate's version which was further increased after final passage of Chapter 70 funds. The School Department for FY2013 will increase from \$66,358,441 to \$66,588,676.**

**During Police negotiations, there was a complaint from the representatives that the detail monies were paid many weeks after the details were worked. This exacerbates the problem of covering the details with Revere police officers. After a review of this problem, it was discovered that the City cannot pay the detail payroll until the monies are reimbursed by the State Revolving Fund which funds the extensive water/sewer work that is required to be completed in accordance with the consent decree agreement with the Department of Justice. The process is not under the control of the City once the requests for reimbursements are submitted and there is a considerably delayed time frame until the City receives the funds. This money will not be expended but will be held in the police detail escrow account to fund the cash flow of this account. It will bring the total of the account to \$100,000.**

**It is very important that the City Council approve this appropriation request tonight with the holidays quickly approaching, if not it will delay the approval of the tax rate and the mailing of the third Quarter Real Estate Tax/ Personal Property bills. The processing time with computation, printing, mailing included is a two week process with no glitches. The bills have a mail deadline of December 31, 2012.**

**Please find attached for your edification a copy of the first page of the proposed recap sheet if these appropriations are approved.**

**I will be present at the meeting along with the Director of Finance to answer any questions that your honorable body may have.**

**At this time Mayor Dan Rizzo and Director of Finance George Anzuoni addressed the City Council for the purpose of requesting various appropriations in order to set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2013.**

**12-304A Motion presented by Councillor Penta: That the City Council appropriate \$1,053,852.00 into an Account Reserved for Salary Negotiations.**

**12-304B Motion presented by Councillor Penta: That the City Council appropriate \$230,235.00 to the School Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2013.**

**12-304C Motion presented by Councillor Penta: That the City Council allocate \$75,000. to the Police Detail Escrow Account.**

**It has been requested by Council President Penta that motions 12-304A, 12-304B, and 12-304C be taken up for a roll call vote together.**

**Motion was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Council President Penta voting "YES." Councillor Haas was absent.**

**12-298A 6. The Director of Finance addressed the Council requesting that the vote regarding the Minimum Residential Factor taken at the City Council meeting of December 3, 2012 be ratified.**

**Motion presented by Councillor Penta: That the City Council now moves to ratify the vote adopting the Minimum Residential Factor for Fiscal Year 2013 to establish the tax rate.**

**Motion was declared Ordered on a Roll Call: Councillors Arrigo, Correggio, Giannino, Guinasso, Novoselsky, Patch, Powers, Reardon, Zambuto and Council President Penta voting "YES." Councillor Haas was absent.**

**12-305 7. Communication from the Mayor**

**I am writing to request that the City Council consider Ms. Ann Raponi, 450B Malden Street, Revere, for re-appointment to the Conversation Commission. This is a three year term and will expire October 30, 2015.**

Ordered referred to the Appointments Sub-Committee.

**12-306      8. Communication from the Mayor**

I am hereby requesting the City Council's confirmation of Harold Landry, 65 Endicott Ave., Revere, MA 02151 as a Constable for the City of Revere.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 91 of Massachusetts General Laws, *this appointment is granted for a period of three years*, unless sooner revoked by the Mayor, Chief of Police, or the Honorable City Council.

Mr. Landry has been advised that the Appointment Sub-Committee will be contacting him shortly with a date and time to appear before them concerning this appointment.

Referred to Committee.

**Motions**

**12-303      9. Ordered on a Motion presented by Councillor Powers: That the Mayor request National Grid to install a street light on pole # 1852 adjacent to 101 Rice Avenue. The area is very dark and the light should be immediately installed in the interest of public safety.**

Ordered on a Motion of Councillor Arrigo: That the City Council now stands adjourned to meet on Monday, December 17, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Ordered adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Attest:

Ashley E. Melnik  
City Clerk