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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 16, 2021 at 7:18 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 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
Galecki, Lucjan J.	Ward 3 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 - none

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One million four hundred seventy one thousand six hundred seventy two and 00/100 dollars (\$1,471,672.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Phase II City Hall Renovations Design and Engineering from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated the Mayor is ready to proceed with phase 2 of city hall renovation. Councilor Tillotson stated update, spent about \$14.5 million. Will have about \$500,000 left to use in phase 2, will have to bond for approximately \$3 million. Will be about \$20 million when all done. May be able to get grants because it is a historical building. Going to cost about another \$4 million to have something that will last another 50 or 60 years. Need to finish the job, inside needs to be finished. Spending for the next generations. At the crossroads here. Need to fix now. A new building would be \$40-\$50 million. Historical Committee is in favor of completing, hopeful will pass tonight. Councilor McAuliffe stated appreciates comments, don't share the same affinity for the annex. Was a large proponent, share concerns about spending this much money. When, not if to move to phase 2. Want to encourage everyone to buckle down with spending. OK with moving forward. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Dobosz voting no.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred ten thousand six hundred fifty two and 00/100 dollars (\$210,652.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of (4) Cruisers from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated cruisers have to be replaced. Drive time, going 24/7, asked for 6. Necessary items. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of PPE donations in the amount of Five thousand eight hundred twenty three and 34/100 dollars (\$5,823.34) from Ocean State Job Lot to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A 1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Krampits stated a generous donation from Ocean State Job Lot. Very well aware of needed donation of items. Very much appreciated. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation of Twenty nine thousand eight and 64/100 dollars (\$29,008.64) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Galecki to receive and pass. Councilor Galecki stated for a John Deere gator, old one is from 1996 and we need to replace it. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) to the following named account: City Clerk Special Account for Election Salaries from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated several elections last year, need to put money in the account. Councilor Tillotson stated mail in voting and more absentee voting. More work and paperwork for them. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Ten thousand three hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$10,300.00) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the donations accepted. Councilor Labrie stated donation, doing periodically, had an amount they wanted to reach, they keep striving for it. Councilor Tillotson stated to be able to reach the \$10,000 goal even during difficult times is amazing, one of the finest libraries in the area. Councilor Balakier stated send a letter of thanks to the Friends of the Library. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Melissa M. St. Germain, 31 David Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Planning Board to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of April, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the reappointment made this evening with the date correction. Councilor Tillotson stated willing to serve. Motion passed.

MO-8 Mayors appropriation of One hundred twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$125,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Expense Account for Insurance Other from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated to replenish an account that has had money spent, 5 employees out for work related expenses. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Mayors appropriation of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Settlement of Claims from available funds in the D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Chicopee Center CSO Design.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated there was some claims-need to be paid. Councilor Walczak stated Manning and Lukasik are being designed for CSO replacement. People should take advantage of the backflow program. Will save money. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Eleven thousand one hundred forty nine and 50/100 dollars (\$11,149.50) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations were received for senior meals during the month of January, 2021 and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a 2nd by Councilor Laflamme. Councilor Courchesne stated monies collected for the sale of senior meals. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Brooks abstained.

11 Be it Ordered That nominations for the City of Chicopee Library Board of Trustees be opened.

Be it Further Ordered That Normand Girouard be considered for said position and final appointment be voted upon.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and voted on this evening. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to open nominations. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to nominate Normand Girouard. Councilor Tillotson stated unless any other nominations, we should vote for Normand Girouard. Councilor Dobosz stated great man, appreciate him serving the community. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to close nominations. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to appoint Normand Girouard. Motion passed.

12 Be it Ordered That nominations for the City of Chicopee Board of Health Commission be opened.

Be it Further Ordered That Theresa Picard be considered for said position and final appointment be voted upon.

Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to open nominations. Motion passed. Motion to nominate Theresa Picard for reappointment. Motion passed. Councilor Tillotson stated great crew there. She brings her nursing background. Councilor Balakier stated asset to the Board of Health. Councilor McAuliffe stated tremendous public servant. Health Department and Board of Health have really stepped up to the plate during the pandemic. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to close nominations. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to vote for Theresa Picard. Motion passed.

13 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Bus A to Residential A for 26,000/272 sq. ft. of property located at 6 Knapp Street, Chicopee, Ma 01013 for the purpose of a subdivision. Applicant Name & Address: Alston Graham, 91 Ames Road, Hampden, MA 01036.

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

14 An application for a NEW Special Permit under section 275-40 (G) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of reduction in the required number of parking spaces. Location of property: 675 Fuller Road. Property owner: Mike Laser Enterprises LLC c/o David LaVenture, 428 East Street, Chicopee, MA.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee, Planning, Engineering and Building Departments. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

15 Auto Repair License Renewal for 2021

Tommcat Performance

680 Prospect Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Walczak stated annual request. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell
City Clerk