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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 4, 2020 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

CITY COUNCIL
CHICOPEE MA

Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
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 2 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Absent
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input—John Mruk, 21 Dowds Lane, submitted name for consideration for a spot on the School Committee. Cares, cares for teachers, students, workers concerns. He was asked to chair the negotiating committee of the CEA, became president of the CEA, also took on as chairman of grievances. All of this during proposition 2 ½ all VP's eliminated and all directors. Five directors and fourteen administrators lost jobs. No provisions under the contract, re-write Unit A bargaining. Let teachers come back. One vote decided teachers could come back. Care for quality of education, teaching for 53 years. Education, provided 12 workshops, 1 on the state level, 1 on the national level. Care for students of Chicopee, 3 awards during teaching. Most meaningful was a yearbook dedication. Reward, seeing effects on students. Mary Beth Pniak-Costello, Ward 9 School Committee representative. Several weeks ago came before the council to remind the council there was a 9-0 vote to eliminate the number of school committee members. Charter change to eliminate number. The school committee has received several letters/letters of intent. Joint meeting should be televised. People should be interviewed on the live telecast, appropriate way of handling this. Taxpayers will benefit, council and committee will have opportunity to ask questions, will give fair process. Consider open process. City of Chicopee is lucky to have such dedicated people as you. Marie Laflamme, 189 Bridle Path Road, on behalf of her father Ernie. The Senior center had 3 funding sources to make up the \$2 million the Friends were committed to raise. Big undertaking, co-chair of the capital campaign. All the banks donated, they were down to the last bit of money to finish it off. Yesterday, the state, our delegates came forward with \$200,000.00 to bring the money back to the city. Commitment is closed. Friends raising can be for new things in the future.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of 1/21/2020. Motion passed.
Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Seventy thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$70,000.00) to the following named Veteran's Services Special Maintenance Accounts:

Burial	\$ 20,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 70,000.00

from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated an increase in burial costs, to fund burials for veterans. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair, Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Twenty one thousand two hundred eighty six and 09/100 dollars (\$21,286.09) to the following named account: MIS Salary Account for Technology Project Manager from available funds in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation PEG Access and Cable Related Expenditures Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated for the technology projects manager, CEL used to pay a portion of the salary, they don't require the position any more. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 out of chair. Councilor Tillotson out of chair, Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) Grant in the amount of Six thousand nine hundred sixty three and 00/100 dollars (\$6,963.00) from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and 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 Dobosz to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Dobosz stated this is money for fire safety awareness. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the Senior Safe Grant in the amount of Two thousand nine hundred thirty and 00/100 dollars (\$2,930.00) from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and 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 Courchesne to receive, pass and the grant accepted. Councilor Courchesne part of fire safety awareness program for seniors. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-5 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Gary Lonczak, 93 Caddyshack Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Chicopee Golf Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of November, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re-Appointment
*Corrected Term Dates

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and confirmed. Councilor Tillotson stated he does a great job. Councilor Walczak stated he chairs the commission, happy to have someone with a wealth of knowledge. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-6 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Thomas Robak, 84 Nelson Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Chicopee Golf Commission to serve in such office for the term of 3 years expiring on the 1st of November, 2021. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*New Appointment
*Replaces Virginia Robak

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated he is excited to serve on the golf commission. Councilor Walczak stated he is an ambassador for the course, he does it all. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-7 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Virginia Robak, 84 Nelson Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Fairview Cemetery Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 6th of February, 2023.

*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to appoint this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated the other half of Tom, capable. Councilor Walczak stated we operate 3 cemeteries in the city. About 50 acres, glad Virginia is coming back. Best practices. Motion passed Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-8 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Nancy Fenton, 81 Angela Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st of May, 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

*Re-Appointment
*Corrected Term Dates

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to appoint this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated outstanding member. Councilor Walczak stated very dedicated, lot of interest, glad to have her back. Councilor Dobosz stated she is a neighbor, thank her for taking the roll. Motion passed, Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-9 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Linda Menard-Mruk, 21 Dowds Lane, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Historical Commission to serve in such office for the term of three years expiring on the 1st of February, 2023.

*Re-Appointment

-- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson be confirmed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated hard worker. Councilor Walczak stated tremendous asset to this commission. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

MO-10 An order dedicating a certain parcel of City property for the purpose of transportation and recreation and to the Connecticut Riverwalk and Bikepath.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated continuation of many meetings. Bike path along the Chicopee river, DOT approved, starting in April, finish in the fall. From the Medina Street boat ramp to the Nash Park. Councilor Laflamme stated will cost the city to maintain in the future. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

11 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under section 275-58 E 1 – purpose relief from 25 foot setback for ground sign to +/- 4 feet located at 481-483 Grattan Street. Applicant: Kiyomi, LLC, Kenneth Tan, 481-483 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the special permit granted with restrictions. Councilor Balakier stated for a restaurant, had discussion, favorable in committee. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

12 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under section 275-58 C (6) and 275-52 B (10) for the purpose of

1. Small scale production facility on Business A property
2. Parking facilities on Residential A property

Located at 386 Chicopee Street. Applied for by: Gregory & Tracy Janik, 2 Belmont Avenue, South Hadley, MA 01075.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the special permit granted with restrictions. Councilor Balakier stated discussion, wood cabinet making facilities. Read restrictions in to the record. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

13 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under section 275-9 (L) (i)/53 (B) (11) for the purpose of transferring existing special permit for use of Residential B zoned property as a parking lot located at 456-458 Front Street. Applicant: Camer, LLC, Charlene Coelho, 456 Front St., Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the special permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated the consensus was to approve the transfer. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

14 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under section 275-52 (B) (11) for the purpose of home occupation license to operate a home office located at 374 Springfield Street. Applicant: Ivelesse C. Bell, 374 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer back to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated scheduled the meeting and the applicant didn't show, postponed. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 15 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under section 275-58 (C) (5) for the purpose of one apartment in a business building located at 104 Lauzier Ter. Applicant: Rui Mendes, 190 Southwood Dr., Ludlow, MA 01056.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the special permit granted with restrictions. Motion to amend made by Councilor Tillotson to have the permit run with the land. Motion made by Councilor Balakier to vote on the amendment to run with the land and Certificate of Occupancy not be issued without Fire Department approval. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent. Councilor Balakier stated to put an apartment in business building. Councilor Tillotson stated he has a problem to have an apartment placed over a salon. Building Department, no CO. Not a fan of having someone live where fumes are present. Councilor Roy stated if that's the problem, let the Fire Department decide. Councilor Laflamme stated throughout the city there are hair salons all over the city. Apartments often have salons under them. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 11 yes, 1 no. Councilor Tillotson voted no, Councilor Labrie absent.
- 16 A Zoning Committee report, application for a Special Permit under Chapter 275-50 for the purpose of amending existing special permit, issued for a 2 product LED gas price sign. Same size and placement as existing pylon sign cabinet, to change the applicant located at 2012 Memorial Dr. Applicant: Western MA EEN, LLC, Tony El-Nemr, Manager, 326 Clark St., Worcester, MA 01606.
- Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the special permit granted. Councilor Balakier stated there was a change in applicant. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.
- 17 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Ordinance Committee meet to discuss ongoing issues with cats within the City of Chicopee and possible ordinance changes to address the same.
- Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Tillotson stated have a serious issue involving cats, meeting next week on the 11th. City Clerk, TJO, City Attorney's, complainants, have a discussion, hopefully come up with a solution. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.
- 18 BE IT ORDERED THAT the DPW review the road condition of Voss Avenue for necessary repairs.
- Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and sent to DPW for review and recommendation. Councilor Walczak stated lot of complaints especially at the beginning and the end of the road. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.
- 19 BE IT ORDERED THAT the DPW install a 25 MPH speed sign at the beginning of Ann Street.
- Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and sent to DPW for implementation. Councilor Walczak stated long street, cut through between Britton Street to New Ludlow Road. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.
- 20 ORDERED THAT Atlantic Coast Enterprises d/b/a Jiffy Lube #119, 2017 Memorial Drive, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the

license(s) currently held by Atlantic Coast Enterprises d/b/a Jiffy Lube #119 including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Atlantic Coast Enterprises d/b/a Jiffy Lube #119. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Atlantic Coast Enterprises d/b/a Jiffy Lube #119. Violation – Failure to install handicap sign and appropriate marking.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 21 ORDERED THAT Tito's Auto Sales, Inc. located at 357 Chicopee Street come before the License Committee to review the currently held licenses and the license holder provide an update on the current business activity.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 22 BE IT ORDERED THAT the Public Safety Committee meet to discuss issues with the civilian dispatch.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to withdraw the order. Councilor Dobosz stated isolated incidents. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 23 ORDERED THAT the Chief of Police and Fire Chief appear before the Public Safety Committee on February 19, 2020 to provide an update on both departments and their needs.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and refer to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Laflamme stated update from the Fire Department re: stations, plans for all stations. Priorities update from Police for C-3. Councilor Courchesne stated happy to see this come forward. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 24 (30) A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-67 & 275-67(K)(3)(b) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of the construction of a proposed Multi-family Development. * waiver of parking requirement from 88 to 75 spaces. Location: 0 Oak Street. Applied for by: Craig Authier, 1421 Granby Road, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Public Overlay District Committee and SPRAC review. Councilor Balakier stated two multi-family mill conversion, needs more review. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

- 25 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-58 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of for waiver of 25 feet set back to +-1.9 feet. Location: 30 St. James Avenue. Applied for by: Ning Sun, 30 St. James Ave., Chicopee, MA.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

26 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-30 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of keeping a storage pod in driveway for a period of one year (need basement waterproofed after house gutting frozen pipes-late oil delivery-storage of books and clothes. Location: 104 Ann Street. Applied for by: Halyna & Tom Adamchak, P.O. Box 202 Granby, MA 01033.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Balakier stated take up in committee. Motion passed, referred. Councilor Labrie absent.

27 Election Call for the March 3, 2020 Special State Primary.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to approve the election call for 3/3/2020 Special State Primary. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

28 Election Call for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to approve the election call for 3/3/2020 Presidential Primary. Motion passed. Councilor Labrie absent.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith W. Rattell".

KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK