TIME: <u>6:35PM</u>

PRESENT: PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL
                CHUCK LESNICK

DISTRICT
2   MAJORITY LEADER SANDY ANNABI
4   MINORITY LEADER LIAM J. McLAUGHLIN

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
DISTRICT:
1   PATRICIA D. McDOW
3   JOAN GRONOWSKI
5   JOHN M. MURTAGH
6   DEE BARBATO

I, THE UNDERSIGNED PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL, PURSUANT TO RULE 1 (2) OF THE CITY COUNCIL RULES, DO HEREBY CALL A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, CITY HALL, YONKERS, NEW YORK AT 5:45 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON:

1.   RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC-CONTROL SIGNAL PHOTO-VIOLATION MONITORING (RED LIGHT CAMERAS)

2.   ALL OTHER ITEMS PROPERLY COMING BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

                        CHUCK LESNICK
                        CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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RESOLUTION 39-2009

1.   BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LESNICK, MAJORITY LEADER ANNABI, MINORITY LEADER McLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMEMBERS McDOW, GRONOWSKI AND BARBATO:

WHEREAS, as noted by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, running red lights and other aggressive driving tactics are significant factors contributing to the increase in the percentage of intersection related fatalities; and

WHEREAS, highway safety statistics indicate that these accidents, even when not fatal, can be very significant, because they often involve excessive speed and right-angle impact; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York currently utilizes "Red Light Cameras" as a means of traffic control and enforcement within the City of New York and also creates a civil liability against the owners of those cars photographed by the "Red Light Cameras"; and

WHEREAS, this arrangement has proven to be very successful in New York City as a means of traffic control and public safety; and

WHEREAS, amending the State laws to allow the City of Yonkers to utilize "Red Light Cameras" would be similarly beneficial; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S.3745 and Assembly Bill A.7330 have been introduced to the Legislature, acts which will amend the various State Laws to allow the City of Yonkers to implement a program imposing monetary liability upon vehicle owners for failure to comply with traffic control indicators in the City of Yonkers and to empower the City of Yonkers to install and operate traffic-control signal photo-monitoring devices at intersections.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Yonkers hereby declares that the enactment of S.3745 and A.7330 , or any amended version thereof, to amend various State Laws to implement a program to empower the City of Yonkers to install and operate traffic-control signal photo-monitoring devices at intersections and

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to impose monetary liability upon vehicle owners for failure to comply with the law, is in the best interests of the City: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council requests the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Home Rule Request Message to the Legislature of the State of New York requesting the passage of the aforesaid bills.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AT A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009 BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 5-1, COUNCILMEMBER MURTAGH VOTING "NAY" AND COUNCILMEMBER BARBATO ABSENT