

The Mayor's briefing of the Chicopee City Council will be held on March 21, 2023 at the City of Chicopee City Hall Auditorium located at 274 Front Street, 3rd Floor, Chicopee, Massachusetts at 6:30 p.m. and via Zoom. The items to be discussed include the Agenda items listed below and general City of Chicopee updates.

The City of Chicopee City Council meeting will be held on March 21, 2023 at the City of Chicopee City Hall Auditorium located at 274 Front Street, 3rd Floor, Chicopee, Massachusetts at 7:15 p.m. and via Zoom. The items to be discussed include the Agenda items listed below.

Public Input

MO-1 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Stephanie Shaw, 579 Fuller Street, Ludlow, Massachusetts to serve as the Director of Veterans' Services until the first of March 2024. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

Re-appointment

MO-2 Be it Ordered that the City Council and City of Chicopee adopt M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5N, the Reduction of Property Tax Obligation of Veteran in exchange for volunteer services.

MO-3 Be it Ordered that the City Council pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41C, increase the Real Estate Exemption amount from \$500 to \$1,0000.

MO-4 Be it Ordered that the City Council increase the gross receipts that Seniors may have in prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under MGL Chapter 59 Section 59, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue for the purposes of MGL Chapter 62, Section 6, Subsection K as the income limit for a single Senior, who are not Heads of Household, to qualify for the Circuit Breaker State Tax Income Tax Credit for the preceding year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for FY2024 beginning on July 1, 2023.

MO-5 Be it Ordered that the City Council reduce the rate of interest that accrues on Property taxes deferred by eligible Seniors under MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, from 8% to 2% with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for FY2024 beginning on July 1, 2023.

MO-6 Be it Ordered that the City Council adopt MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 to exempt \$1,999 of fair cash value on Personal Property accounts to be taxed starting in Fiscal Year 2024.

MO-7 An Order Authoring the Mayor, in accordance with the City Charter and M.G.L. C. 40 § 15, to Negotiate, Edit, and Execute a lease of the property located at 170 Grove Street in Chicopee and any other document necessary to finalize said lease of property, which is not currently needed for a public purpose.

MO-8 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have appointed Cynthia Labrie, 187 Nelson Street, Chicopee Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to service office for the term expiring on the 1st of March, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

Re-appointment

MO-9 (August 2nd Ordinance with October 18th approved revisions) and Nov 7th Ordinance Committee Revisions To Group 1, 2nd Paragraph

Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions

Includes adjustments to salaries for President of City Council, City Councilors (12), Vice Chairman of School Committee, and School Committee members, Also includes change to Group 1, 2nd paragraph related to future salary adjustments for Elected Officials.

- MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Winter Recovery Assistance Program Grant in the amount of Six Hundred forty thousand forty three and 82/100 dollars (\$640,043.82) to the City of Chicopee. This award will provide funding for the East Main Street resurfacing project and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- MO-11 Mayors appropriation of Six Hundred forty thousand forty three and 82/100 dollars (\$640,043.82) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Wrap Projects from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- 12 A Human Resources Committee Report: Mayoral appointment of Joshua Clark as a member of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of January 2025.
- 13 A Human Resources Committee Report: Mayoral appointment of Daniel Mashia as a member of the Chicopee Electric Light Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of January 2026.
- 14 A Human Resources Committee Report: Mayoral appointment of Michael Patnaude as a member of the Veterans Advisory Board until the first of February 2025.
- 15 A Human Resources Committee Report: Mayoral appointment of Julia Sudol as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of January 2026.
- 16 A Human Resources Committee Report: Mayoral Appointment of Nancy Shepard-Murray as an Associate member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of March 2026.
- 17 A Utilities Committee Report: Eversource Gas of Massachusetts, hereby request that it be granted a location and permission to install and maintain 4,711' of 2" IP plastic gas main on Chicopee St., Emerson St., Erline St., Tourtelotte Ave., Lucretia Ave., Riverview Pl., Charbonneau Terr., Rivers Ave., Adams St., Leslie St., and Blanche St. with such laterals and service connections as it may now or subsequently find necessary.
- 18 A Utilities Committee Report: Be it Ordered that Councilor Dobosz be authorized to hold a public hearing regarding the Williams Park Contamination dispute.
- 19 A Utilities Committee Report: Be it Ordered that the issue of excessive resident lighting be referred to the Utilities Committee.
- 20 Be it Ordered that Walmart, 591 Memorial Drive, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license (s) currently held by Walmart, including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Walmart. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Walmart.

The reasons are excessive trash, public safety issues, expansion concerns, and other issues.

Dobosz, Laflamme.

- 21 Be it Ordered that DPW perform a traffic study at the intersection of Montcalm Street and Prospect Street in front of Cumberland Farms and present that study to the Public Works committee for a public hearing.
- Pniak-Costello, Courchesne
- 22 Be it Ordered that the DPW review the condition of the road on Prospect Street from the corner of James Street beginning at 800 Propsect Street to the corner of Prospect and Memorial Drive and report to the Public Works committee for a public hearing.
- Pniak-Costello
- 23 Be it Ordered that all crosswalks that are not a four-way intersection or at the end of side streets have a double side crosswalk sign on either side of the crosswalk.
- Pniak-Costello
- 24 Be it Ordered that the DPW replace the faded existing No Parking signs on the south side/odd side of Yale Street. Signs should include a bi-directional arrow.
- Krampits
- 25 A proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260 -Other 275-79 Commercial Vehicles excluded; New Ludlow Road, from Montcalm Street westerly to the South Hadley town line. Commercial Vehicles excluded.
- Pniak-Costello
- 26 A proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260 -Other 260-79 Commercial Vehicles excluded; Hampshire Street, Entire length. Commercial Vehicles excluded.
- Pniak-Costello
- 27 A proposed Ordinance, adding to Chapter 260 -Other 275-79 Commercial Vehicles excluded: Britton Street, from Montcalm Street westerly to the South Hadley Town line. Commercial Vehicles excluded.
- Pniak-Costello
- 28 An application for a NEW Home Occupation license at 413 East Main Street for the purpose of Dog Grooming. Applied for by Marissa Lalchandani, 413 East Main Street.
- 29 An application for a NEW Special Permit under section 275-9 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of installing small wireless facilities on one (1) existing utility poles under Chapter 277. Location of Property: Pole P175-357 Burnett Road. Property Owner: Chicopee Electric Light, 357 Burnett Road. Applicant: Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 1441 Main Street, Suite 1100 Springfield, MA 01103
- 30 An application for a NEW Hawkers and Peddlers license to sell Ice Cream at Various locations. Applied for by Shaikmahmoud Alzubi, 33 Center Street, Apt. A, Windsor Locks, CT 06096

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk