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Minutes from the City Council Mayor's Briefing on Tuesday May 16, 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
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 arr. at 6:45
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Absent
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

--Roll Call was taken at 6:32, 9 yes. Zoom was not working.

--Roll call was taken at 6:33 11 present. Councilors Dobosz and Courchesne absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Three hundred ninety thousand nine hundred twenty-nine and 20/100 dollars (\$390,929.20) to the following named account: Highway Special Account for Snow & Ice Removal from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated fortunate to have a pretty mild winter. Natural occurrences. Lot of good feedback this year. Liz stated mild winter. Councilor Labrie stated whole bill close to half million. Councilor Lopez read the amounts from the attachments. Engage with a lot of private plows. The Mayor stated thankful the plow drivers come back each year.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Two hundred forty-eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$248,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Sludge Removal/Disposal from available funds in the following named Sewer Accounts:

W.W. Vehicle Replacement	\$ 48,000.00
Coll. Sys. Special MEO Salaries	10,000.00
Coll. Sys. Supervisor Salaries	40,000.00
Sewer Surplus	<u>150,000.00</u>
Total	\$248,000.00

--Mayor stated equipment has been installed funding will provide to the end of the fiscal year. From their own accounts. Liz stated sludge disposal has gone up significantly, had failing equipment. Have to rent to haul liquids. Costly year. New equipment is now installed. Councilor Lopez asked what vehicle was supposed to be replaced? Liz replied budgeted for pool car because there aren't vehicles available, decided to go without a new car. Al Ryczek keeps them apprised. Able to secure if on the lot. Being careful with sewer funds because of unforeseen

costs. Councilor Lopez stated appreciate you not spending free cash. Mayor stated capital budget meets shortly after budget. Vehicles are not available. Chips and supply chain.

- MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000.00) to the following named account: Water Expense Account for Insurance Other from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.
- Mayor stated to fund workmen's comp insurance to the end of the fiscal year. Liz stated can't always determine what you will need.
- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty-two thousand nine hundred thirty and 00/100 dollars (\$52,930.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Special Account for Leak Detection from available funds in the Water Surplus Account.
- Mayor stated mandated to perform survey every two years. Councilor Krampits asked is this a service we hire? Not done by city? Liz stated contracted by MWRA and we pay them.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Thirteen thousand five hundred ten and 00/100 dollars (\$13,510.00) to the following named account: Highway Special Account for Street Surveying/Legal Description from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Mayor stated there are ownership concerns, rectify by using survey. Liz stated road, numerous requests for these roads. Not city roads, privately owned. Would be Ch. 90 eligible. Good time to move forward with accepting these streets. Lee Pouliot stated off Better Way, cul-de-sac. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank you for doing this, recently several residents complained about Griffith Road. Owned by three different people. Glad you're taking steps. Important to ward 9 and ward 6 for businesses. Been like this for 35 years. Mayor stated shout out to Mike Pise for helping resolve this. Councilor Lopez stated going on long before she was even born. Why aren't these streets city streets? Mayor stated streets all have a story, have been paved other ways before. Liz stated Griffith Road has three owners. Eminent domain is what we would be doing. Assign value, then go through the legal process. First step. Resurfacing is a quick project. This is resolving this problem and moving forward. Councilor Lopez asked is WMDC agreeable to us taking the road over? Councilor Pniak-Costello stated WMDC has owned that portion of the road for a long time and they haven't maintained it. Have they ever got money to pave it? Mayor stated when it was developed, ownership issues weren't discussed. City does plow the road. More lane miles means more Ch. 90 money. Move forward and fix it. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated the road needs a lot of attention. Councilor Lopez asked has WMDC come to us with willingness to donate the land? Mayor stated haven't had the conversation yet. Others have donated before. It's in everyone's best interest to repave this road. Liz stated we benefit because we can increase our Ch. 90 monies.
- MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Sixty three thousand four hundred seventy-six and 89/100 dollars (\$63,476.89) from the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Inc. to the City of Chicopee. Said donation will be used to cover additional project change orders and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Mayor stated Lee provided detailed background information, another donation is needed to cover the bill. Will help close the gap. Lee stated many months ago we accepted a grant for the

infrastructure work. Overrun in excavation work. Nearing the end of the project, be able to process the change order. Councilor McAuliffe stated donation, would you anticipate this coming from loans or is from the funds of the food bank? Lee answered not sure, at his discretion. Councilor McAuliffe stated in everyone's best interest to keep this moving along.

MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Ten thousand two hundred forty-two and 00/100 dollars (\$10,242.00) to the following named account: Registrars Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Registrars Passport Revolving Fund.

--Mayor stated exceeded expectations, new printer needed.

MO-8 Mayor's appropriation of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) to the following named account: City Council Special Account for Claims & Accounts Committee from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated City of Chicopee provides a way to settle small claims against the city. Most was spent tonight.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of One hundred nine and 95/100 dollars (\$109.95) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Mayor stated donations to the library, Mayor read the donators.

MO-10 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty-six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$56,000.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Account for Special Services from available funds in the City Hall Maintenance Account for Jr. Building Custodian.

--Mayor stated using the line item instead of from free cash. To get to the end of the fiscal year. Dave Rice stated to cover what needs to be paid for. Lot of expenses, electric bill, water bill, gas bill. Electric is a majority of the bill, cover the safety complex as well. Councilor Laflamme stated the price of everything has increased. Everything has doubled in price.

MO-11 Mayor's appropriation of Five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$5,000.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Bulletproof Vests from available funds in the Police Salary Account for Witness Fees.

--Mayor stated Captain Cote is here, 22 vests are about to expire. Captain Cote stated pay up front and hope to get grants paid for. Officer Jusino and Sgt. Blankenship came to model. Councilor Lopez stated thank you for being pro-active with grants, love to see the C-3 units. Councilor Zygarowski has been asking for bike and walking beats for years. Mayor stated glad to have the C-3 units active. Sgt. Blankenship and Sgt. Gazda meet every week. Councilor Roy asked how do the vests degenerate so fast? Captain Cote stated just use/wear and tear. Work overtime. Councilor McAuliffe stated commend the two officers. Councilor Lopez stated the C-3 meetings have many local people. Well attended, like committee meetings.

MO-12 Mayor's appropriation of Seventeen thousand eight hundred twenty-six and 83/100 dollars (\$17,826.83) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for

Indemnifications of Police and Fire from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated self-insured, numbers allowed, could have been more.

MO-13 Be it Ordered by the City Council, acting according to its powers granted to it by the City Charter and Chapters 40, 79, and 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that the City hereby take permanent easements and temporary construction easements at or near Memorial Drive and McCarthy Avenue by eminent domain as described in the attached order of taking for the purpose of installing sewer and drain lines.

See attached order of taking to be recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

No betterments are assessed as a result of these takings.

--Mayor stated sewer separation project, to install water and sewer lines. Liz stated need space to install. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank Liz, important project. Quality of life issue. Liz stated a lot of people involved, been in the works for a long time.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to recess the Mayor's Briefing at 7:15. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair, Councilor Courchesne absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to return to the Mayor's Briefing at 7:16. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair, Councilor Courchesne absent.

MO-14 Be it Ordered by the City Council, acting according to its powers granted to it by the City Charter and Chapters 40, 79, and 83 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that the City hereby take permanent easements and temporary construction easements near Hudson Avenue by eminent domain as described in the attached order of taking for the purpose of installing sewer and drain lines.

See attached order of taking to be recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds.

No betterments are assessed as a result of these takings.

--Mayor stated like the previous, for south Fairview sewer project.

MO-15 Mayor's appropriation of Six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$6,000.00) to the following named account: Purchasing Expense Account for Advertising from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Mayor stated advertising expenses should get us through the end of the year. Advertise in the local newspaper.

MO-16 Ordered that the City Council accept the in-kind donation of lawn signs in the amount of One thousand ninety and 00/100 dollars (\$1,090.00) from Sign Dynamics LLC to the City of Chicopee.

Said donation of lawn signs are for the clean city initiative and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Mayor showed one of the signs. Students created at St. Rose and Litwin. Hope this makes a difference not to litter. All of us have Chicopee pride. Stop the drop/stop the litter problem. Thank Sign Dynamics.

MO-17 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand one hundred thirty-seven and 75/100 dollars (\$5,137.75) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of April, 2023. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--President Laffamme stated we get this every month.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Lopez to adjourn at 7:28. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith W. Rattell', written in a cursive style.

Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk