

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 1, 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—Richard Niemiec, 38 Dewey Street, No parking signs on the street, would like the signs removed. Jason Surprise, 10 Sampson Street, thought the City Council would be voting on the city hall renovation. Not sure what the 14 million is being spent on. Seems like 14 million is a gross understatement. Several items were not addressed in the estimate without a reason for a drastic reduction in the estimate. Public record at the school committee meeting, concerns raised about health insurance, increase in premiums vs increase in co-pays. Well thought out and defined decision was made. Mayor stated things after public input at the School Committee meeting. Large cost to co-pays, decide where they go to the doctor.

C1 A communication from the City Engineer, Elizabette F. Botelho, regarding Safety Zone on Front Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to item #17 on the agenda. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One hundred forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$140,000.00) to the following named account: Settlement in the case of Nicholle Huber V. the City of Chicopee and Alan Ryczek U.S. Dist. Ct. (D.Mass.) Civil Action No.: 3:16-CV-30140-MGM from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme read a statement. The Councilors have heard from the attorneys who attended a mediation that lasted 8 hours. Acceptance of this settlement is in the best interest of the city. Still has to go back to the Mayor. Councilor McAuliffe stated he will support on advice of counsel. There has been a lot of talk in the public forum. Asked the Mayor what is the best way to ask questions with regards to the case? Submit in writing to the Mayor. Councilor Tillotson stated once it is settled and agreed upon he will answer any questions. Based on the attorneys this is the best course for the city. Councilor Laflamme stated when this is all done it becomes public record. It will all be out there. Councilor Tillotson stated people tend to call Councilors for answers. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of One hundred twenty three thousand three hundred eighty two and 00/100 dollars (\$123,382.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of E911 Equipment from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account and will be reimbursed from the FY2018 State 911 Support and Incentive Grant.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated this money is to educate Police and Fire for dispatch and the city will be reimbursed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) from the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Street Surveying and/or Legal Descriptions for City Acceptance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated this is to survey unaccepted streets. Legal descriptions are needed to get the streets accepted. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Two thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00) to the following named account: Auditing Salary Account for Overtime from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated the money is asked by the Auditor because collective bargaining is settled and they need to operate properly. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$500.00) to the Chicopee Parks Department. Said donations are to be used for the upcoming May 5, 2018 Clean-Up Day as part of the Earth Day Celebration and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated this is a donation to the Parks Department, will be used for May 5 cleanup, part of the Earth Day celebration. The money will be used for sports equipment or supplies. Councilor Laflamme said a letter of thank you should be sent, support from businesses is great. Councilor Walczak stated the program started in 1994, worthwhile and effective program, great opportunity for youth. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Eighty five and 00/100 dollars (\$85.00) to the Chicopee Veterans Service Department from the Auditorium Pub. Said donation is to be used for Veteran's Programs and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Tillotson stated he is glad money is being given to Veteran's Services. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 It is hereby ordered that the Mayor is authorized to release and terminate an unnecessary drainage easement located on East Main Street in Chicopee, Massachusetts and to execute any document deemed necessary to terminate said easement referred to in the attached release and termination of easement document, plan of land and description.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated it's a drainage easement that is no longer necessary. Councilor Krampits stated the easement cuts a parcel in half, easement is no longer needed, will allow parcel to be marketed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Virginia Maitland, 74 Dwight Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a 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

\*Replaces Tyrone Marshall

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approve this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated make sure she is notified. Motion passed.

MO-9 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Gary Bousquet, 49 Dayton Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February, 2020. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approve this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated no complaints. Motion passed.

MO-10 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Robert Supinski, 715 Grattan Street 3L, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, 2023. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*New Appointment

\*Replaces Elin Gaynor

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approve this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he stood up and articulated his desire to serve. Councilor Krampits has known Bob since he was born, he is a fine young man, fair minded. Councilor McAuliffe has known Bob a long time, used to play basketball

against each other. He is a Marine Corps veteran. Appreciative of his service. Thank you to Elin Gaynor for years of service. Councilor Tillotson stated a letter of thanks should be sent to Elin Gaynor. Councilor Labrie stated he met Robert tonight, He is from Ward 8. Councilor Walczak stated Bob said he remembered him from Parks & Rec basketball. He was a good player. Motion passed.

- 11 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Zone Change from Industrial & Residence A & B to Industrial for 1.9 acres of property located at 30 Buckley Blvd 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, Adam W. Brady, Manager, 30 Buckley Blvd., Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the Zone Change granted. Councilor Brooks stated it will create uniform zoning, parcel will be zoned properly, get it on the tax rolls. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 12 A Zoning Committee report, Special Permit application under 275-51.1 for the purpose of membrane covered structure located at 248 Fletcher Circle. Applicant: Emerson Grant, 248 Fletcher Circle, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the Special Permit granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated they are catching up to the membrane structures. Meets all building requirements, talked about what materials can be inside. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstain. Councilor Courchesne abstained.

- 13 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Home Occupation License at 222 McCarthy Avenue for the purpose of tax preparation. Applicant: Lena Alekseyenks, 222 McCarthy Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated the applicant wants to prepare taxes at night at her home. One neighbor was concerned about parking. There will be no on street parking. Councilor Walczak stated McCarthy Avenue is a very narrow Street. When winter comes people park all over the street. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14 A License Committee application for a Hawkers & Peddlers License to sell ice cream at various locations around the City. Applicant: Nurten Tetik, 51 Van Deene Ave., West Springfield, MA 01089.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with restrictions, refer to Police and Health for final approval. Councilor Walczak stated she is reputable. Motion passed.

- 15 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Public Safety Committee meet with the Board of Health Commission and the Health Director to discuss the implementation of a new Needle Exchange Program.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, refer to Public Safety Committee, and invite the Health Director, Health Commission and the Police. Councilor Courchesne stated needles are around. Left in the parks and these people are often uninsured. HIV is spread through dirty needles. Councilor Vieau stated if you find a needle, call the police. Councilor Laflamme asked to invite the Police Department also. Councilor McAuliffe was surprised to find we weren't doing this. Councilor Tillotson stated the Health Department needs to implement this. Authority lies with the Health Department. It is a health issue could be a nice debate. There are two sides to every story. Councilor Courchesne stated the Health Director is happy. The Health Commission needs to approve. All costs need Council approval. Motion passed.

- 16 ORDERED THAT Absolute Motors, Inc., 245 East Street be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license (s) currently held by Absolute Motors, Inc. including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Absolute Motors, Inc. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Absolute Motors, Inc.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Krampits stated there is an issue with the number of cars. This location used to be two businesses, current business is only licensed for one parcel. Changes made as necessary. Motion passed, referred.

- 17 ORDERED THAT a Safety Zone, 20 MPH speed limit, established on Front Street starting at the speed indicator sign near Chicopee High School and ending just beyond the Emily Partyka Library be stricken.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated the letter read at the beginning of the meeting. Engineer is now working on School Zones and a raised crosswalk. More efficient and less confusing. Have to go the Mayor for funds. Created with a public hearing, needs to be deleted with a public hearing. Councilor Laflamme thanked the Engineer for her input. She answered questions, sidewalks have to be readjusted. Will be done as cost effective as possible. Twenty-two feet across-drainage? May have to do adjustments to make this safe. Councilor Balakier is in support of fellow Councilors, this is an important area of the city. Additional Chapter 90 monies would help implement this. Councilor Labrie would really like to see the raised sidewalks. Do we have the Fire Chiefs approval? As long as it doesn't impede the safety vehicles. Councilor Laflamme stated it is a gradual grade, 22 feet, in favor. Councilor Tillotson stated now we know what we are up against. Safety issue. Crossing guards in front of Dupont complain all the time. Raised crosswalks in Northampton. Using the talent of the Engineering Department to get this done. Motion passed.

- 18 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Ordinance Committee meet with the PVTA, representatives from Chicopee Electric Light and City Engineer to discuss the request from PVTA to place bus stop signs on utility poles at certain locations along Grattan Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated PVTA asked to change the signs. Want input from CEL. Give opportunity to put on another sign. Councilor Laflamme stated he would like to see if they will come in and talk about locations of all the signs. Would like an updated list of where all the signs are. CEL took signs down. Councilor Tillotson said ask them to come in with a list, however that will take another night. Clean this up first. Motion passed, referred.

- 19 A proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations – Dewey Street, Northeast side (even side) – entire length, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated it was worked on last year, order was filed and was talked about in sub-committee. Received calls opposing after the ordinance was passed. Motion passed, referred.

- 20 A proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops – Grattan/Percy, STOP #601-593 Grattan Street, Bus Stop.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 21 A proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops – Grattan/Trilby, STOP #607-543 Grattan Street, Bus Stop.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 22 A proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops – Grattan/McKinstry, STOP #591-683 Grattan Street, Bus Stop.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 23 A proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops – Grattan/Montgomery, STOP #650-36 Grattan Street, Bus Stop.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 24 A proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops – Grattan/Montgomery, STOP #650-39 Grattan Street, Bus Stop.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

25 An application for a NEW Taxi Driver License applied for by: Alexis Calvente. 45 Loring Street, Springfield, MA 01105.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

26-30 Home Occupation License Renewals

Stan & Ann's Ceramics	Ann E. Ogorzalek	93 Melvin Street
Hair Reflections Plus	Sheri L.B. Styckiewicz	955 McKinstry Avenue
Talbot Massage	Roger Talbot	408 Front Street
Renee Simone	Renee Simone	71 Mary Street
Dough Creations	Joseph Dynak	106 Carew Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive & granted with current restrictions. Motion passed.

31-36 Junk Dealer License Renewals

Game Stop	Christian Holguin	649 Memorial Drive
Polgold Jewelers	Waclaw Plewa	63 Cabot Street
Moving/Odd Jobs Unlimited	Glen X. Joslyn	874 Front Street
Willimansett Waste Co.	Bruce Tolpa	239 Narragansett Blvd
Sayegh Jewelers	Adib Sayegh	601 Memorial Drive
Furnari Jewelers	Anthony Furnari	1189 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed.

37 Junk Collector's License Renewal

Kane's Scrap Metal & Iron	Patrick Kane	184 East Meadow St.
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--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed

38 Bowling Alley License Renewal

AMF Lanes	Jeffrey Bennett	291 Burnett Road
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--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed

39 A petition from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to replace and maintain 1,600' of 8" MP plastic gas main and 750' of 8" MP plastic gas main on Newbury St., Dana St., and Doyle Ave. together with such laterals

and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary. This project will also include installing mainline stubs on Gilbert Ave., Farnsworth St., Haven Ave., Athol St., Nordica St., Upton St., and Park Rd. for future use.

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

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the utilities committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 40 A petition from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to replace and maintain 2,080' of 6" MP plastic gas main and 230' of 8" MP plastic gas main on Rimmon Ave., and Hampden St. together 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 and refer to the utilities committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 41 A petition from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts, hereby requests that it be granted a location and permission to replace and maintain 530' of 2" MP plastic gas main on Sesame Drive with such service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary. All mainline installation will remain in the tree-belt after tapping off the existing stub in the road.

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

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the utilities committee. Councilor Labrie stated will take up in committee. Councilor Dobosz stated Sesame Drive was torn up. Residents were wondering what construction is going on this road? Working with the DPW to fix damage. Motion passed, referred.

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL  
CITY CLERK