

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday April 21, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

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

Public Input-None

MO-1 Be it ordered that the Mayor for the City of Chicopee is hereby authorized to postpone the due date for all municipal charges and municipal taxes due on May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020 and waive the payment of interest and penalties in the event of late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or appropriation thereof, water rate or annual sewer use or other charge added to a tax or payment with a due date on or after March 10<sup>th</sup> and made after its respective due date but before June 30<sup>th</sup>, pursuant the Session Law - Acts of 2020, Chapter 53 and every other enabling power and authority.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated with all the concerns with Covid-19 the Mayor is able to waive late fees but make sure it is paid by June 30. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair, Councilor Labrie out of chair. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Ten thousand seven hundred thirty seven and 43/100 dollars (\$10,737.43) to the following named Treasurer's Salary Accounts:

Principal Clerk	\$ 6,142.78
Sick Buy Back	<u>4,594.65</u>
Total	\$10,737.43

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

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated Jackie Mortell is retiring. Congratulations to her. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Three hundred sixty seven thousand three hundred five and 55/100 dollars (\$367,305.55) to the attached named Interest on Bonds Accounts from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated the City Treasurer was able to do this on advice of financial advisors. Councilor Tillotson stated they had borrowed short term, is now a long term bond. Councilor Tillotson read each bonding item. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the State Grant in the amount of Fourteen Thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$14,000.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health through the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to the Chicopee Department of Emergency Management. Said funds are to be used for expenses in response to the Covid-19 Outbreak and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the grant accepted. Councilor Balakier stated grant is from the Department of Public Health, will help in response to the Covid-19 outbreak. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

5 BE IT ORDERED THAT the DPW replace the damaged guardrail at 92 Hampshire Street and Hartford Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Walczak stated request from constituent, concerns about safety and damage. Motion passed. Councilor Courchesne absent.

6 BE IT ORDERED THAT the DPW replace the "No Parking Sign This Side of Street" at 9 Cherryvale Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Walczak stated sign was never replaced after street underwent sewer repair. Motion passed. Councilor Courchesne absent.

7 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 13 Bonner Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Galecki to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee, COD & Engineer for recommendation. Councilor Galecki stated constituent has a handicap daughter, it is also near two businesses. Good spot. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Courchesne absent.

8 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-58(C)(4) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of an eating and drinking place with the consumption of alcohol. Location: 703 Grattan Street. Applied for by: Ahmet Ibic, 151 Pomeroy Street, Chicopee, MA.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated will take up in Committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL  
CITY CLERK