

Minutes from the City Council Mayor’s Briefing Meeting on Tuesday September 19, 2023, at 6:45 pm in the Auditorium are as follows:

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Laflamme, Frank N., President	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 via Zoom @ 6:35
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 arrived @ 6:48
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Pniak-Costello, Mary Elizabeth	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

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.

--Mayor stated pumper at station 4 is rotting. Need to purchase before October 1 to get this price. Saving about \$200,000 by not having it custom built. Chief Stamborski stated not just a Chicopee problem, era when the trucks were built. On capital improvement plan for the next year, making emissions change so take the stock truck. Hope to get by February. Tried to refurbish this truck, not feasible. Mechanic explained engine hours to miles, it equals about 400,000 miles. Trucks to short runs. Strains on the motor, replacing a 2010 model. Councilor Laflamme stated thank the Chief, took a look at the underneath of the truck. Rotted and leakage. In favor of this tonight. Will save money in the long run. New emission will cost about \$100,000. Councilor Roy stated all in favor of this. Have you ever considered doing undercoating? Chief Stamborski answered Deputy Dupre started the program about 2 years ago to undercoat all the new trucks.

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

--Mayor stated pumps on Jones Ferry. Liz Batista stated gone significantly longer than the anticipated end date. Should be done next month. Construction oversight/construction administrator worked till the end of the fiscal year. Mayor stated thank Liz for holding the contractor to the contract.

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.

--Mayor stated bill from last year for a printer.

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.

--Mayor stated self-explanatory. Lucky to be getting fair share from PVPA. Liz Batista stated grant split between Chicopee, Springfield, and Holyoke. Has been a little larger in the past. Mayor stated Chicopee got the biggest share.

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.

--Mayor stated in memory of people who have passed.

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.

--Mayor stated in memory of Gerald Cove. Believe it was one of his wishes to make sure the library is supported.

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.

--Mayor stated allows for vehicles to safely get out. Chief Stamborski stated buttons on doors are not real impressive. Sometimes the door comes down when it's not supposed to. More robust button system. Great of him to donate as a Chicopee business owner.

MO-8 To the City Council

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Sheryl Gelinias, 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

--Councilor Laflamme stated reappointment.

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

--Councilor Laflamme stated reappointment.

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

--Councilor Laflamme stated reappointment.

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.

--Councilor Laflamme stated every month for meals.

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.

--Councilor Laflamme stated this is a grant.

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

--Councilor Zygarowski stated reappointment.

Adjournment: --Motion made by Councilor Labrie to adjourn at 6:55. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote. Councilor Krampits absent.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell, City Clerk