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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday February 19, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Vieau, John L.	Ward 3 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
Brooks, Shane D.	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	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input-None

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$127,500.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Sanitation Special Account for Design and Bidding of a Sanitation/Recycling Vehicle Storage Garage from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated this is for funds to start design work for a building for DPW to cover sanitation trucks. Councilor Laflamme stated he was not in favor of putting this at Meadow Street, was in favor of Baskin Drive. Will vote in favor tonight, found out more information about the location after reviewing. Twelve will be the number of vehicles. Three vehicles are in a garage now. One good thing is they work as a team together now. With the hydraulics, sometimes the vehicles have to be in the working garage now. Councilor Tillotson stated have been at this for over a year now. Report from the acting superintendent of DPW with the reasons why Meadow Street is the better location. More favorable for Meadow Street across the board. Recycling area is at Baskin Drive, Water Department will be moving to Baskin also. Going to be expensive, no question. This will be a first class building, state of the art. Trucks need to be cleaned off on top. Long time in coming, need to spend the money. Councilor Laflamme stated the superintendent did a great job giving a report. Thank her publically. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Fifty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$55,000.00) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Special Account for Share to Medical Insurance from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated annually the cost is estimated and the cost exceeded the estimate. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Thirty eight thousand eight hundred sixty and 90/100 dollars (\$38,860.90) to the following named account: Police Expense Account for K-9 Expenses from available funds in the Police Salary Account for Witness Fees.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and refer to the Finance Committee. Councilor Krampits stated the order is to fund two more K-9 officers, current ordinance is limited to 2 dogs, need to change the ordinance. Motion passed, referred.

MO-4 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2019 State 911 Training and EMD Grant in the amount of One hundred seventy one thousand five hundred sixteen and 63/100 dollars (\$171,516.63) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Police Department. Said donation is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated this is a grant we have received in the past, cost reimbursement grant. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 abstained. Councilor Laflamme abstained.

MO-5 Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading, refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Walczak stated this is for the Golf course cashiers. Important fiduciary employees. Motion passed, referred.

MO-6 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Michael O'Neill, 26 Savory Drive, Chicopee, Massachusetts as Director of Golf to serve in such office expiring on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

\*Re-Appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the appointment confirmed this evening. Councilor Labrie stated he has been there approximately six years, this will give him a three year contract. Councilor Laflamme stated his glad to see he's getting this extension. He does a great job, him and the commissioners. They work well together. Councilor Roy stated he does a wonderful job, happy for the extension. Councilor Walczak stated look at the new programs he has brought up there. Golf clinics for kids, women, individual lessons. Making money up there. Motion passed.

7 A Human Resources Committee report, Mayoral appointment of Andrew Vernon as MIS Director/Chief Information Officer to serve in such office for the term expiring on March 3, 2022.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and confirmed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated this was unanimous from committee. Seems to be able to give and take, work well with people. Councilor on the search committee felt he was good for the job. Councilor Krampits stated he is very qualified. Seems to be very competent, seems he will be a very good department head. Seems he will get along with the Council. Councilor McAuliffe stated while he has voted against the funding, he will vote for this gentleman

tonight. Having worked as a day to day employee he was often frustrated with how far behind the city is. Councilor Roy echoed what Joel says. He has a hell of a resume. Councilor Walczak stated he has experience supervising many people. Councilor McAuliffe stated he wanted to thank the search committee, including Councilor Krampits and Ward 1 School Committee member Jim Tanhauser. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

8 A proposed ordinance, striking from Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 96 Bonner Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading, refer to the Ordinance Committee, COD and Engineer. Councilor Brooks stated looks like the sign is no longer needed at this address. Motion passed, referred.

9 A proposed ordinance, adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 90 Bonner Street, Handicap Parking.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading, refer to the Ordinance Committee, COD and Engineer. Councilor Brooks stated let them figure it out in committee. Motion passed, referred.

10 A NEW Special Permit under Section 275-50(C)(2)(b) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of erecting digital sign mounted to pylon sign. Location: 658 Fuller Road. Applied for by: Eric Martins, 658 Fuller Road.

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

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL  
CITY CLERK