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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday September 19, 2023, at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

Name	Position	Status
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 via Zoom
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Lopez, Delmarina	Ward 3 Councilor	Present via Zoom
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Absent
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

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Public Input- Julie L'Heureux, 58 Carew Street, representing the community of Carew, Maryland and Baltimore streets. Copy of her powerpoint was handed out the council members. Failure of the food bank director, has never been at a community meeting. Read from her powerpoint. Showed pictures of a tractor trailer. Pictures of debris in the drain on the property. New fence was ruined, up to two feet of water. Supposed to put shields on lights. Sue Nimchick, 362 James Street, on the street where we live, good ole Chicopee, little show and tell. Times when people come to public input, are your eyes and ears. Twenty-four/seven business tries to move into residential areas. Duplex anchors the neighborhood, 415-423 James Street. Two beautiful houses. Wanted to put storage units there was defeated. People care. We need you to be our eyes and ears also. Want to be represented. Unlike the businesses we won't pick up and leave. Duly invested in our neighborhoods.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to close public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to return to the regular order of business following public input. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

Communications-none

Minutes --Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to accept the minutes of the 9/5/23 Briefing and 9/5/23 Council Meeting and place on file. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-1 Mayor's appropriation of Eight hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$800,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for purchase of a Fire Pumper from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass. Councilor Dobosz stated in the backup letter from the chief, urgent situation. Frame is rotted/safety issues. Important for response time in ward. Keep the equipment up to date. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred twenty-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$125,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Special Account for Pump Station Repairs from available funds in the following named D.P.W. Sewer Special Accounts:

Syphon Cleaning	\$ 50,000.00
West End Mills Sewer Improvements	50,000.00
WW South Fairview CSO Design	<u>25,000.00</u>
Total	\$125,000.00

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated for Tighe and Bond manger. Project went longer than expected. Went over the fiscal year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Two hundred eighty-one and 40/100 dollars (\$281.40) to the following named account: D.P.W. Water Expense Account for Printing and Binding from available funds in the D.P.W. Water Special Account Pipeline/Repair Replacement.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and pass. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated to cover the cost of a copier for the water treatment plant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2024 Connecticut River CSO Abatement Project Grant in the amount of Four hundred thirty-one thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$431,500.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection through the Pioneer Planning Commission. Said grant will provide funding of a portion of the South Fairview Sewer Separation Project as well as the procurement and initiation of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Flow Monitoring System. This grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated Chicopee is a three part member of the grant. Water pollution control grant, South Fairview sewer separation project. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated part of this is for South Fairview, thank the Mayor and DPW Superintendent for their part in this. Public meeting was had to explain how this will unfold. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of Three thousand seven hundred sixty-four and 21/100 (\$3,764.21) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, pass and the donations accepted. Councilor Labrie stated sizeable amount to the Library. Read all the donors names. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of donations in the amount of One thousand one hundred twenty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$1,125.00) to the Chicopee Public Library. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, pass and the donations accepted. Councilor Tillotson stated in honor of Jerry Cove. He wanted to support the library, believe this was his wishes. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of an LED safety light with a value of Two thousand one hundred fifty-six and 34/100 dollars (\$2,156.34) from Unwin Overhead Doors to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A ½.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donations accepted. Councilor Balakier stated there were issues with the overhead door at station 1. Unwinn is donating to see if they can help with the solution. Light and installation donated. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-8 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Sheryl Gelinis, 130 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 to the Council on Aging to serve in such office expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and the appointment approved this evening with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Courchesne stated re-appointment. Councilor Laflamme read the order from August 1 to clarify that reappointments do not need to be sent to sub-committee. Councilor Lopez stated thank you for the clarification. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-9 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Karen Rousseau, PhD RN, 42 Voss Ave, Chicopee, MA 01020 to the Council on Aging to serve in such office expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and the appointment approved this evening with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Lopez stated approve on the floor. Councilor Priak-Costello stated privileged as a city to have her as a board member for the City of Chicopee. Very well qualified. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 10 yes, 2 abstained. Councilors Laflamme and McAuliffe abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-10 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Steve Michalik, 87 Willwood Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 to the Council on Aging to serve in such office expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and the appointment approved this evening with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Brooks stated re-appointment should be voted up tonight. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-11 Ordered that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Seven thousand eight hundred seventy-nine and 25/100 dollars (\$7,879.25) to the Chicopee Council on Aging for senior meals for the month of August, 2023. Said donations are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Dobosz stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the grant in the amount of One thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) to the Chicopee Council on Aging from Health New England. Said grant will be used for the memory connections support group program and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor McAuliffe stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

MO-13 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Ernest Laflamme, 865 Montgomery Street, Chicopee, MA 01020 to the Council on Aging to serve in such office expiring on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the appointment approved this evening with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Tillotson. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated Mr. Laflamme has served for many years, great job on the Council on Aging. Dedicated to the senior citizens. Councilor Balakier stated give a shoutout to Mr. Laflamme many years dedicated to the city. Councilor Tillotson stated Mr. Laflamme has been an outstanding citizen in this community. Councilor Lopez stated the process does it make sense for him to do this? It's the process. Mr. Laflamme does a great job, this is about the fact that we had to go through three layers to vote on this. Transparency and integrity. Chain of command issues. Feels like compromising ethics here. Councilor McAuliffe stated it is unfortunate that one of our members is not familiar with the ethics law. Could not be more transparent. One of the reasons the center exists. Councilor Tillotson stated echo Councilor McAuliffe, outstanding citizen in the city. Politics, church he is very involved. Deserves to be re-appointed. Councilor Dobosz stated sure he has done some great work but believe that after a certain age time to let new people come in. New people, new ideas. Councilor Zygarowski stated tired of listening about age. Most dignified citizens of this city. Asked fellow councilors to give a unanimous vote. Clarify, from the attorney this is being done correctly. Counselor Riley answered yes. Councilor Labrie stated lived in the city for 65 years, the Laflamme family has served on non-profits, pillar of the community. Can serve as long as he wants. He has so much more to give. One hundred percent behind this tonight. Would like a unanimous vote. Councilor Brooks stated that is one of the most blatant statements of agism I have ever heard. Mr. L is full of energy. Not sure what age comes a

talking point. Most biased statement in a long time. Councilor Lopez stated the reason not supporting. Feel integral thing to do. Don't appreciate all the hoops. Thought process. Hear Councilor McAuliffe claim this is political, not political. Not right to attack a fellow councilor. Councilor McAuliffe stated would like know whether to make a motion to approve be an acclamation. Counselor Riley stated not precedent. Roll call vote. Need to do a roll call vote. Councilor McAuliffe stated both have voiced concerns they didn't show with others. Someone of the same age. Councilor Tillotson stated one of the oldest councilors. Mind is real sharp. Issues with getting around. Resent the comment of getting older you're falling apart. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 2 no, 2 abstained. Councilors Lopez and Dobosz voting no. Councilors Laflamme and Zygarowski abstained. Councilor Krampits absent.

14 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that a stop sign be installed on Manning Street at the intersection of Dorothy Avenue and Manning Street. This order is to be sent to the DPW and Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated stop sign, amended by Doug Ellis. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to take item #37 out of order. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

37 An Alteration of a Class 2, Auto Repair and Auto Detail licenses: Changing the name of the businesses by adding the LLC to the name of the business: from Best Car Best Deal to All State Auto Max, LLC D/B/A Best Car Best Deal at 400 D East Main Street. Applicant: Mohammed Kadhim, 38 Devlin Drive, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted this evening. Councilor Brooks stated just adding the LLC. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank the petitioner, has been here all night. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

15 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Chicopee Street, for a distance of 15 feet on each side of the driveway to 604 Chicopee Street, Parking Prohibited Between Signs.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Courchesne stated help new business get in and out of the driveway. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

16 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that the DPW install a no truck sign for Ludlow Road and be referred to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Labrie stated Engineer will get more information. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated request will be looked at by Engineering. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

17 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that the DPW replace the current 30 MPH speed limit signs with 25 mph as per city ordinance on Irene Street.

- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and place on file. Councilor Courchesne stated wasn't supposed to go to Ordinance. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 18 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: Be it Ordered that DPW install rumble strips on Irene Street at the intersection of Ingham Street.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and place on file. Councilor Courchesne stated not supposed to go to Ordinance, will install a stop sign. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 19 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Broadway, In front of 207 Broadway – East side at the intersection of Alvord Avenue, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Zygarowski stated working on this with the City Engineer. Problem with the intersection. Need to have a sign kids go there to cross the street. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 20 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Clairmont Avenue, West (Odd) Side from Edgewood Avenue to a point 65 feet southerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated self-explanatory. History, two concerned neighbors. Potential business out of a home. Hope will help keep uniform. Came from Mayors meeting. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Zygarowski out of chair. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 21 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Edgewood Avenue, South (Odd) Side – From Clairmont Avenue to a point 65 feet westerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated further clean up the area. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 22 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Clairmont Avenue, East (Even) Side from Edgewood Avenue to a point 72 feet southerly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated 3<sup>rd</sup> step in decluttering portion of the road. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 23 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Clairmont Avenue, Travelling north – At the intersection of Edgewood Avenue, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated one more step to enhanced public safety. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 24 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Taylor Street, North (Odd) Side – From Sheridan Street to a point 160 feet easterly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Dobosz stated Councilor Laflamme did all the work, residents came up with the solution. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 25 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs and Signal Lights, Taylor Street, Travelling west – At the intersection of Sheridan Street, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Dobosz stated same as last order. To make safer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 26 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Pleasant Street, North (Even) Side – Entire Length, Parking Prohibited this side of street.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Brooks stated self-explanatory. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 27 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Asinof Avenue, North (Even) Side – From Springfield Street to McKinley Avenue, Parking Prohibited.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Roy stated help alleviate the congestion. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 28 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Westover Road, South (Odd) Side – From Donohue Road to Champion Drive – On right-of-way land adjacent to and south of the road, Parking Prohibited Anytime – Police Take Notice.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Zygarowski stated people complaining trucks are parking on city property. Councilor

Dobosz stated met with residents, worked with the city engineer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 29 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 72 Ward Street, Handicap Parking.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained. Councilor Labrie stated handicap in front of house. House has no driveway, much needed. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 30 A favorable Ordinance Committee report: A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Summit Avenue, North side (even side) in front of 112 Summit Avenue 25 feet from the corner of the 'right of way' at the intersection of Summit Avenue and Windsor Street, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.
- Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive, 2<sup>nd</sup> and final reading, enrolled and ordained as amended. Councilor Labrie stated in back of Comp football field. First recommendation so emergency vehicles can get through. Start to clear the intersection. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 31 A favorable Finance Committee report: Mayor's appropriation of Fifty two thousand three hundred eighty-eight and 72/100 dollars (\$52,388.72) to the following named account: Human Resources Salary Account for Benefits Coordinator from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated filed for HR to have a 2<sup>nd</sup> coordinator. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated important position. Can help with reconciliation. Councilor Labrie stated spoke with the HR Department. Service 4400 employees and retirees. Will help with backlog in favor. Councilor Dobosz stated will vote for, attended the meeting. New HR Director said employees will be able to do a self-service. Insurance will be added to self-service. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 32 A favorable Finance Committee report: Be it Ordered that the Finance Committee meet to discuss the funding of an Over height Warning System for the Prospect Street train trestle.
- Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and postponed to the call of the chair. Councilor Courchesne stated got a price for this last night. Appreciate the DPW hopes this will be installed before Councilor Tillotson retires. Motion to postpone passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.
- 33 Be it Ordered that the installation of a drive thru be sent to the Ordinance Committee for a public hearing.
- Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated not the original filer of the order, spoken a few times at previous meetings issue



with some other businesses. Other communities have more thorough meetings worth a discussion. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated learned that drive-thrus are a problem. Too close to residential housing. With Dairy Queen the line backed up onto Keddy Blvd. and onto Memorial Drive. Motion to refer passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor McAuliffe out of chair. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 34 Be it Ordered that a representative from Eversource appear before the Utilities Committee to update the committee on public notification of emergency events.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and refer to the Utilities Committee. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated gas leak on Jacob Street. Walking to notify people there was a gas leak, residents were concerned. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 35 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Parking Regulations, Rivers Avenue, North (Even) Side – From Mt. Carmel Avenue to a point 70 feet easterly thereof, Parking Prohibited Here to Corner.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Courchesne stated Fire Department request. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

- 36 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Isolated Stop Signs, Labelle Drive, Travelling south – at the intersection of Labelle Circle, Isolated Stop Sign.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Dobosz stated city engineer asked him to file this. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

Adjournment:

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 8:44. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Dobosz out of chair, Councilor Krampits absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk