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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 7:05 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	Absent
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

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of June 16, 2020 & June 25, 2020. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Three thousand three hundred sixty nine and 05/100 dollars (\$3,369.05) to the following named account: Human Resources Expense Account for Car Allowance from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated for new contract, public safety can't use other vehicles. Hoping down the road can get a vehicle for this position. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Highway Special Account for Fuller Road Design & Engineering from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated the state is re-doing Fuller Road out of state funds. Things the scope of the job doesn't cover. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of One thousand three hundred eighty eight and 80/100 dollars (\$1,388.80) to the following named account: Assessors Salary Account for Out of Rank from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated open position, filled by others out of rank. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$20.00) from Barbara Danenza to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and the donation accepted. Councilor Zygarowski stated a thank you letter should be sent. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.
- MO-5 Ordered by the Chicopee City Council that in order to reduce interest costs, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 21A, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund all or any portion of the City's general obligation bonds outstanding as of the date of adoption of this order, and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the bonds of the City to be refunded, and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds; and that the Mayor and the City Treasurer is authorized to execute such documents as may be necessary or desirable to carry out this transaction, including one or more refunding trust agreements with a bank or trust company.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated loan payment restructuring of bonds. Drinking water loan payments, will lessen the pressure in fiscal years. Will help the city in these troubled times. Councilor Tillotson stated will prevent the city from increasing water rates. Councilor Laflamme thanked Tom Hamel. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Courchesne out of chair, Councilor Galecki absent.
- MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY 2020 United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant in the amount of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00). This assessment grant will target small to medium-sized Brownfields across the City with particular emphasis placed on the Willimansett neighborhood. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass. Councilor Tillotson stated pleased to be able to get this money and be used in Willimansett. Read response from the EPA. Commend Lee & staff fierce competition for these grants. Good people working for us. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.
- MO-7 Ordered that the sum of Three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Brownfields Assessment Program from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass. Councilor Labrie stated order to take \$300,000., reimbursable grant. Have to spend to get back. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.
- MO-8 Mayors appropriation of One hundred eight thousand six hundred fifty and 21/100 (\$108,650.21) to the following named account: Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Peg Access Account from available funds in the School Special Revenue Charter Account.
- Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass. Councilor Walczak stated transfer from school repositioning to IT department. Further Chicopee TV. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-9 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred forty two thousand four hundred fifty eight and 50/100 dollars (\$242,458.50) to the following named M.I.S. Accounts:

TV Production Director Salary	\$117,458.50
P.T. Chicopee TV Staff Salary	25,000.00
Chicopee TV Facilities/Equip.	<u>100,000.00</u>
Total	\$242,458.50

From available funds in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Peg Access Cable Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated the money was put in the last order, coming out to cover Chicopee TV. Councilor Tillotson stated line 1 includes 2 salaries, looks confusing at first. Half paid from school, half from the PEG grant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-10 Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions

--Motion made by Councilor Roy for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated whole list of all non-union positions, only applies to the two positions at Chicopee TV. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-11 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Jeannette P. Jez, 17 Fairway Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the License Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and approved this evening. Councilor McAuliffe stated she has been serving the city for many years. Councilor Dobosz stated work with Ms. Jez on a number of issues, happy she is willing to serve another term. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

MO-12 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Al Kendall, 40 Meadow Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and confirmed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated all know Al Kendall, enjoys this. Give him another opportunity. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

13 Be it Ordered that the DPW replace the damaged traffic mirror on the corner of Wells Avenue and Montgomery Street and replace it with a 30" traffic mirror.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Labrie stated been trying since fall of 2018 to get replaced, mirror is damaged; want a 30" traffic mirror. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

14 Be it Ordered that the DPW install a "Do Not Block the Intersection" sign at the intersection of Wells Avenue and Montgomery Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Labrie stated since the state re-designed the intersection people can't get into or out of Wells Avenue. Do not block the intersection. Councilor Zygarowski stated glad to see this come forward, do not block will be painted shortly, ones on the ground that need to be repainted. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

15 Be it Ordered that the Chicopee City Council hold its meetings via video conference beginning on July 21, 2020 and continuing until the Governor's emergency suspension of the open meeting law has concluded. Individual video conference stations shall also be provided in the City Council Chambers for members who desire to participate from there.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and amend to read August 4. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to amend refer to Communications Committee. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 yes, 5 no to amend. Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to refer to Communications Committee. Councilor McAuliffe stated time to move toward video conference, people want to see this happen. Councilor Brooks stated minimal qualifications, hybrid model. Councilor McAuliffe stated hope it's possible in the near future, won't attend a meeting until it's mandated. Councilor Tillotson stated leave it up to the chair to make decision. Councilor Laflamee stated refer to committee to work on this. Want more information. What will it cost? Councilor McAuliffe stated appreciate the concern-think this leaves it open to the chair. Had time to work this out. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes 1 no. Councilor McAuliffe voting no.

16 Be it Ordained that the City Council for the City of Chicopee does hereby petition the General Court of Massachusetts for passage of legislation exempting future City Police personnel from Chapter 31 of the General Laws. Specifically, the City Council for the City of Chicopee hereby requests the General Court of Massachusetts adopt the following:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all positions in the Police Department of the City of Chicopee shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Section 2. This Act shall not impair the civil service status of the current Police personnel employed by the City on the effective date of this Act.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to amend to read Be it Ordered. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to refer to Committee. Councilor Laflamme stated has concerns. Councilor McAuliffe stated won't debate, take up in committee. Councilor Tillotson stated

premature, why rushing into this? Will affect contracts, will supersede from the state. Mayor & Police Chief had a public meeting because this is a state thing. Need an alternative, no objection going to committee. A roll call vote to refer to committee was defeated by a roll call vote of 4 yes, 8 no. Councilors Laflamme, McAuliffe, Dobosz and Courchesne voting yes. Councilor Galecki absent. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to table. Motion defeated by a roll call vote of 1 yes, 11 no. Councilor McAuliffe voting yes. Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to approve Motion defeated by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Galecki absent.

17 Be it Ordained that the DPW install a "Slow Children" sign at 141 Woodlawn Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to amend to read ordered. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Krampits to refer to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Krampits stated a request of residents to help with speeding issues. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

18 Be it Ordained that the DPW install a "Slow Children" sign near the property line of 58 & 66 Woodlawn Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to amend to read ordered. Motion passed. Motion made by Councilor Krampits to refer to the DPW for implementation. Councilor Krampits stated a sign for speeding issues, other direction. Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

19 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: Woodlawn Street, North Side-35 ft. from St. James Ave. Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated to move a sign from the intersection, need more clearance. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Galecki absent.

20 A proposed Ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations: Woodlawn Street, South Side-25 ft. from St. James Ave. Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated similar to previous concerns, people will switch sides. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Galecki absent.

21 An application for a NEW Special Permit under Section 275-72 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinances for the purpose of: Adult Use of Marijuana – Marijuana Retailer – License Group B. Location of Property: 1269 Memorial Drive. Name of Applicant: James Robinson, DBA JimBudys Rec Shop, 30 Vадnais Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

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

22 An application for a NEW Service Station License applied for by: Nadir Feruz. Location: 1057 Montgomery Street.

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

23-27 Home Occupation License Renewals for 2020:

Jane's Boutique  
Waves in Motion Beauty Salon  
Debbie's Do's

Jane Gwozdzik  
Marguerite L. Roy  
Debra Pelletier  
Renee Simone  
Edward Radawiec

105 Tolpa Circle  
122 Old Lyman Road  
12 Kane Drive  
71 Mary Street  
3 Ivy Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license granted with restrictions.  
Motion passed. Councilor Galecki absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell  
City Clerk