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**Members**

James Tillotson  
Gary Labrie  
Jerry Roy  
Pniak-Costello  
Krampits

**MINUTES**  
**8/30/2022**

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, August 30, 2022 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

**Members Present**

Tillotson, Labrie, Roy, Pniak-Costello, Krampits

**Also Present**

Dan Garvey (Associate City Solicitor) Councilor Laflamme (zoom), Councilor Zygarowski, Councilor, Lopez (zoom), Councilor Courchesne, Al Kendall (Handicap Commissioner)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

In compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Chairman asked if anyone in the audience was recording the meeting. Hearing none the meeting continued.

Councilor Tillotson motion to call the meeting to order – Council 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Roll call vote:

Tillotson      yes  
Labrie          yes  
Roy             yes  
Pniak-Costello yes  
Krampits       yes

ITEM #1

Mayoral appointment of Brother Vincent Vivian as a member of the Commission on Disability to serve as an alternate member for the term of 3 years expiring on the first of July 2025.

**Councilor Tillotson** stated you certainly have the background for this position.

**Brother Vincent Vivian** was present he stated that he was a Licensed Practical Nurse working in a special care unit. He stated he went to Africa for seventeen years and ran a center for disabled children and patients. We were self sufficient we had our own animals and had a number of schools and training for young girls, for the most part, that were not encouraged to attend school. He stated he had them trained in dress making so that they would have some means to help their families and support themselves. He stated there were various other occupations that they helped them with. He stated he worked in New York city at a hospice for nine

years, he worked at a Human Service Center with the homeless and people with disabilities. He worked at a nursing facility as a nurse, and he did home care for children with intellectual disabilities and physical handicap. He stated in the late 1990's he had an injury, and he was in a wheelchair for a while. He stated it gave him a whole new perspective of what it's like to be a handicap person and the obstacles that they have to face. He has a place in his heart for people who are struggling. He stated Father Brad recommended me to Mr. Kendall that I can possibly be of some service to the Commission on Disability.

Councilor Pniak-Costello motion to approve – Councilor Roy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Roll call vote:

Tillotson      yes  
Labrie            yes  
Roy                yes  
Pniak-Costello yes  
Krampits        yes

ITEM #2

Mayoral appointment of Katherine A. Pires as a member of the Ambulance Commission to serve until the first of January 2025.

**Katherine Pires** was present she stated she started out as a medical biller. She stated her resume really matches what the Ambulance Commission does; charges, adjustments, payments and recommending increase prices or not. After that she was an Information Technology analyst and not as hands on with billing as she used to be.

Councilor Pniak-Costello motion to approve – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Roll call vote:

Tillotson      yes  
Labrie            yes  
Roy                yes  
Pniak-Costello yes  
Krampits        yes

ITEM #3

Councilor Labrie motion to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022 – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Roll call vote:

Tillotson      yes  
Labrie            yes  
Roy                yes  
Pniak-Costello yes  
Krampits        yes

Councilor Pniak-Costello motion to adjourn – Councilor Tillotson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion – motion passed

Roll call vote:

Tillotson      yes

Labrie          yes

Roy             yes

Pniak-Costello yes

Krampits       yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.