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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 18, 2022 at 7:23 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Absent
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Shane D. Brooks	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Delmarina Lopez	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
Mary Elizabeth Pniak-Costello	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Beverly Bellevance, 41 Barby Ave., oppose the Zone Change on James Street. On December 31 spoke to Ron Belair, in 2003 there was a Zone Change request, Ron said he voted against re-zoning. The area is already saturated with business. Turned in a letter written by Jerry Roy (former ward 9 Councilor) from 2013 opposing a Zone Change there. Not the neighbors problem to fix the land owners foolish problems. Sue Nimchick, James Street, been coming for a little bit to the meetings, met a number of groups. Slate Road, Upper James Street, listened to the people out by the elevator. In 2015 was in a situation with a protest petition. Need 100% of abutters, require pin or ID numbers. Called the code for the city and the state. Would ask four councilors to look into this, Laflamme, Tillotson, Dobosz and Pniak-Costello. Transparency is really important. Need to know all the parameters. Sean Goonan, 6 Lincoln Street, voice opposition to MO-1 the taxpayers shouldn't subsidize billion dollar companies, city is catering to big business.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to approve the minutes of 1/3/22 & 1/4/22. Motion passed.

C-1 Communication from Sherry Fanti to withdraw a Zone Change application.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and refer to the February 1, 2022 Council Meeting. Councilor McAuliffe stated a letter from the applicant came in too late for the agenda, the applicant is withdrawing the application. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated the notice was sent on January 14 at 10:17 am. Councilor Tillotson stated needs to go to Zoning. Attorney Garvey stated doesn't need to go Zoning. Councilor McAuliffe stated normally would wait the two weeks to accept, this is just an FYI tonight. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated lot of public interest in this Zone Change, why can't we deal with the withdrawal on February 1? The answer was it can be acted on February 1. Councilor Brooks stated this is not a blanket approval, if the full board denies the Zone Change the applicant can't re-apply for two years. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-1 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicopee strongly supports increased economic development to provide additional jobs for residents of Chicopee, Holyoke, and Westfield and expanded commercial and industrial activity within those cities in order to promote and develop a healthy economy and a stronger tax base; and

WHEREAS, the General Court has enacted M.G.L. Ch. 23A, Section 3A-3H, the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP), designed to stimulate job creation, attract new business, encourage growth of existing businesses, and to increase overall economic development readiness; and

WHEREAS, THE City of Chicopee has entered into an Inter municipal Agreement with the Cities of Holyoke and Westfield and the three cities have been designated as the Holyoke Regional Economic Target Area (ETA), by the Economic Assistance Coordinating Council (EACC); and

WHEREAS, THE City Council of the City of Chicopee desires job creation opportunities, improvement to distressed and underutilized commercial properties, and increased economic opportunities Chicopee; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Chicopee has supported the expanded utilization of property located at 711 East Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Agilent Technologies, Inc anticipates investing \$33,250,000 in property acquisition and renovations of the site; and

WHEREAS, Agilent Technologies, Inc. has committed to create a minimum of 40 permanent full time jobs with preference in hiring residents of the ETA and the City of Chicopee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordered, that the City Council approves the Certified Project application of Agilent Technologies, Inc. and forwards said application for certification to the Massachusetts EACC for its approval and endorsement;

Be it further ordered, the City Council of the City of Chicopee with the approval of the Mayor hereby makes a binding commitment to enter into an Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc; and

And be it further ordered, that pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 23A, Section 3E, the TIF agreement with Agilent Technologies, Inc. shall comply with all laws and regulations regulating such agreements and shall include only the exemptions contained in this Order. Said Agreement will provide for an exemption on property taxes based on the growth portion in the assessed value of the project. The base valuation shall be determined by the City Assessors as of January 1, 2022. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, Tax Increment Financing Agreement exemption to be applied to the Project Premises is as follows, and such below stated percentage shall be utilized in calculating the real property tax due with respect to the Premises for such respective fiscal year:

First Fiscal Year	100% of increased value
Second Fiscal Year	100% of increased value
Third Fiscal Year	100% of increased value
Fourth Fiscal Year	100% of increased value
Fifth Fiscal Year	100% of increased value
Sixth Fiscal Year	90% of increased value
Seventh Fiscal Year	80% of increased value
Eighth Fiscal Year	70% of increased value
Ninth Fiscal Year	60% of increased value
Tenth Fiscal Year	50% of increased value
Eleventh Fiscal Year	40% of increased value

Twelfth Fiscal Year	30% of increased value
Thirteenth Fiscal Year	20% of increased value
Fourteenth Fiscal Year	10% of increased value
Fifteenth Fiscal Year	10% of increased value

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated a TIF for property purchased on East Main Street. The value of the property is going from 4 million to 10.5 million, city will get an additional \$225,000 in base taxes. Will be adding another 40 full time living wages jobs. Councilor McAuliffe stated generally skeptical of TIF's, did homework, this is an investment in Chicopee. Opportunity to the City of Chicopee, incentive is based on new growth, the discount is only on new growth. Jobs are important, sector, life sciences. Thank the Mayor and the economic team. Councilor Tillotson stated glad will now be made here and not in China. Company has proven its worth, big business created jobs and pays a lot of taxes. Committee thinks it's worthwhile. Councilor Krampits stated sometimes people look and see 100% but that is only on new growth. Will already be generating more taxes for the city. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of the sum of Two hundred four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$204,000.00) to the following named Fire Salary Account in accordance with the agreement between the City of Chicopee and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1710 Chicopee Firefighters AFL-CIO effective July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

Fire Salary Account for Prior Years Salaries from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated the next couple are contract agreements between the Firefighters and the city. This is for the expired contract, was a good negotiation, take care of the membership. Ambulance and Firefighters were the first people at your door during the pandemic. Doesn't hurt the new Firefighters, takes care of them as well. This is long overdue. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Seven hundred forty two thousand eight hundred ninety seven and 87/100 dollars (\$742,897.87) to the attached named Fire Department Salary Accounts in accordance with the agreement between the City of Chicopee and the International Association of Firefighters Local 1710 Chicopee Firefighters AFL-CIO effective July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024 from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated this is a follow up to the previous contract settlement. The first year is 3%, the second year is 2% and the third is 2.5% as presented by the Mayor. Appreciate the department. Always do what's best for the city, this is actually a four year contract. Councilor Lopez stated a COLA increase is the least we can do for our Firefighters. Language states he/she and should say they. Love to see the revisions can Indigenous Peoples day be revised from Columbus Day? Paul Winspear from HR stated the order protected gender neutrality, could reflect changes once the contract is finalized, it doesn't affect the money. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Special Account for Meters and Support Equipment from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated the money is coming out of the Water Department funds to continue with meter updates. Do want the money to help move forward with meters when available. Councilor Dobosz stated thank the Mayor's office for bringing this forward. Meters are faulty. Difference in what is being used vs what is being billed. Hope it's expedited. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated agree with this, personally experienced this in August when she received a bill for \$2000. Thank the Mayor for going forward, need to be addressed sooner than later. Councilor Tillotson stated some are commercial meters. Need to be accurate so we can get money we have been losing. Not only the homeowners, city could be losing money with the commercial buildings. Really should pay attention, step in the right direction. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Flood Control Special Account for Special Repairs from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated for flood control gate, needs to be fixed and replaced. Approve tonight. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Repairs to Equipment from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated repairs to equipment, will fund for the rest of the year. People flushing things they shouldn't be. This is something we need to fix. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Drainage from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated clean inspection found drainage line had a washout. Needs to be replaced 15" drain line. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Thirty eight thousand six hundred twelve and 73/100 dollars (\$38,612.73) 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 Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated will be to repair some gates, one from an accident and one to move the fence by Dunkin' some land was sold. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-9 Mayors appropriation of Eleven thousand four hundred twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$11,420.00) to the following named account: Golf Expense Account for Maintenance of Grounds from available funds in the Golf Pro Shop Inventory Revolving.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated the golf course is about 60 years old, pay for a master design. Coming from their own account. Councilor Labrie stated Chicopee Country Club was voted in the top 10 in New England last year. Councilor

Dobosz stated hope the Mayor's office doesn't mind this but they told me the golf course was profitable last year, congratulate the commission and Mike O'Neill award winning course. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Nine thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$9,500.00) from the New North Citizens Council Inc. to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation will be used for CP3 related purchases and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and pass. Councilor Lopez stated donation from the New North Citizens Council, a free standing non-profit. Deputy Gawron sent a request for the monies to be accepted. Councilor Balakier asked if a letter of thanks can be sent. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Six hundred seventy and 00/100 dollars (\$670.00) from the Blue Room Café Owner Gary Ziemba to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated local owner of a prominent bar in Chicopee. Split donation between Police and Fire. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of Six hundred seventy and 00/100 dollars (\$670.00) from the Blue Room Café Owner Gary Ziemba to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated from Blue Room, split. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Roy absent.

MO-13 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations of Eleven thousand seven hundred twenty six and 00/100 dollars (\$11,726.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior meals for the month of December, 2021 including the December 16th holiday dinner and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

MO-14 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Four thousand one hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$4,100.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for programming and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

MO-15 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Four hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$450.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for the Rivermills Reminder Newsletter and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Krampits stated donations given by members. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained, Councilor Roy absent.

- 16 BE IT ORDERED THAT Murray Automotive, LLC, 102 Old Fuller Road, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Murray Automotive, LLC including compliance with restrictions imposed upon and licenses held by Murray Automotive, LLC. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Murray Automotive, LLC. Violations – too many cars, and cars parked too close to the road.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated this business has too many cars, too many cars too close to the road. Not out to hurt businesses, just needs to comply with his restrictions. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 17 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Delete Chapter 275-66 A in its entirety

And insert in place thereof

275-66 A Burnett Road

- A. No further business, commercial or industrial development shall occur on Burnett Road from the Ludlow/Chicopee line to the intersection of New Lombard Road and Burnett Road and any appurtenant street for a period of one year commencing on April 1, 2022, and terminating on April 1, 2023, except by special permit.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Zoning, Planning and Ordinance Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated this is annual, Burnett Road requires a Special Permit including a traffic study for any new business development. Look forward to discussing in committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello thanked Councilor Dobosz for presenting this to the Council, traffic should be discussed, Councilor Dobosz is keeping the integrity of the neighborhood. Councilor Tillotson stated been in effect for many years. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

- 18 BE IT ORDERED THAT the hearing dates for Special Permit applications located at 165 Front Street under Chapter 275-9 (L)(3) be hereby corrected from January 28, 2022 to January 26, 2022 in the Council Chambers.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the correct date be approved. Councilor Balakier stated correction of date, inadvertently mixed up. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

- 19 BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Chicopee for the Year 1991, as amended, be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Article II Ambulance Service

Chapter 34-25 Fees

Delete and insert in place thereof

BLS: \$1035
ALS1: \$1679
ALS2: \$2800
Mileage: \$25 per mile

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated that the Ambulance Commission requested updated rates. Rates are not up to date so we are not able to get what Medicare pays because we aren't charging enough. Haven't raised rates. If people are unable to pay, the commission can grant abatement, will be available to all residents of the City of Chicopee. Hope the committee will support this. Councilor Balakier stated when was the last time this was changed? Answer was many years ago. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Roy absent.

20 BE IT ORDERED THAT a crosswalk be added going from Winthrop Street across New Ludlow Road.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to refer to the Engineer for a cost estimate and feasibility of putting in a crosswalk. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated constituent concern. Students are crossing the road. Councilor Tillotson stated more complicated than it used to be. Need to be handicap accessible now. Motion passed. Councilor Roy absent.

21 A petition for an alteration of a Class 2 and Auto Repair License for a change in corporate officers. Business: Reliable Auto Sales + Service, LLC., 74 Naomi Street. Applicant: Joseph J. Catania, 47 Valentine Terrace, Agawam, MA 01001.

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

22 A Taxi Cab Renewal for 2022 for Zaheer A. Shaikh.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the license denied. Councilor Brooks stated on the recommendation of the Police Chief. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. License Denied. Councilor Roy absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell
City Clerk