

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

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Vieau, John L.	Ward 3 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
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 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

Public Input-None

C-1 Communication from Normand Girouard requesting the City Council reappoint him another term as a member of the Board of Library Trustees.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to item #26. The opening of nominations is item #26. Motion passed.

C-2 Communication from Robert J. Lefebvre, Esq. requesting to withdraw the first Zone Change Application filed by Buckley Property Investments, LLC at 30 Buckley Blvd.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and referred to item #39. By reapplying they are cleaning up the application. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Two million eight hundred ninety thousand eight hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$2,890,825.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Former Uniroyal Site Project from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe commends Lee Pouliot for all of his work on the Uniroyal site plans. Cleanup inside and outside. Building now needs to be demolished. Need to do this to be eligible for grants. Councilor Tillotson stated the money is from stabilization and will then be bonded for. Once the bond is obtained it will be back in stabilization. Get grant now so we don't lose it. Need to take advantage of this while we can. Working with EPA has been very helpful. This is the only alternative. Willing to take the chance. Councilor Dobosz stated he needs to give praise to the Planning Dept. they are one of the best departments in the city. Full confidence in their department. Support the order. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Five hundred thirty thousand eight hundred eighty eight and 00/100 dollars (\$530,888.00) to the following named account: School Special Account for Athletic Fields Improvements from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated this is money to replace the turf at Chicopee High School and put down a synthetic injury avoidance turf. Councilor Tillotson stated the discussion was that it is cheaper to have the turf field. Turf is more economical. Need to take care of this because of liability. Councilor Walczak stated there is a limitation to the fields Parks and Rec can take care of. Benefit to the whole city. Councilor Labrie was happy to hear the athletic director state the turf will cut down on injuries. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Forty four thousand nine hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (\$44,983.00) to the following named account: MIS Special Account for Purchase of a Cutaway Van from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits explained this is to replace a 1999 truck. The truck they currently use is old and will not pass inspection, was a donation from another department. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to amend and refer to the Finance Committee. The individual that will be using the vehicle will be from Electric Light. The Electric Light should pay half. Much of the benefit is to Electric Light, they should contribute something. Finance will be meeting Thursday and this item can be added. Councilor Laflamme said he has no problem referring. The city should start to leave vehicles white. The person that this van is for does work for the IT Department. No one is denying the vehicle is needed. He is doing alarm systems, camera systems, Fire Department. Councilor Courchesne said the amount is in need of being amended. Councilor Krampits amended his motion to refer to Finance, Councilor Tillotson withdrew his motion. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote to refer to finance.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Forty four thousand nine hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (\$44,983.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account For Purchase of a Cutaway Van from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks explained this is almost the same as the last order. Councilor Walczak explained this is a workshop on wheels. Probably has a couple hundred thousand miles on it. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Forty four thousand four hundred fifty one and 15/100 dollars (\$44,451.15) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Vehicle Purchase (Chief) from available funds in the Fire Special Account for purchase of ambulances.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated this is to replace the Chief's vehicle. He represents our city and is the line of defense. Councilor Tillotson stated this is a compromise, he is going from an expedition to an explorer, will be a decent vehicle the chief can be proud of. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Purchase of a F250 Pickup w/plow from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated this is for the park and rec department, only question, is this one is only \$623 to paint school bus yellow. Councilor Laflamme stated this is cheaper than painting the box truck. All DPW trucks will be yellow for safety. Putting plows on all these trucks. Less & less people are plowing, need more city vehicles to go. Councilor Courchesne stated we are overpaying for the painting fees. Councilor Walczak is familiar with this vehicle too. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Mayors appropriation of One hundred six thousand two hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$106,225.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Purchase of City Vehicles (Mayor, Building, Treasurer, Assessors) from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. This is an interesting one, several cars for different people. The Treasurer will be having a pool car. The treasurer is not in the ordinance to have a 24 hour car. The assessors share one car between the three of them. They have been using old cruisers but the city went green, and they are allowing them to have a vehicle. Some of them have a lot of miles on them. Councilor Courchesne wants to know why the Mayors car is going to a different car? Councilor Tillotson amends his motion to refer to Finance Committee. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote to refer to Finance.

MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of Equipment (PPE Gear Washer/Extractor with Installation) from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is a heavy duty washer for station one. It's to clean the equipment. Large capacity. Help the Fire Department. Councilor McAuliffe stated this was a bargaining issue with the Firefighters. Happy to offer to Fire Dept. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7,500.00). Said donations are to be used for the annual Christmas event "Bright Nights for Seniors" and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and accept the donations. Councilor Zygarowski stated this helped cover the cost of Bright Nights. Councilor Walczak commends Council 69 for donating all the food. Councilor McAuliffe gives a shout out to Ben and Janet in the Mayor's office for their work on this. Accolades to John also. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2018 Traffic Enforcement Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Police Department in the amount of Six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$6,000.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and the grant be accepted. Councilor Courchesne explained this is an ongoing grant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Two thousand seven hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,700.00). Said donations are to be used for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and the donations be accepted. Councilor Dobosz read the donators and thanked them. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations to the Chicopee Parks Department with a value of Two thousand five hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars

(\$2,525.00). Said donations will be used for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and the donations accepted. Councilor Laflamme read the donators and thanked them. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-13 Mayors appropriation of Thirteen thousand and 00/100 (\$13,000.00) to the following named Library expense accounts:

Gas	\$8,000.00
Special Services	3,000.00
Janitor Supplies	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total	\$13,000.00

From available funds in the following named Library Salary accounts:

Library Associate	\$ 6,000.00
Guards	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total	\$13,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Self-explanatory. Councilor Tillotson said it was very cold this winter. She is taking money from one account to cover another. Hoping the guard position was filled. Hope the Library isn't without guards. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-14 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation from the Polish National Credit Union to the Chicopee Public Library in the amount of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$15,000.00). Said amount represents the 4<sup>th</sup> annual donation payment towards the purchase of the Library Bookmobile. This donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and the donation accepted. Councilor Roy stated this represents the 4<sup>th</sup> annual donation towards the bookmobile. PNCU has been a huge supporter of the city and the bookmobile is a great asset for the city. Councilor McAuliffe wants to give a shout out to Nancy Comtois the western mass library caucus was held at Chicopee Comp. Accolades to Hannah Robinson a student who spoke very eloquently about what an impact the library has made on her life. Councilor Tillotson stated you also have to commend the students at Chicopee Comp for the food they made. People want to go there and eat. Kids deserve accolade, tribute to culinary arts program. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-15 Ordered that the City Council accept the 2018 Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of Six thousand seven hundred seven and 00/100 dollars (\$6,707.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the grant accepted. Councilor Krampits stated this is part of a grant about Fire safety. Educating kids in school. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-16 Ordered that the City Council accept the 2018 Senior Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of three thousand nine and 00/100 dollars (\$3,009.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the grant accepted. Councilor Brooks stated this follows the previous order. This will help educate our senior population about Fire safety. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-17 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Nine hundred twenty one and 00/100 dollars (\$921.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for the new building fund and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the donation accepted. Councilor Walczak stated this is 26 contributors that donated to the building fund. Councilor Tillotson stated the friends are looking for people with deep pockets. Give the senior center a call and make a pledge. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-18 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Two hundred forty three and 00/100 dollars (\$243.00) to the Chicopee Council on aging. Said donations will be used for the Rivermills Reminder Newsletter and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and donations accepted. Councilor Labrie stated this is from 31 contributors to the newsletter. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-19 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Seventy five and 00/100 dollars (\$75.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are to be used for senior programs and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the donation accepted. Councilor Tillotson stated this donation will help seniors who can't afford to pay for the services such as the exercise class. Some people need help to pay. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

20 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson explained this was just a title change. Increase from 35-40 hours in there also. Cheaper to let them work a 40 hour week instead of paying overtime. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

21 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions.

-- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson explained the first one was the title change, the second was for the 40 hour week. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

22 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, York Street, York Street going south at intersection of Chapel Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

-- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson yield to Councilor Labrie. Councilor Labrie stated it is a needed stop sign. Councilor Zygarowski stated this should be York Street. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 23 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Murphy Court, South side for a distance of 25 feet from the intersection with Murphy Lane, Parking Prohibited.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson yielded to Councilor Dobosz. Councilor Dobosz stated this has been a mess. The back entrance to Litwin School. People are not respecting neighbors. This is the solution. Taking the current ordinance down. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 24 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Prohibited Certain Hours, Murphy Court, Both sides-entire length, Parking Prohibited 7am to 3pm Monday thru Friday.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson yielded to Councilor Dobosz. Councilor Dobosz said this is new signs same as last one. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 25 A favorable Ordinance Committee Report, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Dewey Street, Northeast side (even side) – entire length, Parking Prohibited.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to take its second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson yielded to Councilor Dobosz. Councilor Dobosz explained this is a recommendation from the City Engineer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 26 Be it Ordered that nominations for the City of Chicopee Library Board of Trustees be opened.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson that the nominations for the Library trustees be opened. Motion passed. Councilor Tillotson stated Normand Girourd has been doing a fine job. Can nominate him tonight or open nominations and leave them open. Normand Girourard nominated by Councilor Tillotson. Councilor McAuliffe closed nominations. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to appoint Normand Girourd. Motion passed.
- 27 Be it Ordered that the Zone Change application referred to the Planning Board and Zoning Committee on February 6, 2018 for property at 30 Buckley Boulevard be removed from the Zoning Committee.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to remove the application from Planning and Zoning. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Brooks to accept the leave to withdraw. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 28 Be it Ordered that Chicopee Electric Light explore the installation of a street light on pole #1 across from 29 Wanda Street.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to Electric Light Commission for exploration and installation. Councilor Brooks stated this is a constituent request. Let Electric Light determine if they think its appropriate. Councilor Tillotson stated it should go the Electric Light Commission. Councilor Laflamme stated it is a long dark bend. Motion passed.
- 29 Be it Ordered that the DPW post several speed limit signs on Donahue Road.
- Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and sent to DPW and Engineering for review. Councilor McAuliffe wants to know where would be most appropriate to place them. Councilor Tillotson stated if the ordinance with the 25 MPH signs at the entrance of the City is posted, these

wouldn't be necessary. The city is supposed to have them posted at the entry points to the city. Motion passed.

30 Be it Ordered that the DPW install "No Tractor Trailer" signs on the bridge height posts at the following locations:

- Yelle Street
- Top of Buckley Boulevard
- Bottom of Buckley Boulevard
- Chicopee Street by the Registry of Motor Vehicles
- Chicopee Street by the Willimansett Bridge

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated this is an ongoing saga of the bridge, there is a simple sign that says no tractor trailers. Maybe this will be simple enough to make them not go under the bridge. It ties up traffic, it ties up police. Councilor Tillotson asked if the sign should say no tractor trailers, are they all too high to fit? Councilor Courchesne stated they are all too high. Councilor McAuliffe asked if this should be sent to Engineering? No, informational sign. Councilor Vieau is not in favor of putting up signs without asking Engineering. Councilor McAuliffe is understanding of what Councilor Courchesne is trying to do, Councilor McAuliffe amends to refer to Engineering for review and implementation from DPW. Motion passed.

31 Be it Ordered that the DPW hang a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign on the traffic controls for Buckley Boulevard at the intersection of Prospect Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, sent to Engineering for review and DPW for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated people coming down Buckley Blvd. tend to block the intersection, the lights are not timed. Hoping to alleviate stress on drivers. Motion passed.

32 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 64 Peloquin Drive, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading & referred to the Ordinance Committee, Engineer and Commission on Disability. Councilor Tillotson will try to get this moving one way or another by the next Ordinance Committee meeting. Counselor Garvey explained there was a teleconference with the Boston Commission on Disability, Enginner and local Commission on Disability. Safety vs need, it is up to the commission, use common sense. Final analysis will be with the City Council. Councilor Courchesne asked for clarification what to do when there is a conflict between Engineer and Commission on Disability. Motion passed, referred.

33 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Abbey Street, North side within 20 feet of the driveway to 27 Tremont Street east and west side, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading & referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated Jeff Neece said this will help with the water department parking on Tremont Street. Motion passed, referred.

34 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Abbey Street, South side in front of house #33 for a distance of 52 feet, Parking Prohibited Between Signs.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading & referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated same rational as last. Motion passed. Referred.

- 35 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Whitman Street, Both sides 25 feet from the intersection of Chicopee Street, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne said this street habitually has parking all the way to the corner. Signs are working on other streets, hope to see these work. Motion passed, referred.
- 36 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Leslie Street, Both sides 25 feet from the intersection of Chicopee Street, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne said this street habitually has parking all the way to the corner. Signs are working on other streets, hope to see these. Motion passed, referred.
- 37 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Artisan Street, North side from the corner of Chicopee Street for a distance of 40 feet, Parking Prohibited.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated the sidewalk was removed during the sewer separation. Motion passed, referred.
- 38 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Artisan Street, North side from the corner of Chicopee Street for a distance of 50 feet or a point immediately following walkway to the street, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated this is needed. Motion passed, referred.
- 39 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Industrial & Residence A & B to Industrial for 1.9 acres/square feet of property located at 30 Buckley Boulevard for the purpose of creating uniform zoning for the parcel which has been an industrial use property since 1900 and taxed as an industrial use property. Applicant: Buckley Property Investments, LLC, 30 Buckley Blvd, Chicopee, MA 01013, Adam W. Brady, Manager.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee. This is a revised application. Will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.
- 40 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-58 (C) (4) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the Purpose of 12,000 square foot Two-Floor Restaurant and Bar Facility, transfer of existing special permit. Location of Property: 116 School Street. Applicant: Richard S. Harty, 387 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.
- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and referred to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated they are operating, they shouldn't be using any tenant on the former Special Permit. Motion passed, referred.
- 41 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-59-C-11 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of obtaining permission for the construction and operation of a self-storage facility. Location of Property: 878 Memorial Drive. Applicant: AMERCO Real Estate Company, 2727 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, Levi Parmarter.



--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and referred to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee.

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A renewal of a Hawkers and Peddlers License to sell flowers at 168 Chicopee Street. Applicant: Elaine Dowd, 18 Surrey Lane, Chicopee, MA 01013

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license be granted. Councilor Walczak stated the lady sells Easter flowers this time of the year. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Rattell", written in a cursive style.

KEITH W RATTELL  
CITY CLERK