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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday June 6, 2023, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

CITY COUNCIL
CHICOPEE MA

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/left @ 9:54
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
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—Gerry Roy, 31 Devlin Drive, last Zoning Meeting item #21 look at the prior information. Found a fair amount of inconsistencies. 100 residential, 107 units, breakdown, 106. How does the legality work? Single, 2 bedroom, 3 bedroom, numbers changed all the way through. Question, number of bedrooms-students. Last number was 91 bedrooms for everyone. 17-31 school aged children for the entire complex. Not have a lot of over housing. State can't be working off these numbers. Children numbers in the complex. Lot of multi-families in Chicopee. Projecting less than 5 units isn't in their calculations. From the 2020 numbers the parking places changed. Property taxes=shortfall to number of all students. Last two weeks got grant funding from the state. No strings attached. 72 units at 35-40,000 per unit. Lisa Bienvenue, 34 Everett Street, to continue, went to the Zoning/Planning community meeting. At some of the meetings residents are told to be happy. Need things on the tax rolls. Need to look at projects. How will they effect the city? Planned development, plan for traffic, plan for everything. Residents are irate about traffic. Dunkin on a pad in the K of C parking lot, planning person said this is just a preliminary plan. We can make changes and there will be another meeting. Schools are suffering. Ads for teachers on TV, police force is down, fire department is down. Why can't we retain anyone in this city?

Communications

C-1 email subject: Special Permit Application 1682 Memorial Drive. Writing to request a sixty (60) day extension from the City Council meeting date of June 6th. To render a decision regarding the above matter. Please feel free to contact me in the event you have questions or are in need of any additional information. Thanks Jim

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to refer to item #22. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

C-2 email subject: Scannell Properties #705 – Request for Continuance for Zone Change Application Relating to Burnett Road (Parcel ID Map 294, Lots 6 & 7) Good Morning, I am reaching out on behalf of Scannell Properties #705 regarding their application before the Chicopee City Council for a zone change from Industrial Garden Planned Unit Development Type 1 to Industrial for approximately 2.58 acres of land along Burnett Road (Parcel ID Map 294, Lot 6 and 7). Following our appearance before the Chicopee City Council Zoning Committee on May 31, 2023, we would like to formally request a 60-day extension to the

typical 90-day requirement for the Council to issue a decision. Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or comments relating to this request. Thank you. Best, Matthew Eckel.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to refer to item #23. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to accept the minutes of 5/16/23 Briefing & 5/16/23 Council Meeting and place on file. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) to the following named account: DPW Administration Special Account for Gas & Oil from available funds in the DPW Highway Salary Account for Highway Maintenance Man.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated gas and oil line in budget, sky rocketing prices. Transfer in budget line. Hopefully covered for the remainder of the fiscal year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Seven hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$700,000.00) to the following named account: DPW Highway Special Account for Signal Maintenance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and pass. Councilor Lopez stated established cost of traffic signals, partial cost. Required to complete total funding deficit. Tearing up area, don't do twice. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated wise with this expenditure. Also taking time and expense to replace aging traffic signals. Will benefit residents, two intersections, welcomed project for neighborhood. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Fifty-nine thousand nine hundred seventeen and 92/100 dollars (\$59,917.92) to the following named account: Reserve for School Special Custodians from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated self-explanatory. Councilor Lopez stated advised by Scott the total cost about \$125,000. Money back to the Council. Money will be used in the future. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated for summer youth maintenance program. Very well managed, helped a lot of kids. Learn a skill, get money to feel good about themselves. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Seven thousand four hundred fifteen and 00/100 dollars (\$7,415.00) to the following named account: Human Resources Salary Account for Human Resource Advisor from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated the Human Resources director resigned. Had to fill till the end of June. Councilor Lopez stated update, hiring for the CHR interviews start tomorrow. He feels the candidates are qualified. Questions about increase in salary for Mr. Merchant. Went from \$60 to \$90 an hour. Transition time, over \$7000 to the end of June. Should be doing a thorough search should have looked at other options. Councilor Dobosz stated will oppose. Don't believe in having a part time department head. Don't think you can fulfill the roles and duties at 20 hours per week.

Appreciate Rich Merchant commitment and service to the city. Councilor McAuliffe stated had strong opinions on how we manage these searches, Mr. Merchant has come through time and time again. We cannot not have anyone in that position. This is a steal in contracts. He has knowledge of the city. Hopefully not a very long time/hope to hire soon. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated HR Department has to be updated. Every month we have them report. Making sure the advancements are happening. Need a HR meeting scheduled for June. This is a tough one, we want help while we interview, must become more involved with technology. Councilor Lopez stated not opposing this. The HR Department is under water and we need the help. Not going to withhold the help. Is an increase in the rate from before. Consultant/should have looked at other options. Need someone to fill that seat. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Dobosz voting no.

MO-5 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Yadira I. Medina, 124 Elcon Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Housing Authority to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of January, 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New-Appointment.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Balakier stated Mayoral appointment, she has some city experience. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

6 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Chapter 7 Revisions

Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended as follows:

Group1

STRIKE OUT:

President of the City Council	\$13,000.00
City Councilors (12)	12,000.00
Vice Chairman of the School Committee	6,500.00
School Committee Members	6,000.00

AND INSERT IN PLACE THEREOF:

President of the City Council	\$15,000.00 (Effective 1/1/2024)
City Councilors (12)	14,000.00 (Effective 1/2/2024)
Vice Chairman of the School Committee	8,000.00 (Effective 1/1/2024)
School Committee Members	7,500.00 (Effective 1/2/2024)

SAID ORDINANCE TO BE EFFECTIVE 1/1/24

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and amended to read 1/1/24. Councilor Krampits stated amended in committee, all dates should be 1/1/24. Motion to amend passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Pniak-Costello voting no.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated was presented after a study was done, 2006 or 2008 was the last salary increase. To keep up with the times. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Pniak-Costello voting no.

- 7 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that Chapter 7 of the Ordinances for the City of Chicopee as amended be and is hereby further amended as follows:

The following positions shall be established by the City of Chicopee along with the hourly rate of pay as detailed below:

Group 4

WW. Council on Aging

a. Intern/Co-Op

\$15.00

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated brought up, part of the minimum wage rate. Comply with federal standards. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 8 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordained that the City of Chicopee hereby accepts and adopts the attached City Hall Parking Plan "Entitled City Hall Parking Area Center Neighborhood Dated January, 2022" as required by the ordinances of the City of Chicopee – Chapter 260-32.2 (B) – Municipal Parking Areas. The Council further deletes the current parking plan entitled "Municipal Parking – Chicopee Center, Chicopee, Massachusetts dated March 2019.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained and Front Street portion approved. Councilor Krampits stated came up with input at the committee. Approve the Front Street portion. Follow up to go over the rest of the plan. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 9 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that No Through Trucks be sent to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing. The No Through Trucks will start at the intersection of Britton Street and Memorial Drive for the entire length on Britton Street the east side of Memorial Drive to be reviewed by DPW.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass the motion to defeat. Councilor Krampits stated after discussion Councilor Pniak-Costello will work with Engineering. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Doug Ellis has taken a lot of time walking the streets working to resolve the issue. Councilor Tillotson stated not able to do the safety study now. Good move. She'll be the top of the list when the time comes. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 10 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that No Through Trucks be sent to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing. The No Through Trucks will start at the intersection of Old Lyman Road and Britton Street north for the entire length of Old Lyman Road to be reviewed by DPW.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass the motion to defeat. Councilor Krampits stated same as previous, recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 11 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance change adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Perrault Street, South Side – From a point 305 feet east of Chicopee Street then easterly for distance of 195 feet, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated parking prohibited. Councilor Courchesne stated working with Doug Ellis, business operates heavy equipment, long time coming. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 12 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance change adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, John Street, North side for a distance of 50 feet to the corner at the intersection of Chicopee Street, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated wording amended in committee per City Engineer. Councilor Courchesne stated for public safety, appreciate the City Engineer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 13 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance change adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Leslie Street, South Side – From the end of Leslie Street in front of the Leslie Street Pumping Station to a point 65 feet therefrom, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated additional no parking. Councilor Courchesne stated road access, blocked to the pumping station. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights. Manning Street, At the intersection of Manning Street and Dorothy Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and the motion to withdraw granted. Councilor Krampits stated City Engineer recommended to withdraw. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated City Engineer will continue to work on this matter. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, McCarthy Avenue, South Side- From College Street to a point 108 feet westerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits deferred to Councilor Pniak-Costello. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated City Engineer came out several times to have no parking. Very dangerous intersection. School nearby. Very hard to get out, will be easier with no parking. Parking is difficult to maneuver with a car parked there. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, McCarthy Avenue, North Side-From College Street to a point 95 feet westerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated the other side of McCarthy. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated reviewed both sides. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Kennedy Street, Both Sides – From Hampden Street to a point 70 feet westerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Krampits stated no parking. Councilor Zygarowski stated because of speeding. Councilor Brooks stated going to enhance public safety in the area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Alvord Avenue, South Side – From Broadway to a point 85 feet easterly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 2nd and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Motion amended by Councilor Krampits to refer back to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated not to throw a curve into this, thought this was on Broadway. Shorten a little, parking is at a premium in that area. Councilor Zygarowski stated Doug Ellis wrote this up. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 19 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-59 B 9 for the purpose of eating and drinking place with consumption of alcohol located at 181 Center Street. Applicant-Kevin Sahagian, 4 Chapman Avenue, Easthampton, MA 01027.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approve the special permit. Councilor Balakier read the restrictions. Permit will run with the applicant, for Captain Jacks. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 20 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9L for the purpose of renewing the special permit granted on May 3, 2022, to exercise the regulations of the Mill Conversion and Commercial Overlay District located at 10 Southwick Street. Applicant-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc., Ellen W. Freyman, Esq., Authorized Agent, 35 Mt. Carmel Avenue, Chicopee, MA 01013.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approved with conditions. Councilor Balakier stated old Belcher School. Read the restrictions. Proposal for 25 apartments. Looks like all in order. VOC told us they do pay taxes to the city on all property but one. Will pay on this one too. Councilor Courchesne stated the Mt. Carmel Ave. headquarters don't pay. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 21 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-9L for the purpose of renewal of the Special Permit, with current conditions, granted on March 1, 2022 for redevelopment of the Baskin parcel consistent with the Mill Conversion & Commercial Center

Overlay District located at 75 West Main Street. Applicant- Hammad Graham, Brisa Development, LLC, 2009 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and approved with existing conditions. Councilor Balakier stated 75 W. Main Street. Read the restrictions into the record. This is a 50 million dollar proposal. Brewery, sports complex, apartments, grocery store, will help with the tax revenue. Councilor Dobosz stated if we approve this tonight do they come back for the number of apartments? SPRAC and all department heads. In favor, concern is the height of the building. Don't know if feel strongly enough to oppose it. Propose smaller size. Councilor McAuliffe stated continue to hear concerns about heights of apartments, there is a housing shortage. People we house will raise the value in our city. There are stresses on school system, record lows. Talk about merging schools. What our values are, making sure people are housed or they're not. Councilor Balakier stated there is a housing shortage. Want dormant buildings to be developed. The new senior center, rivermills, trying to enhance the area. Councilor Dobosz stated clear for developing this property. Comments to SPRAC 85 stories, hope it looks amazing. Valid concerns by residents. Prepared with the services, we as a city are committed. Can we provide services? Revenue is wonderful, have to provide the services. Problem with getting employees in the school system. Councilor Labrie looked at this very closely about a year ago. Not our tallest building. No negative feedback from the former superintendent of schools. Will get pushed ahead. Will keep the number of apartments without children down. Down the road, move this along. Was a wasteland for a long time. Now better with the senior center & Rivermills. Go to the post office a couple times a week, never hit traffic. Uniroyal had 5000 people working there. Councilor Lopez stated agree with the numbers about housing. Housing is a human right. We need housing period. We do need to prepare for schooling and traffic. Need to be prepared. Doesn't mean stop the project. Hope it is aesthetically pleasing. In favor. Supposed to be welcoming, open arms. Folks will be paying taxes. Offer proper services. Councilor Courchesne stated major businesses and corporations look for housing availability. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes 1 no. Councilor Pniak-Costello voting no.

- 22 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Special Permit application under Chapter 275-58 (c)(5) for the purpose of four (4) residential units located at 1682 Memorial Drive. Applicant-896-900 Prospect Street, Inc., David B. Williams, 32 Haig Ave., South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to accept the 60-day extension by the applicant. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the call of the chair of the 6/28/23 Zoning meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:30. Councilor Balakier stated interesting one, some issues involving the property. Lot of questions/concerns. Postpone to get more information and do the right thing. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 23 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone Change application from Industrial Garden Planned Unit Development Type 1 to Industrial for 2.58 +/- acres of property located at Burnett Road (Parcel ID Map 294 Lot 6 and Lot 7) for the purpose of eliminating the existing split zone property. Applicant-Scannell Properties #705, LLC c/o Leo Leighton, 294 Grove Lane, Suite 140, Wayzata, MN 55391.

-- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to accept the 60-day extension by the applicant. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and postponed to the call of the chair of the 6/28/23 Zoning meeting in the Council Chambers at 6:30. Councilor Dobosz stated will take the blame for this one. All came to an agreement, issue with all one zoning. Different types of developments. Show in plans how this would affect their plans. Make property more valuable for the owner. Not trying to block development. Why should we set ourselves up for failure? Councilor Balakier stated split zoning, trying to work with developers on site placement. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 24 A favorable Zoning Committee report: Zone change application to apply the Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District for 118,613 +/- SF of property located at 480 Burnett Road and 510 Burnett Road (Parcel ID 0294-00005 and 0294-00004) for the purpose of constructing a residential development with associated site improvements to be located at the above-referenced properties. Applicant-Salmar Realty, Inc. c/o Peter Martins, 350 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to accept the withdrawal without prejudice by the applicant. Councilor Balakier read the attached letter. Councilor Dobosz stated thank the applicant, did meet with neighbors. Wanted high end condos. Don't think it would have been a great place for housing. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 25 Be it Ordered that the following City Council meeting date be changed:

- Tuesday, July 4, 2023 be changed to Thursday, July 6, 2023.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated have to change because of the holiday. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 26 Be it Ordered that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 54 Section 25B, the City of Chicopee hereby elects to opt out of Mail In Voting for the upcoming 2023 primary and general election.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor McAuliffe asked to also send to the state legislature and delegates to see if they can assist with funding. Councilor Labrie stated response to letter from the City Clerk. Councilor Dobosz stated glad going to committee. Not in favor of opting out. Will challenge elderly voters. Not in favor of opting out. Councilor Balakier stated need to give people every opportunity to vote, fewer people are voting. State is involved. State could help offset the costs. Reach out to State Reps. Councilor Courchesne stated large return on investment. Mandating cost, lot of money for each vote. Councilor McAuliffe stated don't think anyone will disagree with the premise to let everyone vote. Unfunded mandates after unfunded mandates. Irresponsible for us to fund this. Appreciate the Clerk for bringing this forward. Many options for people to vote as easy as possible. If we accept this we won't be reimbursed. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated voting is priceless. Councilor Lopez stated can't believe this is before us. Duty to provide access to vote. Provide/exercise right to vote. Disproportionately effects people of color. Civically engaged. Ask people to raise their voices. Price is higher than it has been. People who couldn't vote for times, price tag attached. Vehemently opposed to price tag on voting.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to allow Councilor Laflamme to speak. Motion passed by a roll call sheet of 11 yes, 1 abstained, 1 out of chair. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Brooks

out of chair. Councilor Laflamme stated the reason this was brought forward, show city council the cost. Not paid by the state this time. The Clerk wanted to give transparency to the taxpayers. --Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to allow the City Clerk to speak. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Keith Rattell read the letter he submitted into the record. Not taking away anyone's right to vote. Cheerleader to get people to vote. Money will not be reimbursed by state or federal funds. Just making aware the cost. Councilor Lopez stated also brings up a good point why aren't we asking the delegation to fund this? Should have asked this before the state funding can be brought forward. Find some way to subsidize this. Councilor Courchesne stated bring specifics to the meeting. Councilor McAuliffe stated absolutely should ask the state delegation. Won't happen this year. Not about whether or not this is a worthy thing. Not taking this lying down, have state pay for this or we aren't going to do this. Councilor Brooks stated not sure we are past the deadline, reach out to the delegation quickly to see if we can be heard. Extended for first year governors. Councilor Laflamme stated will send letter. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

27 Be it Ordered that the Rules and Orders of the City Council Meetings be amended as follows:

Delete Rule 12D

D The President shall open the meeting to public input. Public input shall be limited to three (3) minutes and shall not include collective bargaining issues, personalities, or any personal attacks. The individual shall give their name and address prior to speaking. At any time a person not present at the close of public input makes a request to address the City Council, he or she will require a two-thirds majority roll call vote of the Council before being allowed to proceed.

And insert in place there of

D The president shall open the meeting to public input. Public input shall be limited to three (3) minutes. No person(s) shall be allowed to yield time to another during public input. The individual shall give their name and address prior to speaking. At any time a person not present at the close of public input makes a request to address the City Council, he or she will require a two-thirds majority roll call vote of the Council before being allowed to proceed.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Rules Committee. Councilor Labrie stated to discuss the process of public input. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

28 Be it Ordered that the Engineering Department look into installing a crosswalk on Meadow Street at the intersection of Meadow Street and Shaw Park Avenue.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and sent to Engineering Department for a traffic study. Councilor Lopez stated resident came forth, on the side of Meadow Street Sabor Latino no sidewalk. There is not a crosswalk to use to get to the sidewalk from Pride to Stefanik School. Issues, folks have been hit, fatalities. Shaw Park and Meadow far enough from the light but close enough to the restaurant. Thank the resident, let us know what they need. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 29 Be it Ordered that the Water Resource Committee meet on June 29, 2023 to discuss water meters and water rates.
- Motion made by Councilor Lopez to withdraw. Councilor Lopez stated Mayor has neighborhood meeting that night. Items of interest to the entire city. Will re-present after getting a new date. Councilor McAuliffe stated friendly amendment to allow to be called to the call of the chair. You can notify at will. Councilor Lopez stated would rather have on the agenda, more publicity. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair.
- 30 Be it Ordered that the DPW do traffic counts to determine if a commercial exclusion can be obtained by the MassDOT for the entire length of Old Lyman Road.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and sent to DPW for a traffic count. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated discussion with City Engineer. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 31 Be it Ordered that the DPW do traffic counts to determine if a commercial exclusion can be obtained by the MassDOT from the corner of Britton Street and Montcalm to the corner of Memorial Drive and Britton Street.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and sent to DPW for a traffic study. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same course requested. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 32 Be it Ordered that the DPW do traffic counts to determine if a commercial exclusion can be obtained by the MassDOT from the corner of Britton Street and Memorial Drive to the corner of Old Lyman Road.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and sent to DPW for a traffic study. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same situation. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 33 Be it Ordered that the DPW do a traffic count to determine if a commercial exclusion can be obtained by the MassDOT for the entire length of Ludlow Road.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and sent to DPW for a traffic study. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated same situation. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- 34 Be it Ordered that the Human Resources Committee meet to discuss the HR Department's duties and responsibilities mandated by the city ordinance.
- Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Human Resources Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated going to Councilor Lopez, may file or ask for an amendment on this. Health Insurance. Councilor Lopez amended to read: Be it Ordered that the Human Resources Committee meet to discuss the Human Resources Department's roles, duties and responsibilities mandated by the law. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Lopez stated at the Human Resources Committee benefits asked for audit or paying for benefits for deceased persons. Audit by independent investigator. Councilor Lopez stated the amendment has to be worded close. Don't want to have an open meeting law violation. Councilor

Balakier stated thinking of another body of laws. CMR, laws with the state. Law is all encompassing. Don't go too broad. Councilor Dobosz stated too far into the weeds, moving away from the original order. Munis around \$200,000 that has never been used. Councilor Lopez put in her press release paying benefits for deceased employees. Concerned/seriousness of what is going on. Councilor Tillotson stated things we are getting beyond limitations of Councilors. Don't even have a director in place. Munis has a lot of parts to it. Using money, no investigation. Not job to be a policeman. Not in favor of trying to go on a witch hunt. We're not able to run the thing. Getting carried away with authority. Don't have a director that's permanent, the Mayor hires the director. Motion to receive passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

35 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a no thru truck sign on Keddy Blvd.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated resident request. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

36 Be it Ordered that traffic speed signs be installed on Chicopee Street and Meadow Street northbound and southbound in Ward 7. Location to be decided where appropriate by Engineering.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to DPW Engineering for implementation. Councilor Courchesne stated there is over one mile between speed limit signs. Hope to get them closer, remind people what the speed limit is. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

37 Be it Ordered that the DPW install speed tables on Chicopee Street as appropriate per FHWA guidelines.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and sent to DPW for installation. Councilor Courchesne stated originally getting, then not getting. Hope to open discussions again. Took Councilor Balakier six years to get speed tables, they are successful. Councilor Balakier stated did take a long time to get them on Front Street. Successful, would be great to get on Chicopee Street. Councilor Labrie stated want input from Fire and Police Chiefs to see what response times are. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor McAuliffe voting no.

38 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Meetinghouse Road, Odd side-from the intersection of Chicopee Street & Meetinghouse Road – all the way to the beginning of the driveway of Stefanik School – Directly across from the intersection of Elcon Drive & Meetinghouse Road, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Lopez stated want to change the wording, making sure there is actual signage in place. The C-3 Unit goes to Stefanik in the morning, no parking. Just standing. Specific no standing or no stopping. Goes all the way to Chicopee Street. Not enough signs. Not familiar would probably park there. Want signage. Agree with keeping the no parking where it is. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair.

39 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, No Stopping or Standing, Meetinghouse Road, Odd side – at the beginning of the intersection of Meadow & Meetinghouse Road – Ending at the driveway of

Stefanik School across from the intersection of Elcon Drive & Meetinghouse Road, No Stopping or Standing.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive, 1st reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Lopez stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair.

- 40 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-30 (B) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of revising the existing dumpster location, adjusting the existing fence, and locating a conex storage box in the dumpster area, see attached drawing. Location of property: 7 Rivermills Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020. Applicant: David Spada, Managing Member, 1 Wildflower Lane, Weston, MA 02493.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning, Mill Conversion, & Commercial Center Overlay District. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 41 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-9 (L)(3) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of renewal of an existing Special Permit for a proposed multi family development with waiver of parking requirements from 88 to 75 spaces. Applicant: Culper Properties, LLC, 444A N. Main St. #125, E. Longmeadow, MA 01028. Eric Szyluk.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and postponed to the 6/20 City Council meeting at 7:15 in the Auditorium. Councilor Labrie stated address of property was inadvertently left off. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 42 An application for a NEW Zone Change from Business A to IPUD II for 2.0621 acres of property located 41 Robbins Road. Parcel ID #0111-00005 for the purpose of constructing a commercial building with associated site improvements for use by a commercial electrical contractor. Applicant-KO12KO1 Associates, LLC, C/O Christopher P. Lapinski, 9 Wellesley Circle, South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning and Planning. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment:

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to adjourn at 10:04. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 absent. Councilor McAuliffe left at 9:54.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk c