

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:15 pm in the Council Chambers are as follows:

Vieau, John L., President	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
Lamontagne, Adam D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Absent
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Zaskey, William M.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
McLellan, Timothy S.	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input- Dean Ethier, Local 1459, the city is losing a lot of talented workers to other cities & towns who have better pay scales than the City of Chicopee. The solution currently is to start new workers at a step 6, which is unfair to the workers that have started at a step 1 and are still with the City. The employees deserve a fair shake. It's a pleasure working for the City, he is 100% behind the study.

C-1 A communication from MassDOT for Special Speed Regulation No. 7947.

-- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and place on file with referral to the DPW for implementation; Councilor Tilloston stated the communication has been completed. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

MO-1 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2017 State Formula Grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to the Chicopee Council on Aging in the amount of One hundred twenty one thousand six hundred ten and 00/100 dollars (\$121,610.00) in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Motion passed Through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Eleven thousand and two hundred eleven and 83/100 dollars (\$11,211.83) to the following named accounts:

Office Manager	\$ 4,236.57
Sick Buy Back	<u>6,975.26</u>
	\$ 11, 211.83

from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits explained this was sick buy-back due to an employee that is retiring. Councilor Tillotson explained that it is a collective bargaining agreement. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

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MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Seventy five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$75,000.00) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for UFCW Admin. & Laborers Classification and Compensation Study from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Motion amended by Councilor Tillotson to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated this order is to develop a comprehensive salary study with salary and duties studied. Councilor Tillotson amended to refer to the Finance Committee so the City can get more for their money. He wasn't happy with comparable cities, he thinks the amount could be reduced. Wasn't impressed with the study by this group. There is nothing creative in this proposal. Councilor Laflamme agrees to send to committee. Great proposal but there are concerns about the resources to do this. Negotiations are starting soon. Councilor Labrie is in favor of sending to finance, don't want to hear anymore that we are shorthanded from the Highway Department. Councilor Brooks states need to invite representatives from the Collins Center. We have been bemoaning not being fully staffed-we now have the opportunity to get it right. Let's do what's right now. Councilor Walczak stated 18-20 positions are unfilled in the DPW, 4 are unfilled in the Parks Department. What are the causes? Councilor Laflamme said the DPW and staff did a great job the last storm. Motion was referred to the Finance Committee. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

MO-4 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Susan Tawrel, 79 Sunflower Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Council on Aging to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 4th day of February, 2020. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and confirm. Councilor Tillotson stated that Ms. Tawrel does a lot for the Council on Aging. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

MO-5 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Joshua T. Clark, 259 East Main Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 25th of November, 2018. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and confirm. Councilor Labrie stated Mr. Clark is a teacher at Chicopee Comprehensive HS and this is a very difficult board to be on. Councilor Laflamme stated he is a great addition to this board. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

MO-6 Ordered that the City of Chicopee having determined that there is no further general municipal purpose for the real property located at 25 Pine Street, Chicopee, Hampden County, Massachusetts ("PROPERTY") acquired by our tax title process, HEREBY AUTHORIZE the MAYOR AND CITY TREASURER and/or Their Designee to convey said property to the Valley Opportunity Council ("VOC") pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in VOC's response to Request for Proposals Bid #16-67.

After determining that the City had no further municipal purpose for said PROPERTY, the City issued a Request for Proposals Bid #16-67 seeking the best use for said PROPERTY. The City through its Selection Committee completed a detailed review of VOC's proposal and recommended that the City of Chicopee accept the BID submitted by VOC.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated the property was repossessed for back taxes. Valley Opportunity Council is equipped to take on these properties. Will be a unit back on the tax rolls. Councilor Zaskey is in support of this as the Ward Councilor. Councilor Laflamme is glad to see this move so quickly. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 7 A favorable Recreation Committee report ordered that the Recreation Committee meet with the Parks Department for an update on the department's budget, equipment, Aldenville Pool, and general information and with the Golf Department to discuss the process for reopening in the spring, equipment needs, and general information.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive, accepted and placed on file. Councilor Laflamme said it was a joint meeting between the Golf Commission & the Parks Commission. It was great to see the Golf director and all members there together trying to bring in more business. Wish they could be self-sustaining. Parks was a little disappointing, Nancy and Maureen were the only two that showed up. They will be having another meeting, the day to day stuff needs to be answered. Councilor Walczak still has more questions, parks was incomplete as far as grades go. Golf made more revenue this year. Still challenges ahead. Councilor Brooks, glad to see the City will engage with the Golf Now. Golf Now will bring golfers to this area. This will help advertising and outreach. Tillotson, glad they are doing everything possible to bring up revenue. Any costs for improvements will decrease their profits. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 8 An Ordinance Committee report be it ordained by the City Council that Chapter 243-34B and 243-36B be and is hereby deleted and insert in place thereof the following:

First Offense:	\$100.00
Second Offense within the same calendar year	\$200.00
Third Offense and subsequent offenses within the Same calendar year	\$300.00

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive & postpone to the Call of the Chair of the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated he appreciated the Committee tabling this until enforcement can be figured out. Enforcement is key. Councilor Laflamme stated the main drags are a main concern it should never be let go for a week, it is unsafe for the kids. Councilor Roy said that on Granby Road the Comp girls track team was running in the road. Councilor Tillotson said that he walked on Memorial Drive this past week past the medical complex then he had to walk in the road. Should be the responsibility of the property owner. Councilor Laflamme said it is discouraging when one neighbor does theirs and another doesn't. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 9 An Ordinance Committee report be it ordained by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and hereby further amended as follows:

Add Chapter 125 Blighted and Vacant Buildings

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and postpone. Councilor Tillotson stated the Law Department felt this wasn't feasible and to wait for new information. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 10 An Ordinance Committee report be it ordained by the City Council that Chapter 169-1 through 169-15, inclusive, be and is hereby deleted and insert in place thereof the following:

Chapter 169

Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson for a second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson said in committee they felt this is in line with the new collection that is to begin on May 1, 2017. The new rules are all outlined as follows in the ordinance. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 11 An Ordinance Committee report adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: East Main Street – South side – 150 ft. from the intersection with Broadway to CEL pole 2X, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the motion to defeat be accepted. Councilor Krampits stated after further review it is best to kill this order and fix another ordinance to make it more straightforward. Motion passed, the proposed ordinance was defeated. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 12 An Ordinance Committee report adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights: Edward Street – West on Edward Street at intersection of Arcade Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, second and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Labrie stated they are trying to stop accidents from happening. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 13 An Ordinance Committee report adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: Henry Harris Street – West side – entire length, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the motion to defeat be upheld. Councilor Brooks stated that after the last storm, the neighbor that was requesting the sign decided the neighbors aren't going to pay attention to signs so it isn't worth passing the ordinance. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 14 An Ordinance Committee report adding to Chapter 260, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES EXCLUDED: Bristol Street – Entire length – both ends, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES EXCLUDED.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and postponed to the call of the Chair of the Ordinance Committee. Motion amended by Councilor Courchesne to defeat. Councilor Courchesne stated the sign that was in place was up illegally and so the ordinance will not pass. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. The proposed ordinance was defeated. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 15 Ordered that the Recreation Committee meet with the Parks Department for an update on the department's budget, equipment, Aldenville Pool, and general information.

--Motion made by Councilor to Laflamme receive and refer to the Recreation Committee. Councilor Laflamme called the meeting hoping to get the commission in with the director. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 16 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking: 43 Walter Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated the sign is no longer needed because the person moved. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 17 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: Hampden Street – From the south driveway of Bowe Street to Stonina Drive, Parking/Standing Prohibited During School Hours.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated the school resource officer is requesting this. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 18 A proposed ordinance striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: East Main Street – Between the dumpster driveway and regular driveway at the Falls View Apartments (137 feet from Belcher Street), Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits is clearing up ordinances to get rid of a parking space that is causing problems. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 19 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: East Main Street – South side – 240 feet from the intersection with Broadway to the driveway, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits states this is to eliminate parking on the South side of East Main in front of Falls View. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 20 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: Hope Street – 5 feet after the driveway at 15 Hope Street, Parking Prohibited Here to Driveway.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, first reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne said posting a sign to help constituents. Councilor Tillotson stated this would not be a valid ordinance because it is a State Law. It would be difficult to say yes to one and not to all. Ordinance Committee will not act on this. Need to make a decision will we make a sign for every driveway the police should enforce this. Councilor Courchesne stated he submitted this ordinance since he could not get Police enforcement. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

- 21 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-22 C of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of: grant as a special permit the right to extend a nonconforming use by up to 25% of its fair market value or its area. Location of property: 583 Chicopee Street. Applied for by: Sharon Riley, 80 Daniel Shays Hwy., Suite 1, Belchertown, MA 01007.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Tillotson pointed out the applicant is no relation to the City Auditor. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

22 A renewal application for a Hawkers and Peddlers License to sell Ice Cream at various location throughout Chicopee. Applied for by: Jeffrey Kline, 330 West Avenue, Ludlow, MA 01056.

--Motion made by Councilor Zaskey to receive and the license be granted. Motion passed. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

23 A new application for a Junk Dealers License. Location: 151 East Street. Applied for by: Dominic DeMarinis, 31 Chase Place, Springfield, MA.

--Motion made by Councilor Zaskey to receive and refer to the License Committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilors Lamontagne and McLellan absent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK