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Minutes from the City Council Mayor's Briefing on Thursday November 9, 2023 ~~2021~~ NOV 27 AM 9:49  
6:30 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	Absent
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present via Zoom
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Absent
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	Absent
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

- MO-1      Ordered that City of Chicopee appropriate the amount of One million, two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,250,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study to investigate potential options and solutions including cost estimates, deficiencies and issues, studies, plans, drawings, designs, specifications or any other information or materials regarding and including Anna Barry Elementary School at 44 Connell Street, Chicopee including all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Chicopee may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). Said amount is to be expended under the direction of the Anna Barry Elementary School Building Committee and to meet said appropriation the Chicopee City Council, with the approval of the Mayor authorizes a transfer from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated very excited to build a new Barry School, ready for the feasibility stage. Plan to accommodate curriculum. The average is 5-7 years on average. Process that also considers renovating the current school.
- MO-2      Mayor's appropriation of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) to the following named account: Registrars Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Registrars Passport Revolving Account.
- Mayor stated from the passport account. Close to \$140,000.00 in the account.
- MO-3      Mayor's appropriation of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the following named account: City Hall Maintenance Expense Account for Miscellaneous Departmental Supplies from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated supplies till the end of the year. Modernize lights for Christmas, quite expensive. Dave Rice stated subsidize the budget for building and lights. Can oversee installation and upkeep. Was split between parks and DPW. Will allow a supply budget. Councilor Krampits stated was it in need of repair or was it vandalism. Dave stated light bulbs were removed. Update with LED lights. Councilor Lopez stated what is the amount from other departments? Amount in the other departments was already expended.

- MO-4 Mayor's appropriation of Seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$7,000.00) to the following named account: Health Expense Account for Special Services from available funds in the Health Salary Account for Part Time Clerk.
- Mayor stated transfer of funds. Employee left. Will provide temporary services.
- MO-5 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty six thousand six hundred eighty one and 55/100 dollars (\$36,681.55) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnifications of Police & Fire from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated self-insured. Bills for injured on duty.
- MO-6 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$150,000.00) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for Computer Software from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated very excited about this. Quick presentation. Fusus, Deputy Chief Watson. Real time crime center/police/public/business owners. Councilor Balakier stated very interesting any federal or state grants available. Deputy Chief stated not at this time. Councilor Zygarowski asked how long would it take to bring in this technology? Deputy Chief stated would be the first in Massachusetts, operates in the cloud.
- MO-7 Mayor's appropriation of Sixty five thousand seven hundred sixteen and 00/100 dollars (\$65,716.00) to the following named account: Police Special Account for Purchase of Cruisers from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated using 2008 vehicles. End of useful life. Chief Major stated Taurus's that have reached the end of their useful life.
- MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2024 Municipal Road Safety Program Grant in the amount of Sixty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$60,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant will allow for additional patrols focusing on road safety concerns, traffic/pedestrian/bicycle training courses and safety programs, and equipment related to pedestrian and bicycle safety and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Mayor stated thank the grant writing team at the police department. Chief Major stated enforcement activities, bike safety day. Helmets for youth. Two new speed detectors.
- MO-9 Mayor's appropriation of Eight thousand nine hundred sixty and 00/100 dollars (\$8,960.00) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated city commitment to the previous order. Councilor Lopez stated the C3 unit officers were taken out and put on traffic. Chief Major stated unfortunately had to pull and put back into patrol. Next class is 6 weeks out. Hope to put them back. Overtime is available for any officers. We are doing our best. Hiring 12 additional officers, have 6 in the academy.

- MO-10 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of Thirty four thousand three hundred eighty four and 00/100 dollars (\$34,384.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Chief Major stated money we normally get every year. Look to use on things not in the budget.
- MO-11 Mayor's appropriation of Thirty four thousand three hundred eighty four and 00/100 dollars (\$34,384.00) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for Departmental Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.
- Mayor stated have to spend the grant to receive it.
- MO-12 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY23 Federal COSSAP/NACCHO Grant in the amount of Nine thousand nine hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$9,900.00) to the Chicopee Police Department Drug Addiction and Recovery (DART) Team. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Chief Major stated funding allows officers to do outreach. People who have overdosed, get them away from substance abuse.
- MO-13 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2023 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Award in the amount of Three thousand seven hundred fifty and 00/100 dollars (\$3,750.00) from the Massachusetts Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs to the Chicopee Police Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Chief Major stated half the grant from the federal government other half from the state.
- MO-14 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of Five hundred fifteen and 00/100 dollars (\$515.00) to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Mayor stated anonymous donation.
- MO-15 Ordered that the City Council accept the attached list of gift card donations in the amount of Two hundred fifty five and 00/100 dollars (\$255.00) from the MA-RI Moose Association to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Mayor stated thank the Loyal Order of the Moose.
- MO-16 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation in the amount of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.
- Mayor stated anonymous donation.
- MO-17 Ordered that the City Council accept the revised FY 2024 Connecticut River CSO Abatement Project Grant with a new total of Four hundred thirty two thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$432,500.00)

from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection through the Pioneer Valley 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 revised grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

MO-18 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Mitchell Kulig, 132 East Main 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> of November, 2026. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-Appointment

--Mayor stated reappointment, hopeful he will receive the reappointment. Thank Mitch for his services.

MO-19 Mayor's appropriation of One hundred twenty nine thousand one hundred forty three and 47/100 dollars (\$129,143.47) to the following named account: Council on Aging Special Account for Purchase of a Van from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Councilor Laflamme stated looking to buy another van.

MO-20 Ordered that the City Council accept the Caregiver Assistance, Respite & Enrichment Grant in the amount of One thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,000.00) from Westmass Eldercare to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Mayor wanted to take a moment to thank the city for entrusting him for another two years. Thank Councilor Lopez for a good race. Congratulate all elected officials. Looking forward to working with all. Low turnout. Hoping to earn trust. Promise to work hard and do what's in the best interest of the City of Chicopee.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 7:08. Motion passed by a roll call vote of 8 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Pniak-Costello out of chair.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk