

Minutes from the Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday July 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

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| Brooks, Shane D.       | Ward 2 Councilor   | Absent          |
| Laflamme, Frank N.     | At-Large Councilor | Present         |
| Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A. | At-Large Councilor | Arrived at 6:10 |
| 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   | Absent          |
| Krampits, Fred T.      | Ward 5 Councilor   | Present         |
| Dobosz, Derek          | Ward 6 Councilor   | Absent          |
| Courchesne, William C. | Ward 7 Councilor   | Absent          |
| Labrie, Gary R.        | Ward 8 Councilor   | Present         |
| Walczak, Stan          | Ward 9 Councilor   | Present         |

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Councilor Laflamme opened the meeting at 6:05. Councilor McAuliffe made a motion to engage in conversation and allow us to engage in conversation. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks, Roy, Galecki, Balakier, Dobosz, and Courchesne absent. Councilor Laflamme spoke about the wants of the Council regarding the chambers. Councilor Laflamme stated Councilor Dobosz shared that he would like it to stay in the chambers for the sub-committee meetings and have 1-2 parking spaces for councilors. Mayor sent out requests to see what departments wanted. Councilor Laflamme stated Councilor Balakier also conveyed his wishes they stay in the chambers. Councilor McAuliffe thanked Councilor Laflamme for calling this meeting. All have seen how beautiful and state of the art the auditorium is. There are some hiccups in the auditorium. Options are good, take some consideration into this room. Should have a place to call home. Auditorium is a general space. Decision of the board, need a place we control. Room is in need of upgrades especially if it is designated as a meeting space. Councilors should have a say what is done in the room. Councilor Zygarowski stated have been coming here for numerous years, auditorium is beautiful but meant to be a community affair room. Cost of running the room, state of the art room. Don't think the council and sub-committee meetings should be down there. Don't feel comfortable in the space. Desks are too small, expected to be shared, cost of heating and a/c way less in the chambers. Acoustics are better in the chambers. Move office staff up here. The parking lot, think we are entitled to two spaces close to the building. Councilor Tillotson stated think the average sub-committee meeting doesn't need to be in the auditorium. Cost of heating, cooling, isn't used up here every day. Can't see who's who at the meetings in the auditorium. Not getting the max money, don't want to destroy the historic atmosphere of the building. Councilor Labrie stated first, one part of the notice said city hall chambers another read correctly as the city council chambers, do not disagree with anyone. We appropriated the money for the design, moving forward should be able to see design after. Need to have a seat at the table. Comfortable up here, functional desk, tight in the auditorium. Councilor Walczak stated so much history here, can look at the wall and see former Aldermen. The auditorium you can't hear on TV, need to turn up the volume just to hear them speak. Energy efficiency. Zoning sub-committee has seven councilors only have two mics. The chairman should be sitting up

front. Councilor Krampits stated more intimate atmosphere here, not stuck on saying we have to stay here. Bugs need to be worked out, early on there may have been a lack of communication. People are now working on the same page. Trying to work through issues. Auditorium is very noisy with the street, hear all of the street noise. Come up with a way to share the room, not adverse to sharing the space. Councilor Roy stated agree with what's being said. Agree with doing the sub-committee meetings here. Desks are too small in the auditorium. Don't believe they built the auditorium for just the council, like to stay up here. Councilor Laflamme stated agree with councilor Roy, needed to spend money on the auditorium, it's a community area for everyone. Mayor is doing a great job bringing stuff downtown. Set ups, come from this type of field, flipping from one meeting to the next. Not the same feeling, could split the auditorium in half. Real estate is short in this building. Cut the benches in the back, get everyone's ideas together. New meeting set a couple days before. Need a facilities person. Small room on the side, great benefit to move the staff up in the office next to the chambers. Councilor McAuliffe stated agree with Councilor Roy not dividing this room. Afterthought in the auditorium, having a space that is dedicated to the public, a challenge in the auditorium. Deep appreciation of the staff, think we went there too early. The council should have a space that is in the councils area. Councilor Zygarowski stated agree with a lot. Don't see any reason to split this room. Traffic noise down there is awful. Meetings belong here period. This is our home, historically our chambers, plus moving our office up here. Councilor Labrie stated didn't think of noise, that is a point. Perfect wall divider in the senior center. When everyone talks here you can see each other. Chair or vice chair should be able to see the room. Councilor Walczak stated point out some meetings like the on one Slate Road, special event can be in the auditorium. Don't get a lot of people for meetings. Special occasions/events. Councilor Krampits stated thank facilities and IT and telecom folks. He keeps a lot of stuff in his desk, hopefully this can be taken care of. Also the images are reversed downstairs, nameplates show in reverse when they do show. Councilor Roy stated have to reiterate this is a functional room. Historic, comfortable, needs upgrades, would like to keep meetings here. Vote would be to stay here. Councilor Laflamme stated thank everyone for coming. Hope to meet with Councilor Brooks and the Mayor to put this proposal together. Thank Scott Chapdelaine. Councilor Tillotson stated hope whatever happens here we are given a presentation. Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to resolve that no subdivision of Council Chambers or other changes can take place until the plan is presented to the Council and approved by the Council. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks, Galecki, Balakier, Dobosz and Courchesne absent. Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe the Council takes the position that all regularly scheduled and sub-committee meetings be in the chambers unless otherwise planned ahead of time. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilors Brooks, Galecki, Balakier, Dobosz and Courchesne absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell  
City Clerk