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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday June 19, 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-Salt Presentation first. Joshua Clark, 619 Grattan Street, Chairman of the Historical Commission, re: City Hall rehabilitation project. Read a letter from the Historic Commission in favor of the rehabilitation. We know it is a contentious issue and bad timing, needs to be done now, need to spend this now. Laura Damakis-Béllamy Middle School implore you to use your power with Mayor Kos. It will have a negative effect on the kids and the city and the city's growth. Missing the 8th grade semi-formal to be here to speak because she feels that strongly. The schools in Chicopee that are not air conditioned are further hindered by not being able to use fans. Investment in schools that are too hot. DESI says room temperatures should be maintained at not more than the outside temperature. Pink slips were given but so many people left they filled the vacancies. Invest in your city. Please consider your votes carefully tonight. The CEA will reach out to constituents. Please vote for your future. Mike Pise, 33 Bonneville Avenue, ask a favor for schools and the school district, Pope Francis will be empty and there is an application for a charter school. No reason for a charter school to enter our city. Will take money out of our school system. Teachers do a wonderful job. Drive safely and watch out for children during the summer. Lee Pouliot, 122 Clark Street, director of planning, tasked with the managing and engineering of the reconstruction of City Hall. Hope to see this project move forward. Has been over three years in the works. Cannot tell you how many documents and hours have been spent on this project. Trust the word of the people he is working with. Lee truly believes every word on the proposal. Civic home and social events were entrusted to future generations. These structures are irreplaceable. Should be honored and respected. It needs to be maintained, reuses would be challenging at best. To think about relocating they would need land. No refund for the 2.6 million dollars already invested in this project. Department is very aggressive in grants. Will do the same with this project. When you show a financial investment the EPA is more willing to grant money. Application will be stronger with the bonding in place. Authorization will boost the chance of being awarded grants.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to take item #10 out of order. Motion passed.

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A favorable Finance Committee report, 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; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this order. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the Mayor be authorized to bond for \$16 million. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Brooks stated Lee Pouliot eloquently explained the bond authorization. He explained there may be grants possible to come in, the project could cost less. Will not be able to be utilized for any other project. The Safety Complex is a good example of restoration. We are obligated to keep city hall in working order. Councilor McAuliffe stated he is speaking against this order. Thought long and hard over this order. Little has been done to preserve the building. When it comes to education, we are expecting them to do more with less. We cannot turn away from our citizens. They don't want fake tax relief. What made Chicopee great was an innovative spirit. All of you supported the study for the internet feasibility. How can I support spending 16 plus million dollars? Until we commit to building our future how can we spend this money? This is a difficult vote, when you have all the facts, it's an easy vote. Councilor Brooks asked to vote on the amendment or the original motion. Councilor Tillotson stated there has to be discussion. He is insulted by the way he said the elderly are not being taken care of. Just because it's not all on the internet doesn't mean we aren't moving on. All of us live in a house and know what it takes to maintain it. Here is an opportunity to keep some history. It's time to move on and do something with this building. Already spent over 2.6 million, we've got an investment already. It will go up every year we wait. Someone is complaining about the auditorium, there is green money and grants that can't be used for anything else. There is almost a 20% contingency. In favor of moving on this. Envy of many local communities. Proud to move forward with this city. Cost of maybe \$25-\$30 per year. The building will further deteriorate. This has nothing to do with the current teacher pay. Maintenance of effort has gone up again. Need to get the state to give us our correct poverty level. We are a working class community. If you want your taxes to go way up. Look around and see what we have accomplished. Raised four children who all graduated from our schools and went on to graduate from college. Urge colleagues to vote in favor of this tonight. Time to move forward on this issue. Councilor Vieau stated there was an in depth meeting that everyone was welcome to attend. Councilor Laflamme stated they had in in-depth meeting with the Finance Committee. Not in favor of sending this back

to Finance. Poll you have to take the good with the bad. Lee Pouliot made a good point, half the building has plywood on it. We need to do something with this building. The school buildings were 100 degrees. Part of the problem is that the buildings are not maintained. Forty years ago the windows were replaced, we need to maintain the buildings. Is 100% for teachers, we need the Mayor to settle the contract. In favor tonight, if we wait, we may have to spend more money. In support to move this forward tonight. Bonding is for 20 years. Councilor Dobosz thinks we should vote on this tonight, he has heard a little grand standing and some lies. Some things do need to get done. The auditorium doesn't need to get done. There is no rush to get the auditorium done. Don't know how we can support 16 million when only 8 million is for work. Thinks phase one will cost more than 16 million dollars. Now has one million allotted for interest. You can use money for other things once it is bonded. We don't need to fix the whole building. We are a poor community right now. Little upset the Mayor isn't here to face us tonight. Outright disagree with this. Opposed to this project. Councilor Courchesne would support going back to Finance. Wants options. Need to make it safe, don't agree with a new building, but need to make this feasible. People are here that have been kicking this down the road. Make a better informed decision. Councilor Roy applauds the Planning Department for all of their work and time. To put 16 million into phase one, it's a bill that has to be paid. Even if it's over 20 years. No idea what awaits us in Chicopee Center CSO project. Councilor Balakier said the main building was built in 1871 Lee gave a great presentation. Important building and space to the city. Bonding is like a line of credit, can be very prudent with that. Doing this very carefully, in phases. If we don't do something what will happen to the building? This has already gone to Finance. People had time to do their homework. Let cost go up? Let project sit on the side? Councilor McAuliffe stated with respect to saying it will cost more money-there should be options. The reality is no one has presented other options. The Mayor has said when you gather information you can make an easy decision. Councilor Tillotson stated he is not in favor of doing this half way, let's make this building great for another fifty years. Why are we knit picking? The Planning Director will tell you other options, he is available. If you don't do this right, it won't be worth it. The auditorium will be beautiful, restore it to be done and done right. There aren't other options. Enough abandoned buildings the city already owns, the old Library, the old Belcher school. It's time to vote this up or down. Had months to ask questions. This is not an easy job if you do it right. Do it right. Let's get it done and done right, this is in the best interest of the city. It's time to get it done and done right. When the building is modernized we can bring other departments back to city hall. There is never a good time. Councilor Brooks was at the Finance Committee meeting and is in favor. Only way to have other options is to vote this down. Would like to vote this tonight. All City Councilors that are homeowners are paying taxes. His bank will send him a tax bill. Think about the taxes with each vote, not excused from paying taxes when elected. Councilor Laflamme stated at the Finance meeting Lee wasn't asked about the cost of building a new building. That would be double. The police building was done with bonding at half the cost. Lee will provide answers on other options. Looked at all the options already. Polled residents, no one wants to spend this money but after you explain and tell the value of this building, many are for this. Agree, let's move this forward. Councilor Labrie said he is not for

sending this back to Finance. Interest rates for bonding have never been better. If you pass now it will cost more five years down the road. Interest will kick up the bond. Let's do it while the rates are reasonable. On the motion to refer to Finance, the roll call was 10 no, 3 yes. Councilors Roy, McAuliffe, and Courchesne voting yes. On the motion to receive and authorize the Mayor to bond, the roll call was 9 yes, 4 no, Councilors Roy, McAuliffe, Dobosz, and Courchesne voting no.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One hundred thirty nine thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$139,000.00) to the following named account: City Clerk Special Account for Purchase of Voting Machines 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 for new voting machines. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Eighty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$80,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the following named accounts:

Purchase of an Ambulance	\$ 60,000.00
Pur. of an Aerial Platform Truck	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 80,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated this is a transfer. There is a problem with the vehicle lift in the garage. No lift anywhere in the city can accommodate the weight of the Fire Trucks. Need to fix this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Sixty seven thousand one hundred four and 66/100 dollars (\$67,104.66) to the following named account: Reserve for School Special Custodians from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated the funding for the rental of cell towers-there is one on Dupont. Release the money to School Department for summer maintenance help. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Fifty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$55,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Share to Medical Insurance from available funds in the D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Insurance Other.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated this is a special account that was estimated, just to cover expenses. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

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

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated they are working with the Department of Recreation and Conservation looking at fifty various locations. Councilor Krampits stated he has a list of people waiting to get trees, it has been postponed a couple times. Motion passed though all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated the money is an expense for the Planning Department for disposition of property. Councilor Courchesne stated he appreciates this. Started decades ago, good to put this to bed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Five hundred sixty five and 00/100 dollars (\$565.00) from the Friends of the Chicopee Senior Citizens, Inc. to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donation will be used to cover the additional contract change order cost for the new patio 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 to see the friends are still helping the senior center. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of twenty five (25) small sized stuffed bears in tote bags and twenty five (25) large sized bears in tote bags from the Wings of Love organization to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation has an estimated value of Four hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$400.00) and will be used to provide comfort to children during stressful events and at the annual Fire Department open house. The donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated this is from wings of love-bears in tote bags to provide comfort to children. Nice donation. Councilor Tillotson stated the example from the Fire Department helps reward kids. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

9 A Finance Committee report, ordered that the sum of Six hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$600,000.00) is appropriated to pay costs of purchasing two fabric roof structures, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of this order. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of the costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and defeated this evening. Councilor Brooks stated it is favorable to defeat. No appetite of the board to pass at this time. Councilor

Tillotson said the figures were wrong. Mr. Kulig looked at westover at one of the hangars, rent would be \$12,000 per month. Building a steel building is also an option. Might be more expensive. Defeat this because it wasn't the right amount of money. Councilor Vieau stated this is time sensitive. Trying to come up with alternatives. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 11 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, be it ordained that the City of Chicopee hereby amends the Chicopee Code of Ordinances to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain city departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers under and in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated the state isn't requiring to go through them every year. Can question accounts at any time. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair.

- 12 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and amend the lifeguard line item to \$14 per hour. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Vieau abstained. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated all agree that salaries for these people are competitive. So far so good. Councilor Vieau stated his daughter is a lifeguard. Councilor Laflamme stated part is to change the Special Police to \$15 per hour. You have to buy a lot for yourself. They are backup to regular officers. Good to see 20 officers are available. Councilor Courchesne stated \$1800 out of pocket for the academy. Thank you for people willing to invest in the city. Councilor McAuliffe thanked Councilor Laflamme for his advocacy. Councilor Walczak is glad to see lifeguard rates go up with all the competition. Used revolving funds to help get kids licensed. Getting good people to teach. Councilor Zygarowski stated he spoke to the chief about the Special Police hope they take civil service test to become a full time officer. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstain. Councilor Vieau abstained.

- 13 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, 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, 2nd and final reading enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson said they are making sure this will get done correctly. Councilor Balakier stated he is working with the engineer to get raised sidewalks. Hoping for backing from the City Council. Ultimate way to go. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes 2 out of chair. Councilors Laflamme and McAuliffe out of chair.

- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Parking Regulations – Dewey Street, Northeast side (even side) – entire length, Parking Prohibited.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Tillotson stated more fun with Dewey Street, down one side, defeated, down the other side defeated. Councilor Dobosz thanked the Councilors for their help. Opposition to any no parking. The City Engineer put up tall curbing, Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations – Dewey Street, South side – entire length, Parking Prohibited.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and defeated. Councilor Tillotson stated gone on one side, now the other side-favorable to defeat. Councilor Dobosz stated the opposition was too fierce. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair, Councilor Labrie out of chair.
- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Bus Stops – New Ludlow Road/Loretta, STOP #365-182 New Ludlow Road, Bus Stop.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Walczak stated PVTA asked MA DOT to remove this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Bus Stops – New Ludlow Road/Loretta, STOP #365-2012 Memorial Drive, Bus Stop.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Walczak stated this is a more accessible spot on Memorial Drive. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking – 124 Crescent Drive, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the ordinance be defeated. Councilor Vieau stated this location is in one of the courts, not a city roadway, up to Chicopee Townhomes. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking – 71-73 Maple Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd reading and refer back to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated Councilor Laflamme brought up questions, refer back to the committee for review. Motion passed, referred.

20 BE IT ORDERED that the City Council hold a public hearing to discuss the merits of a Charter Revision changing the date of annual municipal elections from the first Tuesday in November to the first Saturday in November.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor McAuliffe stated take a look at participation in municipal elections. Moving the election to Saturday will allow more people to vote. Evidence shows other communities have done this. Councilor Tillotson stated the elections are held the first Tuesday after the first Monday. It will be interesting to see. Many people have Saturday's to themselves. Could be confusing. What is the increase in other city's over 5 years? Councilor McAuliffe stated will increase civic engagement. Councilor Tillotson stated there is a decline in voting because people are fed up. Councilor Laflamme stated no problem sending this to committee, what would the extra cost be to the City? Invite the City Clerk to the meeting. Have seen this, the hours, can go early or late. What will the cost be? Weekend, will people show? Councilor Walczak stated have the Clerk check with the people who work the polls. Will they be willing to work a Saturday? Motion passed, referred.

21 ORDERED THAT the Engineering Department investigate an appropriate location for the installation of an electronic speed sign on the north side of St. James Avenue.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and sent to Engineering for a study. Councilor Krampits stated constituent's complaints about speeding, possibly locating one on St. James Ave. Needed the order to see if it is feasible. Motion passed, referred.

22 A proposed ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 89 Beverly Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated will deal with it in committee. Motion passed, referred.

23 A proposed ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 135 Prospect Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated the COD asked to have it removed. Motion passed, referred.

24 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-30(B) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of parking a box-aka-trailer box; pods or containers in the corner of parking lot for storage of trash barrels, damaged chairs or equipment, lawn mowers and snow blowers and empty bottles and cans. Location: 371 Chicopee Street. Applicant: Mario Docarmo/Chief's Lounge, 371 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

- 25 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-63F(5) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of increasing the area allowed for outside storage of manufacturing product from 2% (1,000 sqft) of building area (50,000 sqft) to 5% of building area (2,500 sqft). Location: 1000 Sheridan Street. Applicant: Jain America Holdings Inc., 1819 Walcutt Road, Suite 1, Columbus, OH 43228.

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

- 26 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-62(B) (25) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of operating a tasting room on the premises of a brewery. Location: 95 N. Chicopee Street. Applicant: Patrick Randall, DBA Leadfoot Brewing, LLC, 4 John Lane, South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee. Councilor Roy asked what a tasting room is? Motion passed, referred.

- 27 A NEW Zone Change application for a zone change from Res A to Bus A for 20,000 square feet of property located at 753 Montgomery Street for the purpose of retail building and storage (6,000 sq ft). Applicant: Willard + Nicole McKinstry, 753 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

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

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK