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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday March 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	Absent
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

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Forty four thousand seven hundred fifty and 12/100 dollars (\$44,750.12) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnifications of Police & Fire from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated this is repaying medical bills for police and fire. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Twenty six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$26,000.00) to the following named account: Human Resources Expense Account for Education Training from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated this is a request to send 14 employees to Munis conference in Boston. Councilor Tillotson stated the money should be placed in the budget. Should be a line item in the budget. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-3 Ordered that the sum of Eight hundred sixty one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$861,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing three side loaders, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass and authorization to bond be granted. Councilor Krampits stated this is for 3 side loader trucks, basically in preparation for the dump closing. Will be used at the new facilities when the dump closes. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the sum of Eighty seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$87,000.00) is appropriated to pay the costs of purchasing a mini packer, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, pass and the authorization to bond granted. Councilor Brooks stated this is for the mini packer which will help when the dump closes. Councilor Tillotson stated this equipment is helpful in the parks. Working well in the park-hanging around for a while-will also be used for recycling, workmans comp will be less. Councilor Laflamme stated he is in favor now because it's not just for the parks. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-5 Ordered that the sum of Two hundred eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$208,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a log/bush truck, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the order be amended to the amount of \$261,000.00 be accepted. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent. Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive & the amended order be received, passed and the authorization to bond be granted. Councilor Tillotson stated he is not voting for this, he thinks we will get another year out of the dump. Councilor Courchesne stated it is a public safety issue. Councilor McAuliffe stated he understands Councilor Tillotson but this is a bond, so start the process now. Councilor Laflamme wasn't inclined to vote for-want the public to know this has been discussed at length with the Mayor. Will be used for many reasons. Can be used in many ways. Will be able to help with road repairs. Councilor Walczak stated forestry was on a street today taking down 5 dead trees. Councilor Courchesne stated lots of trees at the golf course. Councilor Laflamme stated the price went up this much in a year. Councilor Dobosz stated lots of uses, there is a need, not convinced the logistics are worked out. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call voted of 11 yes, 1 no. Councilor Tillotson voting no, Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-6 Ordered that the sum of One hundred ninety one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$191,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a boom truck, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the Mayor be authorized to bond. Councilor Labrie stated the boom truck goes hand in hand with the previous order. Councilor Laflamme explained this is like the Electric Light boom truck-will be with the DPW, can be used for any work. Councilor Labrie thought it seemed redundant. Councilor Laflamme stated they already have one that was from the Fire Department. IT Department will use for cameras, can fix traffic signals, don't need to outsource. Councilor Roy asked doesn't forestry have a brand new boom truck? Councilor Laflamme stated yes, but theirs is for trees. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 no. Councilor Tillotson voting no. Councilor Laflamme absent.

MO-7 Ordered that the sum of Six hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$600,000.00) is appropriated to pay the costs of purchasing two fabric roof structures including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, pass and the authorization to the Mayor to bond. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to amend to refer to Finance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated he would like to see just one purchased tonight. This is for when Water moves to Baskin Drive. Councilor Laflamme agreed with trying one, would like to send this to Finance, try one and see how it goes. The unit will be put up by the vendor. Councilor McAuliffe appreciates the amendment to send to Finance. Consensus among employees is not that this will be a solution. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-8 Ordered that the sum of Five hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$500,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing a fire pumper truck, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the Mayor be authorized to bond. Councilor Balakier stated this is to purchase a new fire pumper, will save money by buying it now. Councilor Tillotson stated it is already paid for, going to get the bond money to put back into stabilization. So we will include in the bond package. Councilor Laflamme stated the chief mentioned this truck is pre-built to our design, will save money that way. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll vote.

MO-9 Ordered that the sum of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of repairs to Fire Station 3 on Cabot Street, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, pass and the Mayor be authorized to bond. Councilor Courchesne stated this is going toward pointing and masonry. Councilor Roy asked why this wasn't included in the safety complex? Councilor Tillotson said the solar panel came down and there is more work needed to be done. Councilor Laflamme stated the underground oil tank came out over there too. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-10 Ordered that the sum of Two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing turn out gear, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive, pass and the Mayor authorized to bond. Councilor Dobosz stated turnout gear for the Fire Department is needed. Councilor Tillotson stated it has reached its life expectancy. Want to make sure they are protected. Any gear over 10 years old needs to be replaced. Councilor Roy stated the new gear is much lighter to work in. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the sum of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of tennis court repaving, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive, pass and the Mayor be authorized to bond. Councilor Laflamme stated this is authorizing the Mayor and parks to do tennis courts and for safety of parks. Councilor Walczak stated there is a list of 6 places recommended, Szot park should be #1, important to do it right. Make sure it looks proper. Councilor Brooks said having played his entire life there, it gets tons of use. There is always someone on the courts, they are safe, well lit. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the sum of Four million and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000,000.00) is appropriated to pay additional costs of the Public Safety Complex Renovation Project, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, pass and the Mayor be authorized to bond. Councilor McAuliffe said this is for the Public Safety Complex renovation and is needed to continue the work. Councilor Tillotson stated there is no meeting needed for this one. Nowhere near completion. Not a surprise this money is needed but we will end up paying less, they are doing a nice job there. Like to see this one go forward. Now have separate locker rooms for male and female officers. Councilor Laflamme is 100% for this. Feels like a new building when you go there. Morale boost. The entrance and security in front are much better. More phases to come. For the men & women using the building, the building was much overdue. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-13 Ordered that the sum of Sixteen million and 00/100 dollars (\$16,000,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of renovating City Hall, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive, pass and the Mayor authorized to bond. Motion made by Councilor Roy to amend his motion and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Roy stated this is for City Hall renovation, how much total money is this going to cost? Councilor McAuliffe stated this is lots of money. We do have an obligation to our employees who are working with an unresolved contract. Councilor Tillotson led the charge to put this in Finance. Heard there will be grants. Have a meeting and find out what grants are out there. Historical building, no short cuts can be taken, the public needs to know. How long will the bond be? Hands full with all the contracts. No results back from the Collins center. All things being equal. Make sure what we are doing before. Keep the historical building you have to put money into it. Councilor Laflamme agrees to send to Finance. Lot of questions, all councilors are worried about the contracts. The Mayor has to bring the contract forward. Make sure the figures are right, there are a lot of safety issue bonds tonight. Councilor Dobosz agrees to send to finance. Still wants to combine departments. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote to refer to Finance. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-14 Ordered that the sum of Two million nine hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$2,900,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of remediation and demolition of

the Uniroyal Building, so-called, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the Mayor authorized to bond. Councilor Krampits stated this is to continue work at the Uniroyal. Structure is unsafe. Building has to be knocked down in place, then hazardous materials need to be picked out and then sent out. In order for Micheline to continue to pay, the buildings need to be taken down. Councilor Tillotson stated we already paid for this, under the gun for grants. When he bonds, he will put the money back in stabilization. Councilor Laflamme said this is more than one building, lot of money, 4 or 5 buildings coming down at one time. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-15 Ordered that the sum of Five hundred thirty one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$531,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of replacing the artificial turf field at Chicopee High School, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, pass and the Mayor authorized to bond. Councilor Brooks explained this will replace turf field that has outlived its life. Need to replace. Cheaper than grass. Councilor McAuliffe stated he will support this measure. Received a tremendous amount of phone calls, teachers are furious when they have no contract. Field needs to be done. Councilor Tillotson stated the money was already appropriated. Being put back into stabilization. This isn't the place to cut costs. Need the safest area for kids. Collective bargaining is done by the Mayor. Councilor Dobosz stated there is a liability issue, don't want to see anyone get hurt. Councilor Brooks stated he understands the appearance of spending, there is a campus. They play sports there. There is a shock pad under the field, will help everyone from being injured. One component of the overall campus. Why would we let one area go untreated. Councilor Laflamme stated he also received calls. They are frustrated. Feeling how about us? Need kids to be safe, need liability cut. Councilor Courchesne stated Sean Maclin was pro-active ahead of the ball for a change. Councilor Walczak stated the issue is if we knowingly ignore a field that is not up to snuff we have a responsibility to fix, should support. Councilor Roy asked why can't we make it a proper size for football? Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-16 Ordered that the City votes to supplement each prior order of this Council that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of Capital Projects to provide that, in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive, pass and the City be authorized to bond. Councilor Walczak stated the need of wording is for bond counsel. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-17 BE IT ORDERED THAT the City Council under the provision of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and or any and every power and authority it thereunto enabling under its Charter, hereby accepts Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws authoring the City through its Board of Assessors to grant real and personal property tax abatements to active military personnel owning property in Chicopee, and being deployed for active duty for the fiscal year they perform such services subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated this is allowing to continue what's been done, need to renew every two years. Councilor McAuliffe expressed appreciation to the board and the Board of Assessors. Greatly appreciated by people in military service. Councilor Tillotson stated it only applies to reservists called to active duty. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-18 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Lee M. Pouliot, 122 Clark Street, Apartment 2, Chicopee, Massachusetts as Planning Director to serve in such office for the term of 3 years expiring on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2021. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to approve the appointment this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he does a great job, we are lucky to have him. Motion passed. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-19 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Stephanie Shaw, 75 Sheridan Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as Director of Veterans' Services to serve in such office expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2019. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to approve the appointment this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he has heard all good things about her. Motion passed. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-20 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Brittany Antuna, 67 Pervier Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts as an associate member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2021. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated the interview will be next week. Councilor Brooks stated she works with folks with disabilities, will fit well on the committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

MO-21 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Matthew Bieda, 26 Moore Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve in such office for the term of 3 years expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2019. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*New Appointment

\*To an open associate seat

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated he was here but are going with the formal approach. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

22 BE IT ORDERED THAT the following Mayor's Order referred to the Finance Committee on February 20, 2018 be removed from committee and acted upon:

Ordered that the sum of Forty four thousand nine hundred eighty three and 00/100 dollars (\$44,983.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

MIS Special Account for Purchase of a Cutaway Van

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive & remove from the Finance Committee and acted on this evening. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote to remove from Committee. Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated everyone heard about it in committee. Councilor Tillotson was hoping CEL would pay for half. Councilor Laflamme said Bob Liswell does 99% of his work for the City not CEL, glad to see this, the box on the back of the truck is in good shape. They will keep that. Truck will be used a lot by the IT department, good investment for the City. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

23 BE IT ORDERED THAT the following Mayor's Order referred to the Finance Committee on February 20, 2018 be removed from committee and acted upon:

Ordered that the sum of One hundred six thousand two hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$106,225.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

City Hall Maintenance Special Account for Purchase of City Vehicles  
(Mayor, Building, Treasurer, Assessors)

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and removed from the Finance Committee and placed on the floor. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote to place on the floor. Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated this was taken up in Finance, for the City Hall vehicles. Councilor Vieau stated they did have a finance subcommittee meeting. These were addressed at the meeting. Councilor Tillotson stated this is interesting, the Mayors car will go to the engineer because we can't use the old cruisers anymore. Treasurer will have the pool car. Councilor Laflamme stated the Mayors car is new so that's why it can be handed down. Met with Al at CMG. Looked at old cruisers, spending money to keep them going. Good to keep the cars the same, easier to have parts on hand. Councilor Tillotson stated the assessors car has died. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 24 ORDERED THAT Honeyland Farms, 206 Newbury Street, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the status of the requested site plan for the business.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated back in December they said they were doing things. Haven't received anything yet. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 25 BE IT ORDERED THAT the DPW place "Warning, Engine Breaks Prohibited" signs on Westover Road.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and refer to the DPW for review and implementation. Councilor McAuliffe stated signs were installed but they are too small, you can't even see the signs. Councilor Tillotson stated except for an emergency. Motion passed. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 26 A proposed ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights - Hampshire Street, Hampshire Street going east at the intersection of Hartford Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Walczak stated he received calls from parents, several busses cross over and people coming up don't stop. Make sure people stop. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 27 A proposed ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking - 11 Charbonneau Terrace, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated it is no longer needed. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

- 28 A petition from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to replace and maintain 2,603' of 4" MP plastic gas main and 3,705' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Fairview Avenue, Gaylord Court, Grant Street, Dresser Avenue,



Bell Street, Orchard Street, Saratoga Avenue, Louise Avenue, Sitnik Avenue, Van Horn Street and Moore Street, together with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary. This project will also include the retest of the existing plastic gas mains and service work on Bell Street, Orchard Street, Ellen Avenue, Ruth Avenue, Luther Street and White Street.

Said installation will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee. Councilor Walczak stated the meeting is already scheduled, concerns with the DPW. Councilor Krampits stated he was going to recommend to send to Engineering. Councilor Walczak stated they want to make sure the paving will be done by summer. Councilor Balakier asked when the project is slated to start? Councilor Walczak stated if the gas company can't get in then they have to wait five years. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Zygarowski absent.

ATTEST:

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

KEITH W RATTELL  
CITY CLERK