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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 7:11 pm in the City Council Chambers 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
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

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Public Input—Julie Coupulos, director of the Chamber of Commerce, 48 Center Street, thank the Mayor for hosting an ARPA event, impressed with the senior home. Applying for a blanket hawker and peddler license for downtown center fresh market, hope it passes this evening so it can start on June 2.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Three million and 00/100 dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to the following named account: Reduction of the 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Levy to available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated being given back to the taxpayer, lighten the burden. People are hurting because of covid, will be welcome around the city. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated something that is needed at this time. Inflation is at a 40 year high, not an easy time to pay the bills. Councilor Tillotson stated glad to see this, hope to continue to do this but it will get more difficult moving forward. City council has been very frugal as well. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Two million and 00/100 dollars (\$2,000,000.00) to the following named account: Stabilization for Capital Budgeting from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated self-explanatory, for capital budgeting. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Equipment grant award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Grants and Research to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of Two thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$2,500.00). Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated the grant was awarded to the Fire Department for an AED. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Brooks absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of One thousand two hundred twenty five and 00/100 dollars (\$1,225.00) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated donations for the library. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Be it ordered by the City Council and approved by the Mayor that under authority granted to them by Chapter 32, Section 90A and 90C of the Massachusetts General Laws a one-time permanent increase in the retirement allowance of certain members of the Retirement System is hereby authorized.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated accepted in the past, thank the board for all their hard work. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Zygarowski abstained.

MO-6 Mayors appropriation of Three hundred sixteen thousand one hundred eleven and 40/100 dollars (\$316,111.40) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Snow & Ice Removal from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated this was the total after the final bills, very lucky the last two years with mild winters. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$200.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Interest on Sewer Bonds for MWPAT #13 from available funds in the D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Interest on Sewer Bonds for Baystate/Clarendon.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated this was a clerical error. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Mayors appropriation of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Sludge Disposal from available funds in the Sewer Surplus.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated needed to transport when the machine was down. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 James Street 16" Water Main Bond Authorization Project

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated spent to take care of the project. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Doreen E. Naumchick, 271 Schoolhouse Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020 as a member of the Council on Aging to serve until the first of April 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and refer to the Human Resources committee. Councilor Courchesne stated standard procedure. Councilor Tillotson stated meeting is scheduled for May 24th. Motion passed, referred.

MO-11 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Kurt Pressey, 203 Granby Road, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01013 as a member of the Mobile Home Rent Control Board to serve until the first of May 2024. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and refer to the Human Resources committee. Councilor Lopez stated standard procedure. Motion passed, referred.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Seven thousand eighty seven and 00/100 dollars (\$7,087.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donations are for senior meals for the month of April, 2022 and they are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass with a 2nd by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Brooks stated revenue from senior meals program. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained.

13 A favorable License Committee report for an application for a Class II License for Wicked Cycles, Inc., located at 576 East Street. Applicant: Scott Machado, 1235 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated this and the next one are for 576 East Street, read the east Springfield neighborhood council requests. Read all the restrictions into the record. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

14 A favorable License Committee report for an application for a Auto Repair License for Wicked Cycles, Inc., located at 576 East Street. Applicant: Scott Machado, 1235 East Street, Ludlow, MA 01056.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and granted with restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated contain same restrictions as the Class 2 license. Read all the restrictions into the record. Most of the concerns were with the noise. Councilor Balakier stated reference auto repair, but it is cycle repair. Councilor Zygarowski stated Sunday should say no hours. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

- 15 A favorable Public Works Committee report, BE IT ORDERED THAT the Public Works Subcommittee meet on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30 PM as an informational session to discuss the 609061-CHICOPEE-INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT MONTGOMERY STREET, GRANBY ROAD, AND MCKINSTRY AVENUE Round-About project.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and placed on file. Councilor Krampits stated request of the DPW superintendent and Councilor Laflamme. Seemed a mixture of opinions elongated peanut round-about. Another round-about will be by Bory's. Highest number of accidents in the city there. Safety consideration, signals are all timed. Made recommendations, others were not so happy. Project won't kick off till 2026. Councilor Laflamme stated thank Liz for having the meeting, very knowledgeable meeting, learned a lot. State came to discuss the issues. Councilor Dobosz stated the Planning Board was the same night. Would have liked to see the presentation. Two meetings shouldn't be at the same time. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated as time goes on will there be other meetings to give updates. Motion passed.
- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, BE IT ORDERED THAT the City of Chicopee submit Home Rule Legislation to keep the present voting locations for Ward 6 as detailed on attached order.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, approved, sent to the Mayor and Representative Wagner for action in Boston. Councilor Tillotson stated needs Mayors approval and be sent to Boston. Councilor Dobosz thanked Clerk Rattell, Registrar of Voters, and Planning for informing him how to file this. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, a proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, One-Way Streets, Old Lyman Road, Northerly direction for a distance starting from Anson Street to the intersection of Britton Street, One-Way Street.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated going to be one way, very narrow part of the road. Public safety issue, thank Councilor Laflamme and the Ordinance Committee.
- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report, Delete Chapter 275-66 A in its entirety and insert in place thereof:
- 275-66 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 Tillotson to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Dobosz stated requires a Special Permit for new growth on Burnett Road. Thank the Zoning, Ordinance and Planning. Development needs to happen carefully in that area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 19 Ordered that the Finance Committee meet to discuss financial issues associated with Bluebird Acres Mobile Home Park.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated Bluebird Acres had problems, largest mobile home park in Chicopee. The state failed the septic system, had to connect to city sewer. Majority are elderly and or under the poverty level. Took a lot of approvals to get connected to the sewer lines. Mobile home rent board voted in favor of a large increase. The residents want to be heard. Motion passed, referred.

20 A NEW Hawkers and Peddlers application to sell various items at downtown Chicopee - Market Square Plaza - Springfield Street. Dates are June 2, 2022 – October 27, 2022. Hours: 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Applied for by: Chicopee Chamber of Commerce/Center Fresh c/o Julie Copoulos, 48 Center Street, Suite 201.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and approved. Councilor Brooks stated no reason not to pass. Motion passed.

21 2022 Home Occupation Renewals

Elke's Baked Goods	Kim Bosshart-Cote	62 Pine Street
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--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approved. Councilor Balakier stated standard renewal. Motion passed.

22-26 2022 Junk Dealer's License Renewals

EcoATM, LLC		591 Memorial Drive
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Nu-Da-U	Sammy Rodriguez	922 Chicopee Street
Polgold Jewelers	Waclaw Plewa	63 Cabot Street
Willimansett Waste Co.	Bruce Tolpa	239 Narragansett Blvd.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and approved with restrictions. Councilor Brooks stated standard renewals. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell
City Clerk