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Minutes from the City Council Mayor's Briefing on Tuesday June 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N., President	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present via Zoom
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Lopez, Delmarina	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek Gregory	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input –Al Wilson, founder of beyond walls, hopes of bringing art to the students of Chicopee. Focus on gateway cities. Played for the Portuguese Club while at Westfield State. Creative lens in gateway cities. Second year in Holyoke, want to bring two artist next month, one from Lisbon, Portugal and one from Poland. Deb Sutherland, 129 Ludlow Road, bought parents home, lifelong resident. Marion excavating is under a cease-and-desist order from the law department. Enduring untenable amount of dirt and sand in homes and pools. How can they apply to conservation to expand? Cease-and-desist, continuation and expansion. Mary-Beth Pniak-Costello 66 Voss Ave., public input in regards to house that has been boarded up. Beetles in the driveway. Can take a year to take down a house. One year is too long. Paul Hedeem, 130 Ludlow Road, Marion excavation ground zero. Dirt in his pool, cracks in foundation. If they were served a cease-and-desist why are they still working? Beverly Belevance, 41 Barby Avenue, new proposal for a zone change on James Street. One section is zoned business, plans are quite horrific. Squish an active Starbucks in between CVS and residential area. Traffic all over Memorial Drive. Plans for increased traffic flow. Already documented accidents weekly, proposal was submitted by the same firm to South Hadley. South Hadley turned the proposal down. On the plans, if you look for the height of the building, it's 40 feet. Why do you need 40 feet? Hope they come to explain to all of us.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to return to the regular order of business following public input. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Ten million nine hundred fifteen thousand one hundred four and 42/100 dollars (\$10,915,104.42) to the following named account: Stabilization Fund for Educational Purposes from available funds in the following named accounts:

School Prior Year Salaries	\$ 3,864,450.38
School Prior Year Expenses	<u>7,050,654.04</u>
Total	\$10,915,104.42

--Mayor stated the business manager from school is here. Money will be available at the close of the year on July 1. May require council approval. Councilor Laflamme asked how long has this been in this account? Business manager stated money goes back prior to his tenure. Accumulation of funds have been confirmed with Sharyn. Last year was about 13-14 million, prior year, 6-7 million.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Nine million and 00/100 dollars (\$9,000,000.00) to the following named account: Stabilization Fund from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated 9 million in free cash. Took till May to get the free cash certified. Want money to be available.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty-four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$34,000.00) to the following named City Hall Maintenance Expense Accounts:

Special Services	\$10,000.00
Light & Power	15,000.00
Gas	6,000.00
Water	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total	\$34,000.00

Said amount is to be taken from funds in the following named City Hall Maintenance Salary Accounts:

Director of Facilities	\$10,000.00
Clerk	<u>24,000.00</u>
Total	\$34,000.00

--Mayor stated to cover expenses. Ashton Malloy stated gas and electric to cover the end of the year. Councilor Balakier stated just to the end of the month? Answer was yes.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Seventeen thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$17,000.00) to the following named account: Golf Expense Account for Water from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor encourage golfers to take advantage of the country club. Mike O'Neill told him last year was a dry season. So far up in rounds.

MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Thirteen thousand four hundred seventy-nine and 95/100 dollars (\$13,479.95) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the following named D.P.W. Parks Salary Accounts:

Grounds Maintenance Craftsman	\$10,000.00
D.P.W. Laborer	<u>3,479.95</u>
Total	\$13,479.95

--Ben Strzepka stated have one, very versatile. Can be utilized all year without converting the other equipment.

MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of Eight thousand seven hundred seventy-three and 59/100 dollars (\$8,773.59) to the following named account: D.P.W. Parks Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the following named D.P.W. Parks Salary Account:

MEO/Laborer	\$8,773.59
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--Ben Strzepka stated older model lawnmower. Lot of hours on it. New one will be versatile, easy to use. Discard old mower, can't get parts.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Twelve thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$12,000.00) to the following named account: Auditing Special Account for Liability Insurance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated needed for liability insurance.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand nine hundred sixty-one and 00/100 dollars to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of May, 2023. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Councilor Laflamme stated standard every month.

Mayor update: thank all department heads, elected officials for attending the neighborhood meetings. June 22 at Litwin, June 29 Ward 8, Legacy church for Ward 7. Parks department focus on weekend weather. Saturday is the fireworks June 24th at dark. Will be looking at potential alternate dates. The mayor thanked all the sponsors.

Adjournment:

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 7:00. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk