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Via Email and Hand Delivery

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
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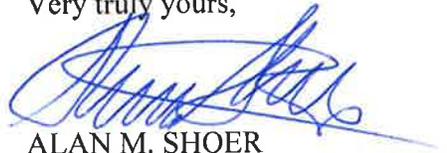
RE: City of Woonsocket, Water Division – Docket No. 4309 – Fire Service Protection
Charge / Woonsocket Water Division's First Set of Responses to Data Requests from
The Public Utilities Commission

Dear Luly:

On behalf of the City of Woonsocket, Water Division ("City") enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of the City's First Set of Responses to Data Requests from The Public Utilities Commission.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



ALAN M. SHOER

Enclosures

cc: Via E-mail:
Service List

In Re: Woonsocket Water Division

Docket No.: 4309

WOONSOCKET WATER DIVISION'S RESPONSES TO
DATA REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DATED: JANUARY 19, 2012

FIRST SET

COMM. 1 Please provide the minutes of Woonsocket City Council meetings (including any subcommittee meetings) and any public meetings by or about the Water Division wherein there were discussions, presentations, or votes regarding the proposed fire protection charge.

Response: See Attached.

Respondent: Walter E. Edge, Jr.

Dated: January 19, 2012

City of Woonsocket - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes November 14, 2011

Monday, November 14, 2011

At a regular meeting of the City Council, City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 7 P.M.

Six members are present. Councilman Jalette is absent.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: Roland Michaud, Shirley Robinson, Charles Souders, Jim Couroyer and Allen Auclair.

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 17th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

The following items were listed on the consent agenda:

- 11 M 10 A communication from Mayor naming Public Works Director as designee for purpose of implementation of Section 17-75 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to winter parking bans.
- 11 CO 123 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Howard Nightengale.
- 11 CO 124 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Mark J. Letourneau.
- 11 CO 125 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Christine Brackett.
- 11 CO 126 A communication from Fire Chief regarding amendment to Personnel Ordinance Section 16.6.
- 11 CP 81 Claim of Mark Letourneau against the city for property damage.
- 11 CP 82 Claim of Christine Brackett against the city for property damage.
- 11 CP 83 Claim of Howard Nightengale against the city for personal injury.
- 11 CP 84 Claim of Gary Fernandes against the city for monetary damages.

- 11 CP 85 Monthly odor complaint report from Veolia.
- 11 CP 86 Claim of Frankie and Pamela Caro against the city for personal injury.
- 11 LC 39 A continuation of public hearing on application of Expert Realty d/b/a Talu's Café to hold a Class BV license at 587 Willow Street tabled from October 17th is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilwoman Vadenais it is voted that the license be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous. There was no one present wishing to address the council.

- 11 LC 40 Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilmen Beauchamp and Gendron it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 1 application for first class victualing license, 2 applications for Class F1 & entertainment licenses, 5 applications for entertainment licenses, 8 applications for renewal of rooming house licenses, 1 application for renewal of private detective license, 1 application for renewal of quarterly entertainment license, 26 applications for renewal of first class victualing licenses and 3 applications for renewal of 2nd class victualing licenses. All rooming houses were passed subject to payment of real estate taxes, tangible taxes, water and sewer charges and receipt of certificate of compliance from fire marshal and minimum housing. Victualing licenses were approved subject to payment of tangible taxes and water and sewer fees.

- 11 LC 41 71 applications for renewal of liquor licenses, which were advertised for this date, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the all licenses be granted, subject to payment of tangible taxes, water and sewer fees, state certificate of good standing from division of taxation and fire marshal certificate of compliance, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

- 11 CP 87 A request of Woonsocket Lions Club to hold a tag day on December 17, 2011 with a rain date of December 24, 2011 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilors Beauchamp and Gendron it is voted that the license be granted, a voice vote on same being 5-1 with Councilwoman Vadenais voting no.

The following remarks are made under good and welfare:

Councilman Schneck thanked all veterans past, present and future. He congratulated all who ran and those who won and wished them all the best. He spoke to Public Works Director about Third Avenue and thanked her.

Councilwoman Vadenais congratulated all who ran. She wished all council colleagues the best. She stated that the City Council and School Committee will have a difficult job ahead. She also wished the best to the Mayor.

President Ward thanked everyone who ran for office and recognized Councilmen-elect Moreau and Dubois who were present and Councilman-elect Brien who was not present. He thanked voters who went out to vote. He stated that East Providence is at oversight status and hopes we never get there and asked the public to ask their General Assembly members to support pension reform bill. He spoke about town in Alabama in comparison to Woonsocket for borrowing for wastewater improvements. He spoke to Public Works Director about storm drain at end of Getchell Avenue collapsing. He spoke to Mayor about burnt out or capped lights. He discussed Oakland Grove tax appeal case and why council has not been involved.

Councilman Beauchamp congratulated everyone who ran for office. He spoke about Veterans' day celebration held at Museum of Work and Culture. He spoke about lights that are out on Hamlet Avenue. He spoke to Public Works Director about pothole at Cooper and Knight Street. He asked Public Works Director if the City has a policy for branches to be picked up. He spoke to Fire Chief about Plaza Village recent fire.

Councilwoman Brien congratulated all who ran for office and those who stay involved even if they didn't win. She thanked Councillors Vadenais and Schneck for their years of service and dedication. She stated that her loss was bittersweet but glad that Al Brien won and that she admires and respects him and that he has helped many people. She stated that she would like to see more women and minorities run for office and she thanked all her supporters.

Councilman Gendron thanked everyone who ran for office and encouraged those who did not win to try again in two years. He thanked those who came out to vote. He spoke to Public Works Director and Councilman Schneck and thanked them from the residents of Third Avenue. He stated that he was surprised by how many people are upset by the street lights being out.

11 O 70

An ordinance authorizing the Economic Development Director and Tax Assessor to apply provisions of Job Creation Incentive Program to Vogue

Properties, which was passed for the first time on October 17th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 72

An ordinance approving financing of improvement to wastewater treatment plant and system and approving issuance of wastewater revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$26 million, which was passed for the first time on October 17th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilwoman Brien it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being 5-1 with Councilwoman Vadenais voting no.

11 O 73

An ordinance setting the fees for the usage of the city's fire hydrants is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 74

An ordinance amending Personnel Ordinance, Section 16.6 pertaining to overtime is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 R 108

A resolution authorizing settlement of certain tax appeal lawsuits is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

11 R 111

A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes (various) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being 5-0 with President Ward abstaining from voting.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilmen Gendron and Schneck it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 8:28 P.M.

Attest:
Clerk

Andrea M. Bicki

City

**City of Woonsocket
Regular City Council Meeting
December 5, 2011**

Monday, December 5, 2011

Preceding the regular meeting, Council President Ward presented citations and plaques to Councilwoman Brien, Councilwoman Vadenais and Councilman Schneck

At a regular meeting of the City Council, in the City of Woonsocket, County of Providence, State of Rhode Island in Harris Hall on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 7 P.M.

All members are present.

The following persons addressed the council under citizens good and welfare: Diane Hampson, Charles Souders, Pastor Sammy Vaughn, Roland Michaud, Robert Moreau, Garret Mancieri and Shirley Robinson

The prayer is read by the Clerk. The Pledge of Allegiance is given by the assembly.

Finance Director Thomas M. Bruce III read a letter, received from on this date, from Braver for informational purposes only.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 14th be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the consent agenda be approved as submitted, a voice vote on same being unanimous:

- 11 CO 127 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Gary Fernandes.
- 11 CO 128 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Frank & Pamela Caro.
- 11 CO 129 An opinion of City Solicitor regarding claim of Jeanne Wieselquist.
- 11 CP 87 Claim of Jeanne Wieselquist against the City for property damage.
- 11 CP 88 Monthly odor complaint report from Veolia.
- 11 LC 42 Upon motion of Councilman seconded by Councilman it is voted that the following licenses be granted, a voice vote on same being unanimous: 3 applications for Class F1 & entertainment licenses, 1 application for entertainment license, 1 application for quarterly entertainment license, 1

application for holiday license 2 applications for coin-operated machine license, 1 application for pool table license, 1 application for street vendor license, 1 application for first class victualing license, 4 applications for renewal of first class victualing license, 3 applications for constable license, 9 applications for renewal of quarterly entertainment license and 2 applications for renewal of bingo license.

11 LC 43 A communication from City Clerk regarding liquor licenses is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the communication be received, placed on file and that a show cause hearing be held on December 21st, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

11 CP 89 An application of East Woonsocket Little League to hold a tag day on May 5, 2012 with a rain date of May 12, 2012 is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilors Brien and Gendron it is voted that the license be granted, a voice vote on same being 5-2 with Councilors Jalette and Vadenais voting no.

The following remarks were made under good and welfare:

Councilwoman Vadenais spoke to Mayor about auditor's letter and \$2.7 million dollar deficit in school department. She stated that it was her last night on the council and thanked everyone including Mayor, City Council and School Committee and voters for all the years she has served and wished everyone the best.

President Ward thanked Councilors Brien and Vadenais for their service and great jobs. He spoke about school deficit. He invited people to inauguration.

Councilman Beauchamp thanked Councilors Brien, Schneck and Vadenais for their hard work and dedication to the City. He spoke to Public Works Director about crosswalk in front of City Hall and asked her to take inventory of ramps in City to see if they are compliant with current ADA regulations.

Councilwoman Brien thanked Councilwoman Vadenais and Councilman Schneck and the administration and Mayor. She thanked Albert Brien for being the first person to prompt her to run for public office. She thanked the voters and wished luck to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Gendron spoke regarding auditor's report. He stated that he was sad to see Councillors Brien, Schneck and Vadenais for their service and their friendship. He invited all to the inauguration.

Councilman Jalette thanked Councillors Brien, Schneck and Vadenais. He spoke to Police Chief about cars with tinted windows. He spoke to Mayor about Providence Street area that is sinking in. He spoke to Public Works Director about Reservoir Avenue icing problem, street lights on Church Street and the corner of Front Street and Pine Street that looks like a junkyard. He spoke about article in the Patch regarding food and beverage licenses.

Councilman Schneck stated that he was disappointed with the news of the 2.7 million dollar deficit and wished the council and mayor good luck. He thanked his wife Laura and Mayor who got him involved in boards and commissions. He thanked his colleagues and wished Councilwomen Brien and Vadenais all the best. He thanked former City Clerk Pauline Payeur and present City Clerk. He thanked Paul and Lorraine Jacob. He thanked Charles Souders for his participation. He thanked Cloutier family and passing of Councilman Cloutier. He stated that it was an honor and privilege to have served.

11 O 73 An ordinance setting the fees for the usage of the City's fire hydrants, which was passed for the first time on November 14th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilmen Gendron, Jalette and Schneck it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 74 Amending Personnel Ordinance, Section 16.6, pertaining to overtime, which was passed for the first time on November 14th, is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 75 An ordinance authorizing Mayor to enter into a lease for a portion of City Hall with Woonsocket Prevention Coalition Corporation is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be passed for the first time, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 76 An ordinance transferring funds (within Public Works Department) is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Schneck that the ordinance be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the ordinance be tabled, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 O 77 An ordinance granting a petition for Verizon for a pole relocation on Villa Nova Street is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilman Jalette seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the title be amended by deleting "Villa Nova Street" and inserting "Cass Avenue" in its place, and that the ordinance be passed, a roll call vote on same being unanimous.

11 R 112 Creating a memorial site for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilmen Beauchamp and Schneck that the resolution be amended as follows: In section 1 insert "the approval is subject to final approval by the Public Works Department and Public Safety Department" and renumber sections to 1, 2, 3 and 4, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilman Gendron seconded by Councilwoman Brien it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

11 R 113 A resolution in support of the administration's efforts to reactivate all city street lights is read by title, and

A motion is made by Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilman Gendron that the resolution be passed, however, before this is voted on

Upon motion of Councilman Schneck seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be amended as follows: in first whereas delete "undertook" and insert in its place "undertaken"; in third whereas after "wishes" insert "to explore options" and delete sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new section 1 The City Council of the City of Woonsocket hereby respectfully requests that the administration devise a plan with National Grid to reactivate those street lights previously effected as part of the City's budgetary savings efforts. Said plan should include all cost savings measures and options available with associated budgetary impacts. Section 2 The City Council requests that this plan be forwarded back to the council for further action and new section 3 to read as follows

"This resolution shall take effect upon its passage". This amendment is voted on and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

11 R 114 A resolution authorizing the cancellation of certain taxes (non-utilization for 115 Elm Street) is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Schneck it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

11 R 115 A resolution awarding contract to Rodman Ford for repair to Fire Department vehicle is read by title, and

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councilman Gendron it is voted that the resolution be passed, a voice vote on same being unanimous.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Brien seconded by Councillors Schneck and Vadenais it is voted that the meeting be and it is hereby adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Attest:
Clerk

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FIRST SET

COMM. 2 Please provide the number of tax exempt properties in Woonsocket.

Response: There are 600 tax exempt parcels out of a total parcel count of 11,165 within the City of Woonsocket. These figures are current and were obtained from the 2011 tax rolls.

Respondent: David Bebyn

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COMM. 3 What is the projected cost of modifying the bill format of Woonsocket Water's in-city customers' bills to add the proposed Fire Protection Charge to their customer charge?

Response: Woonsocket has been informed by their billing software provider that changing the existing rates can be done in-house by Woonsocket staff or through a remote interface that will require little time (and cost). Adding additional new billing codes for these new charges will require little time (and cost). Since there are no account labels for in-city customers, Woonsocket staff will have to access each individual account to add the new charge to each appropriate account.

Modifying to an in-city customer charge would be the least time consuming alternative because Woonsocket would first change the existing customer service charge on all accounts at once. Next Woonsocket would only have to access the individual accounts for outside-city accounts (637 accounts vs. 8722 accounts) to remove existing customer charge code and add the new charge code which would use the current rates.

Respondent: David Bebyn

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COMM. 4 What would be the projected cost of modifying the bill format of Woonsocket Water's in-city customers' bills to add a separate Fire Protection Charge to the Woonsocket customers' bills?

Response: See the response to COMM-3.

Respondent: David Bebyn

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COMM. 5 Assuming the Tariff is approved for effect February 1, 2012, when would the first bills showing the new charge be sent to customers?

Response: Woonsocket would be able to include the approved new tariff with the 3rd quarterly bill for FY 2012 which covers activity from January to March. Woonsocket bills all customers with the same quarterly billing cycle. The 3rd quarter bills would be prepared and mailed within the first two weeks of April 2012.

Respondent: David Bebyn

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COMM. 6 Please provide a copy of the analysis, including any associated explanation (i.e., pre-filed testimony or discovery responses) that was used to develop the meter equivalency ratios.

Response: The meter equivalency ratios used were not custom calculated by Mr. Bebyn as part of this filing. They are the same equivalency ratios used in Woonsocket's last cost of service study which was approved in Docket 3800. Furthermore, in preparing the schedules for Docket 3800, Mr. Bebyn had adopted meter equivalency ratios previously develop in Woonsocket's prior cases which were prepared by another rate consultant.

In Docket # 3626 filed in 2004, the testimony of the rate design rate consultant indicates no changes in the meter equivalency ratios. No further information could be obtained since previous filings, Dockets #3512 & 2904, were not available on the PUC's website.

While these equivalency ratios differ from the AWWA M1 manual, I believe they are appropriate since they were calculated and approved specifically for Woonsocket in prior Dockets.

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COMM. 7 Please indicate what costs are currently allocated to the customer charge
Woonsocket Water assesses on all customer bills.

Response: The current customer service charge is comprised of two components. One component covers a billing and collection component, while the other covers maintenance of the service. The billing and collection component has an allocation of all postage expense and a majority of the salaries for the accounting clerks and meter readers. The service component allocates a portion of non IFR debt service which initial paid for meter and service related assets. The service component also allocates a portion of the T&D salaries based upon the ratio of transmission and service lines.

Both components further allocated a percentage of all labor related costs (such as health insurance, payroll taxes, etc.).

Respondent: David Bebyn

Dated: January 19, 2012