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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 2, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

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-Scott Chapdelaine & Bob Liswell members of the "Fest of All" donating for the Stefanik School playground and a donation to the "DownTown GetDown".

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One million three hundred twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,325,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Sanitation Special Account for Design/Bidding Vehicle Storage Building from available funds in the Overlay Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated this is to build the new 12 bay garage for sanitation trucks on Meadow Street. Part is cost more for fire protection system. Process will go out to bid in July/August, hope completion before the winter. Need to move forward with this. Councilor Tillotson stated interesting situation-excess in assessors account that is normally used to settle accounts, over 5 years, money accumulated in their account. Able to pay cash because of the overlay surplus. Good deal for the city. Lucky to have the overlay money. Makes the city look like we are working for them. Need this to be done. Councilor McAuliffe is pleased to see this move forward. Glad this is not a temporary structure. Extend the life of our vehicles. Councilor Laflamme says thank you to Liz-didn't see eye to eye a lot. This is the best place to have this, she put up with a lot. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Six hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$600,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Road & Sidewalk Program from available funds in the following accounts:

Overlay Surplus	\$ 125,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account	<u>475,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 600,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated for resurfacing of streets, College/Armanella. Councilor Walczak thanked the Mayor & DPW

superintendent for doing this project. Time to get resurfaced. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Baskin Drive Paving Work from available funds in the Overlay Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated for paving around new fueling station. Well worth having this done. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of One hundred sixty eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$168,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Special Account for Fuller Road Water Main Work from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated take a little time. Needed on Fuller Road Design work for the water main, 8.3 in state/federal funds to get this done. Councilor Dobosz thanked the DPW Supervisor for getting this done. Councilor Tillotson stated its time. Glad to see it hit the drawing boards. Talked about for a long time. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of One Hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: Building Special Account for Purchase of Property at 288 Front Street from available funds in the Undesignated Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is to purchase the rooming house adjacent to City Hall. Will make parking lot much more uniform. Councilor McAuliffe stated this is a significant development. Once it comes together it will influx more people in the downtown area. Need parking accessibility. Engage in commerce. Evolution of partnerships downtown. Partner with VOC, partnership doesn't go unnoticed. Exciting about representing downtown. City should be excited about this, Steve Huntly & VOC are tremendous partners to the City. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Front Street Municipal Parking Lot – Demolition and Construction from available funds in the Undesignated Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated money to demolish the house and design the parking lot. Continuous to Spring Street. Talking about for a long time, Government doesn't move as quickly as other businesses. Get library back on the tax roles. Purchase now, continuous parking. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Fifty three thousand three hundred twenty three and 31/100 dollars (\$53,323.31) to the following named account: Police Salary Account for Overtime 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 overtime money that will be reimbursed from the E-911 grant. Every office has to have training. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Sixteen thousand five hundred fifty seven and 00/100 dollars (\$16,557.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Police Reserve for Motor Vehicle Damages Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated this is the K-9 vehicle that was damaged, part of the insurance. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Mayors appropriation of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the following named account: Mayor's Special Account for Chicopee Cultural Council from available funds in the Undesignated Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated had the Cultural Council before a sub-committee. This will allow leverage with grants. Positive attention to the city. Allow partnership to grow. Active members, longtime contributors to the city. Involved volunteers, excited about what this means for the city. Councilor Laflamme thanks Sue Knightly and the committee, learned a lot. Councilor Balakier want to give a shout out to the presentation, learned a lot, will showcase the city, pleasant surprise. Events can happen at city hall. Councilor McAuliffe was glad to sponsor the original order. For every dollar we spend on arts, there is a four dollar return on investment. Commitment to the arts is infectious. This came together quickly. Thank god we have committee. Councilor Roy thanked Susan and the committee. Councilor Walczak stated he was on the Cultural Council and contrary to Councilor McAuliffe we weren't dormant. There was just no money. Opportunity to sit in on a meeting, very impressed, terrific job. Councilor Tillotson stated don't like to vote on \$10,000 but this woman is a dynamo, admire her enthusiasm, shot in the arm, new energy. Crowded at the art show at the Library. Councilor Courchesne thanked her too. Vital to downtown, she has a secret. Money will allow her to apply for other grants. Councilor Dobosz thanked them, they are an underappreciated group. Councilor Zygarowski stated this is seed money, opens doors for other grants. Thank Mayor for giving money so quick. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Mayors appropriation of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated this is in conjunction with MO-8, to replace the K=9 cruiser. Breakeven point to replace the cruiser. Bought off the lot. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant in the amount of Twenty one thousand eight hundred eleven and 00/100 dollars (\$21,811.00) from the United States Department of Justice to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant will cover the cost of various police equipment and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated something from the Bureau of Assistance Grant is important to purchase much needed equipment. Councilor Zygarowski stated the Equipment is very valuable to the Police Department, grant is for a fingerprint machine. Congratulate the Chief and Deputy Chief. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the Kaboom! Built it Yourself Grant Award in the amount of Fifteen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$15,000.00). Said grant will be used for the General John J. Stefanik Memorial School playground and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and the grant accepted. Councilor McAuliffe stated this is a grant from KaBoom, it requires community involvement. Donations, City, Fest of All are donating \$5,000.00, they've had longstanding community involvement. Ward 1 School Committee member stated a go-fund me. Thanks to all involved. Glad to see funds go to great use. Councilor Zygarowski stated what is good about this grant kids wrote letters to get the playground. A safe area, teacher and kids wrote letters. Kids will be happy. Councilor Courchesne stated he was involved in a previous one. Challenge colleagues to come and build from scratch, lots of fun. Dr. Pepper was behind the scenes. Councilor Walczak wanted to recognize donators. Parks and Rec, Community Development, Fest of All, go fund me, many helping the school and park. Councilor Vieau thanked Principal Theriault. Mentioned something to John, what could we do as a city to get a park at this school? Fell onto the right ears. Everyone kicked in, build something special, about the kids, principal has taken school to the next level. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-13 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Saulo DePaula, 25 Juliette Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2024. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he was impressed with his resume. Very excited to get involved, he got up and gave his background. Councilor Walczak stated he is on the HR committee and would support this tonight. Motion passed.

MO-14 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Mitchell Kulig, 241 Hampden Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of February, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he is being upgraded from an associate member to a regular member. Councilor Balakier stated he is active in the community. Councilor Roy would like to see him appointed. Motion passed.

MO-15 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Mary Kukla, 175 Slate Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2020. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated she is a retired math teacher, eminently qualified. Councilor Zygarowski stated like to see this approved this evening, she is a go getter. Motion passed.

MO-16 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Lester Gagne, 24 Kowal Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2020. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated anyone who can put up with Rent Control deserves a new post. Motion passed.

MO-17 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Richard Grabiec, 110 Northwood Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2021. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated combining the commission. Was on the water commission. Councilor Laflamme stated all these that the Mayor has brought forward they are staggered to easier fill positions. Councilor Zygarowski stated let all new appointees know they need to sign the book. Motion passed.

MO-18 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, James Carabetta, 31 Carolyn Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such

office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2021. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated it is really a re-appointment. Motion passed.

MO-19 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, William Zaskey, 11 Leeds Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he is part of both commissions. Councilor McAuliffe stated people didn't all get appointed, Jim Raschilla. Councilor Balakier stated Mr. Zaskey served the council for 20 years, he is an excellent choice. Motion passed.

MO-20 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Francis LaBreck, 82 Pervier Avenue, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2023. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated keeping the position. Motion passed.

MO-21 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Chung Liu, 103 Sesame Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Water and Sewer Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of September, 2024. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated keeping the position. Motion passed.

22 A Zoning Committee report for a Special Permit application under Chapter 275-50 (C) (2) (b) for the purpose of erecting digital sign mounted to pylon sign located at 658 Fuller Road. Applied for by: Carlos A. Martins, 658 Fuller Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive & the special permit be postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Brooks stated the applicant didn't show. Motion passed, postponed.

- 23 A Zoning Committee report for a Special Permit under Chapter 275-27.1 (B) for the purpose of installing two wireless communication antennas and supporting equipment on the roof of the Alumni Library at the Elms College of Our Lady of the Elms located at 291 Springfield Street. Applied for by: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Attorney Ellen W. Freyman, authorized agent, 20 Alexander Drive, Wallingford, CT 06492.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated do over to meet federal standards. Councilor Tillotson stated timeframe ran out. Councilor Balakier stated do we have an idea of what the height may be? Councilor Brooks stated there are restrictions. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair, Councilor Laflamme out of chair.

- 24 A Zoning Committee report for a Special Permit application under Chapter 275-23 for the purpose of reconstruction of a single family home on a legally non-conforming lot following demolition of existing structure per Building Department orders located at 30 Larchmont Street. Applied for by: Viktor Savonin, 94 Florida Drive, Agawam, MA 01001.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the Special Permit granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated bought by a new landowner. Neighbor complained about trees. Limbs have fallen close to the neighbors trees. Report needs to be sent before permit can be issued. Councilor Courchesne asked if this was a currently occupied home would we be stepping in? Councilor Brooks stated no, this is a Special Permit/Special Permit is a privilege. Councilor McAuliffe stated we have the ability to enforce, significant upgrades in the neighborhood. If you are asking for something special. Is the tree issue a condition that can be used to deny the special permit? Councilor Tillotson stated the house that came down was an eyesore. He will do what the arborist says. Wants to have a good accommodation with the neighbors. Neighbors were satisfied. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 25 A Zoning Committee report for a Zone Change from Residence B to Residence C for 79,718 square feet of property located at 51, 55, 61-63, and 65 Maple Street; and 226 East Main Street for the purpose of the development of multi-family residential housing. Applied for by: Valley Opportunity Council, Stephen Huntly, Executive Director, 300 High School, Holyoke, MA 01040.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the Zone Change granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated will allow VOC to make the zoning more consistent. Working with the diocese to make the area better. Quality of work. Councilor Krampits stated no neighborhood opposition. Parking? Lee explained several lots would become cumbersome. Councilor Tillotson stated VOC is trying to buy from the diocese and hopefully they will be able to buy that. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 26 25 - ORDERED THAT Murray Automotive, LLC, 102 Old Fuller Road, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license (s) currently held by Murray Automotive, LLC including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Murray Automotive, LLC. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Murray Automotive, LLC.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to withdraw the order. Councilor Dobosz stated has been complying, at this time will withdraw & if he doesn't comply will call in again. Motion passed.

27 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Public Safety Committee meet to discuss security measures in the City Schools. (what has been done, what is being done, and what will be done)

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and refer to the Public Safety Committee & invite the Superintendent of Schools, and the Police Chief. Councilor Roy stated he would rather be proactive than reactive. Councilor Zygarowski stated he set a meeting for April 24. Councilor Tillotson stated nothing is going on in the schools. Talked with the superintendent, doing drills, schools are doing what they are supposed to be doing. No eminent danger just informational. All kinds of things are being done. Grant to buy new things for security. Councilor Laflamme stated take a little different, city side/ what can we learn from this too? Where are we moving forward? Just an update. Councilor Courchesne stated maybe we have the SRO's present too. Councilor Tillotson stated point was it didn't say informational. No issues out there now. Councilor Laflamme stated it's informational for sure. City hall has 100 employees, to learn, maybe implement some on the City side. Motion passed, referred.

28 BE IT ORDAINED THA THE CITY OF CHICOPEE HEREBY ADDS THE FOLLOWING IN SCHEDULE:

260-17.1(A)

PERMIT PARKING

Upon the following street or parts thereof, parking is hereby designated as "residents only". Parking shall be permitted on the following designated streets by only those vehicles displaying a valid resident parking permit issued by the Chicopee City Clerk as detailed below. Signs shall be placed on the following streets to designate the restricted permit parking area(s). The street(s) included in this Section, in their entirety, are as follows:

260-17.1(B)

PURPOSE

The purpose of the City's Resident Permit Parking regulation is to provide adequate parking for those residents who reside in those dwellings adjacent to the above designated streets which the City has determined to require permit parking regulations to ensure safe and convenient residential parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading & refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated small section that abuts Nash Park, some people that live there/maybe have a permit parking. Councilor Laflamme stated will take up in committee/2 driveways 100 ft. don't want to see this. Councilor Tillotson stated gonna be a lot of fun. Councilor Courchesne stated this street is in need of something. Councilor Tillotson stated problem will be if you have guests, they won't be able to park there. Councilor McAuliffe stated interesting idea, don't try to reinvent the wheel. Councilor Courchesne stated no different then coming forward for no parking sign. Utilizing tool for residents. Councilor Brooks stated completely different than no parking sign. Fiscal reality.

Problematic, limited off street parking, reluctant to charge a fee. Adding a tax. Motion passed, referred.

29 BE IT ORDERED THAT Charter appear before the Utilities Committee.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee & request Charter to come. Councilor Courchesne stated try to communicate to the public Charter should engage their customers. Residents be heard. Councilor McAuliffe agreed with the premise, not ready to demand Charter, trying to get the Mayor to have a special meeting with Charter. Mayor wanted specific problems, find out what dialogue is like by the next meeting. Councilor McAuliffe made a motion to table. Motion passed, tabled.

30 A proposed ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 6 Bush Avenue, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated this is an ongoing permit that has been asked for. Looks like all the ducks are finally in a row. Councilor Tillotson stated refile-straighten it out once and for all. Motion passed, referred.

31 A proposed ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Slate Road– Northwest side – from the intersection of Sheridan Street for a distance of 100 feet Street– Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated pulling out of Slate Road, constituents believe there are some problems. Councilor Dobosz hasn't spoken to the residents, trust Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Laflamme stated 100 ft. all the way to the driveway of the first house. Councilor McAuliffe stated busy area during the warm months. Motion passed, referred.

32 A proposed ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Slate Road– Southwest side – from the intersection of Sheridan Street for a distance of 100 feet Street– Parking Prohibited.

-- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated no means goes into the state park cover a problem for the constituents. Councilor Dobosz stated he has never seen cars parked on the side of this street. Motion passed, referred.

33 A Zone Change application from Business A to Residential B for 8,700 acres/square feet of property located at 652 Chicopee Street for the purpose of building a two family (duplex) and to connect the property to a larger, existing residential B zone located to the north-east of the property. Applied for by: Andre S. Marcoux, Deborah JM Missildine, 67 Catherine Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

34 A Zone Change application from IPUD II as written to IPUD II amended for all IPUD II acres/square feet of property located at Chicopee River Business Park (IPUD II) 0 East Main,

0 Robbins, 0 Carew for the purpose of marketability of property based on Mass Development studies. Applied for by: Andrew J. Crane on behalf of Westmass Area Development, 621 Grattan Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

35 A petition from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to replace and maintain 580' of 6" MP plastic gas main on Monroe Street with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary. Said installation will be installed in accordance with the plans enclosed.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive & refer to the Utilities Committee. Councilor Labrie stated public meeting scheduled for 4/9. Motion passed, referred.

36-39 2019 Home Occupation License Renewals

Renee Simone		71 Mary Street
Jane's Boutique	Jane Gwozdzik	105 Tolpa Circle
Stan & Ann's Ceramics	Ann E. Ogorzalek	93 Melvin Street
Waves in Motion by Beauty Salon	Marguerite L. Roy	122 Old Lyman Road

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

40-41 2019 Junk Dealer's License Renewals

KNT Computer DBA PNT Trading	Tue Anh Bui	1880 Memorial Dr.
Krunali, Inc.	H. Kumar Patel	2 Mill Street

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

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK