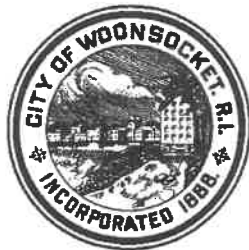


City of Woonsocket Rhode Island



December 30, A.D. 2024

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A SHORT-TERM VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY CARE ALLIANCE (“CCA”) FOR CCA TO OPERATE A HOMELESS SHELTER ON THE DIGNITY BUS ON A SHORT TERM BASIS

WHEREAS, the City of Woonsocket (“City”) purchased and retains ownership of a “Dignity Bus” which was purchased with the intent to use the bus as a temporary shelter for Woonsocket homeless individuals; and,

WHEREAS, a prior sitting City Council previously passed Ordinance 23-O-60 authorizing the Dignity Bus to be maintained and operated on the property grounds owned by the Church of the Holy Family (more commonly known as the Holy Family Church) located at 414 South Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island (further identified as Tax Assessor’s Plat Map No. 10, Lot No. 6) (the “Property”) which is where the bus currently sits; and,

WHEREAS, Community Care Alliance (“CCA”) and the City previously entered into a Vehicle Lease Agreement on or about December 19, 2023 (authorized by Resolution 23-R-166) for CCA to manage/operate a temporary shelter on the Dignity Bus which shelter was to be maintained strictly on the Property; and,

WHEREAS, while the Vehicle Lease Agreement contemplated a longer term agreement between CCA and the City to operate the Dignity Bus as a temporary shelter, said agreement expired in May of 2024 as the parties did not mutually extend the agreement in strict accordance with the contract’s terms; and,

WHEREAS, CCA has indicated a willingness to reopen and operate the temporary shelter on the Dignity Bus for the immediate future at CCA’s own cost (CCA has secured the approval of a grant to operate the Dignity Bus) and at no cost to the City; and,

WHEREAS, given the cold and harsh weather conditions which have come upon the region, the City has expressed a willingness to allow CCA to resume the temporary shelter operation on the bus (at least on a short term basis) based on the same or substantially the same conditions as set forth in the original Vehicle Lease Agreement with the understanding that the city council will be studying the use of the Dignity Bus as a viable means and solution to combat homelessness in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the Mayor and the City Solicitor are hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into a new Vehicle Lease Agreement with Community Care Alliance in the same or substantially same form as previously agreed to by the parties as established by Resolution 23-R-166, however, the term of the new agreement shall expire on February 28, 2025. The further renewal or extension of any agreement between CCA and the City beyond February 28, 2025 shall be subject to further city council review and approval.

Section 2. The operation of the temporary shelter on the Dignity Bus shall be solely operated on the property grounds of the Holy Family Church located at 414 South Main Street.

Section 3. The Dignity Bus shall not be occupied or utilized as a shelter unless and until CCA provides the City with the proper insurance certificate and other proof of insurance in accordance with the original Vehicle Lease Agreement dated December 19, 2023 which requires, *inter alia*, that the City shall be named as an additional insured under the insurance policy.

Section 4. CCA shall operate the temporary shelter utilizing the Dignity Bus with CCA bearing all costs associated with said operations and at no cost to the City.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

Daniel M. Gendron
City Council President
By Request of the Administration