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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 3, 2023, at 6:57 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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
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	Present
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

Public Input-none

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

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to accept the minutes of 12/6/22 and approve. Councilor McAuliffe stated self-explanatory. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-1 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2023 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of Nineteen thousand three hundred eight and 95/100 dollars (\$19,308.95) from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services to the Chicopee Fire Department. Said grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated help us get through recent challenges and provide services to the City of Chicopee. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayor's appropriation of Nineteen thousand three hundred eight and 95/100 dollars (\$19,308.95) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Stabilization Fund.

--Motion made by Councilor Lopez to receive and pass. Councilor Lopez stated goes with mayors order 1, appropriation for equipment. Will help completing the jaws of life. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayor's appropriation of Sixteen thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$16,500.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of Ambulances from available funds in the Fire Salary account for Firefighter 2<sup>nd</sup> Year.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated equipment for a new ambulance. Additional ambulance for the complement needed. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated thank Chief Stamborski for increasing the complement. Councilor Dobosz stated Thank Chief as well, good for public safety. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Be it Ordered by the City Council and approved by the Mayor that under the authority granted to them by Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 the Chicopee Retirement System increases the cost of living adjustment ("COLA") for fiscal year 2023 to 5 percent on the base amount specified pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 32 Section 103. Said increase will take effect as of July 1, 2022.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated one time raise. Governor approved the law that you can go up to 5% for this year only. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated support wholeheartedly. Increase in retirement based on inflation rates. Councilor Tillotson stated doing the right thing for retirees. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the in-kind donation of a Christmas tree with a value of Three hundred ninety nine and 99/100 dollars (\$399.99) from the Chicopee BJ'S Wholesale Club to the City of Chicopee. 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 donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated in kind donation of a Christmas tree, letter of thanks should be sent. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the in-kind donation of a Christmas tree with a value of Two hundred forty nine and 00/100 dollars (\$249.00) from the Chicopee Home Depot to the City of Chicopee. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A ½.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Tillotson stated make our Christmas time much more pretty. Look real beautiful. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Nathan A. Moreau, 38 Shepherd Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to the Planning Board for the City of Chicopee, to serve in such position for the term expiring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

\*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Labrie stated Nate worked for the planning board for years, has changed jobs. Councilor McAuliffe stated Nathan was one of the most dedicated municipal employees while employed. Commitment to the city. Board he knows a lot about, grateful he's stepping up to the plate. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Jay Paul, 17 Poplar Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to the Planning Board for the City of Chicopee, to serve in such position for the term expiring on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2028. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable Council.

\*New Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and refer to the Human Resource Committee. Councilor Roy stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

9 A favorable Education Committee report: Be it Ordered that the School Committee's request that the City of Chicopee purchase the real property located at 350 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts for school purposes be sent to the Finance Committee and the Education Committee separately for discussion.

--Motion made by Councilor Pniak-Costello to receive and place on file. With a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Councilor Zygarowski. Councilor Pniak-Costello stated met with the School Committee in regards to what the education plans would be. Different programs. Moving older students, homeless closets, training rooms. Plans are in place for educational training. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

10 A proposed ordinance change as follows:

Delete: §275-41 Home Occupation  
§275-52 (B)(11)  
§275-53 (B)(12)  
§275-54 (B)(1)(i)

Insert: §188-22 Home Occupation License.  
(1) A special license from the City Council is required for a home occupation. Special license requests require immediate abutter notification, legal advertisement, a public hearing, a fee as set by the City Council and yearly renewal. Applications may be obtained and filed in the City Clerk's office.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

11 A proposed ordinance change as follows:

Chapter 275-9

Add to the end of §275-9 (F)

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, a special permit granted under Chapter 275 Section 67 (Mill Conversion and Commercial Center Overlay District) shall lapse in a period of three years, including such time required to pursue or wait termination of any appeal from the grant, if a substantial use has not sooner commenced, except for good cause or, in the case of a permit for construction, if construction has not begun by such date, except for good cause. Following such

lapse, the rights for the special permit may be reestablished only after a notice and a new hearing, as specified in §275-10, have been undertaken.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated take up in committee. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

12 Be it Ordered that the Class II License for Royal Coach Sales LLC, 576 East Street, be granted.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive, and the Class 2 license granted with existing restrictions. Councilor Krampits stated was part of the 2023 regular renewals. File an order to bring them and Wicked Cycles in, find out who has what on the property. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

13 2023 Class 2 License renewals:

Alansari Auto Sales & Repair, LLC	926,928 & 930 Front Street
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--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

14-15 2023 Auto Repair License renewals:

Alansari Auto Sales & Repair, LLC	926,928 & 930 Front Street
Frank's Used Cars	11 Lawndale Street

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

16 2023 Auto Detail License renewal:

Alansari Auto Sales & Repair, LLC	926 Front Street
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--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and granted with current restrictions. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell  
City Clerk