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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Galecki, Lucjan J.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of 11/17/2020, 12/1/2020, 12/9/2020, & 12/15/2020. Motion passed.

Public Input-Delia Kovak, 269 Chicopee Street, Speak of Councilor Galecki. Want Councilor Galecki to resign. Councilor Galecki should resign, why should tax payers have to pay his salary? Ask the Council President what actions he is taking against Councilor Galecki. Councilor Joel McAuliffe, 143 Deslaurier Street, the time we are in calls for such comments, the last few weeks have left a stain on the council. Victims are victims and should never be blamed. We hear the people, charter review commission should be brought forward. We can no longer wait. We must act now. Pleased the idea has been embraced by fellow councilors. Thank all who came to city hall tonight.

C-1 Communication from Ernest J. Mathieu requesting to continue on as a Board of Health Commissioner.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to item #3. Councilor Tillotson stated up for reappointment, normally would ask for nominations, normally vote through. Experience with COVID 19, move forward and confirm tonight. Motion passed.

C-2 Communication from Janet M. Ely requesting to continue on as a Board of Health Commissioner.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to refer to item #3. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Two thousand four hundred thirty six and 06/100 dollars (\$2,436.06) to the following named account: Collector's Special Account for Parking Ticket Collection Costs from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated Tax Collector is in charge of parking tickets, needed for the Police Department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-2 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Two hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$250.00) from Facial Cosmetic & Maxillofacial Surgery, P.C. to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A
- Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Dobosz stated generous donation from a local company. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 3 Be it Ordered That nominations for the City of Chicopee Board of Health Commission be opened.
- Be it Further Ordered that Ernest Mathieu and Janet Ely be considered for said positions and final appointments be voted upon.
- Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to open nominations. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to close nominations. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to approve both commissioners. Councilor Tillotson stated working well together with the Mayor and the Health director. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to approve Commissioner Mathieu. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to approve Commissioner Ely. Motion passed.
- 4 Be it Ordered that KLM Auto Repair, Inc. located at 606 Front Street, be called in before the License Committee to discuss the number of vehicles for sale on the property.
- Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Balakier stated had the occasion to drive by, question the number of cars. Could be a hazard. Bonneville and Front are very busy. Take a look and make sure licensee is in compliance. Motion passed.
- 5 Be it Ordered that all city committees publish their agenda to the city website prior to the start of the meeting.
- Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive, pass and continue to post the legal obligation to open meeting law. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to continue to follow the legal obligation of meeting notice posting. Councilor Dobosz stated constituent asked to file. Filed for transparency issue. Councilor Brooks stated the items are posted on the meeting notice. Clerk Rattell stated it's posted on the agenda, the meeting notices are posted on the city website with the agenda attached. Councilor Labrie stated already read the School Committee agenda for tomorrow. Councilor McAuliffe stated amend to say continue to follow the law. Motion passed.
- 6 An application for a NEW Special Permit under section 275-67G of the Municipal Zoning Ordinances for the purpose of exercising the regulations of the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District in connection with the redevelopment of the below described property, with waivers as requested in Exhibit A to the Special Permit Narrative attached hereto. Location of Property: 10 Southwick Street, Chicopee, MA. Applied for by: Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., 35 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Chicopee, MA, 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee, Overlay District Committee, and SPRAC Committee. Councilor Balakier stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

7 A renewal of a Taxi Driver License:

Zaheer A. Shaikh

25 Lorraine Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted. Councilor Walczak stated annual request. Motion passed.

8-9 Class 2 License Renewals for 2021

Kin's Auto Sales
Mr. Clean Used Cars, LLC

1095 Chicopee Street
904 Meadow Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

10-12 Auto Repair License Renewals for 2021

Daigle's Truck Master, Inc.
Murray Automotive, LLC
Wal-Mart Store #5278

57 Fuller Road
102 Old Fuller Road
591 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with existing restrictions except #11. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Walczak on #11 to receive and continue to 1/25/2021, motion amended by Councilor Laflamme to continue to 2/2/2021. Councilor Walczak stated need more information. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell
City Clerk