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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday October 1, 2019 at 7:15 pm in the RiverMills Senior Center, 5 West Main Street 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. Al Picard of 47 Havey Street. Express appreciation to the City Council for supporting the Senior Center truly appreciate it. Friends of the Senior Center has reached a \$100,000. Grant from the Chicopee Savings Charitable grant foundation, matching fund. Dane Kane concert November 10, 2019 at @ 2:00 at CHS, close the gap event. Funds will be matched, read a letter of sponsorship. Tickets for Vets.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Two hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$250,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for City Hall Phase I Rehab. Project from available reimbursements in the Mass Municipal ADA Improvements Grant.

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme stated he's in favor of passing Motion this evening. He is in favor of using the remaining grant money to purchase the furniture for the auditorium. Councilor Dobosz stated if this Motion had to be voted on this evening, he would vote no. He stated the Motion should be referred to Finance for further review; maybe let the next Mayor make the decision. He feels the costs might be too high. i.e. 5k (five thousand dollars) for a cabinet is excessive. Councilor Tillotson stated the longer we postpone voting on this, the longer we have no use and will only cause further delay. Councilor Zygarowski wishes to pass this Motion tonight; saying it is the best price for our money. Councilor McAuliffe also stated he is in favor to pass this Motion tonight. Councilor Walczak made note that the School Committee holds meetings at the Senior Center wherein the Fire Dept. has to attend because there are so many people and more space is needed. Need to move forward. Motion passed through all stages by a roll call vote of 12 yes, 1 no. Councilor Dobosz voting no.

MO-2 Ordered that the City Council accept the CEL Commercial and Industrial Green Opportunity (GO) Rebate Program in the amount of Twenty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$25,000.00) submitted under the Chicopee City Hall Exterior & Auditorium Rehabilitation & Accessibility Upgrades Project. Said amount is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass and the rebate program adopted. Councilor Dobosz stated will make the building more energy efficient. Great program will offer savings in energy. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Ordered that the City Council accept the Columbia Gas Energy Efficiency Financial Incentive Program in the amount of Thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) submitted under the Chicopee City Hall Exterior & Auditorium Rehabilitation & Accessibility Upgrades Project. Said amount is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated this program giving us a \$30k grant will be more efficient. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Mayors appropriation Twenty five thousand six hundred thirty seven and 61/100 dollars (\$25,637.61) to the following named account: Golf Special Account for Purchase of Equipment from available funds in the Golf Pro Shop Inventory Revolving Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive and pass. Councilor Zygarowski stated the Golf Pro Shop is requesting funds from Golf Revolving Account. Funds will be used to buy a John Deer vehicle for the course. Councilor Tillotson said money made could give back to the City by using their own money and not tax money. Councilor Walczak said play has increased; more people are buying at the Pro Shop. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of One hundred thirty three and 07/100 dollars (\$133.07) to the following named account: D.P.W. Wastewater Expense Account for Light & Power from available funds in the Sewer Surplus Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and pass. Councilor Balakier stated this is an invoice that was overlooked from the prior year. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 Ordered that the City Council accept the Mass Works Infrastructure Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of One million two hundred ninety six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,296,000.00). Said Grant will be used for infrastructure improvements related to Burnett Road and First Avenue to support commercial,

mixed use development in the vicinity of this intersection and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and pass and the grant is accepted. Councilor Tillotson stated there is a lot of traffic at the intersection of Burnett Road and if we can use this grant through Planning, then great, use it. Traffic will be better controlled. Councilor Dobosz also stated this will be good for the city and would like to make a point to say the truck stop will also be fixed. Councilor Walczak noted that Lee Pouliot wrote this grant after seeing availability. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-7 Ordered that the City Council accept the Assistance to Firefighters (AFG) Grant from the Department of Homeland Security to the Chicopee Fire Department in the amount of Four hundred five thousand five hundred eighty six and 36/100 dollars (\$405,586.36). Said amount is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and pass and the grant is accepted. Councilor Labrie stated this is another grant coming from Homeland Security. The upgrades will pay off. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-8 Ordered that the City Council accept the FY2020 State 911 Support and Incentive Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to the Chicopee Police Department in the amount of Two hundred eight thousand seven hundred forty seven and 00/100 dollars (\$208,747.00). Said amount is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and pass and the grant is accepted. Councilor Walczak stated this is a Public Safety grant to continue training. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-9 Ordered that the City Council accept the Connecticut River CSO Abatement Project Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of One hundred eighty five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$185,000.00). Said Grant is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and pass and the grant is accepted. Councilor Brooks stated this is a long time needed sewer work and will help alleviate challenges in the future. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-10 An order authorizing the Mayor to convey certain real estate in the City of Chicopee adjacent to the Chicopee River and more specifically described as follows:

See attached order.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass and the Mayor authorized to convey property to abutters. Councilor Krampits stated convey real estate abutting property and convey property to the owners. Councilor Krampits also mentioned the bike path – Grape Street – River Mills. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-11 Treatment of One Time Revenues Policy

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and the policy is adopted. Councilor Roy referred to the Motion. Councilor Tillotson said Mayors orders 11, 12, 13, & 14 we already do. Councilor Tillotson also stated maintain good balance; we'll have money to work with in our bank and this will make it a lot easier; follow protocol. Councilor Laflamme stated good bond system in place and also said he would be in favor of passing this motion tonight. Councilor Balakier agreed that this is the right way to do it, feels good to be proactive. Endorse this. Councilor Vieau stated he feels good about it. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-12 Revenues and Forecasting Policy

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and the policy is adopted. Councilor McAuliffe stated this was already explained. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-13 Other Postemployment Benefits Liability Policy

--Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive pass and the policy is adopted. Councilor Laflamme said there is a set amount put aside. Councilor Laflamme also stated the money is used to pay as we go. Put money into this every couple of years. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-14 Financial Reserves Policy

--Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and the policy is adopted. Councilor Dobosz stated this motion is the same as the others. Councilor Tillotson stated the timing and bonding is critical, this is free cash, the banks give us money. Councilor said thinking forward money set aside. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

15 A NEW Special Permit application under Section 275-50-C1 & C2 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of accessory sign for a proposed bank. Located at: 705 Memorial Drive. Applied for by: Florence Bank c/o Mark Cavanaugh, 85 Main Street, Florence, MA 01062.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks said to take it up in Committee. Councilor Dobosz said the

Hukelau property – some people should be happy to see development there; should be exciting. Motion passed, referred.

- 16 A License Committee report, ORDERED THAT Penske Truck Leasing, Inc., 30 Fuller Road, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Penske Truck Leasing Inc., including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Penske Truck Leasing Inc. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Penske Truck Leasing Inc.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and be placed on file. Councilor Walczak referred to Councilor Dobosz. Councilor Dobosz said Penske has been good, no word of trucks idling. Motion passed.

- 17 A License Committee report, ORDERED THAT Murray Automotive, LLC, 102 Old Fuller Road, be called before the City of Chicopee License Committee and City Council to discuss the license(s) currently held by Murray Automotive, LLC including compliance with restrictions imposed upon any licenses held by Murray Automotive, LLC. The Council may modify, suspend, fine, or revoke any license held by Murray Automotive, LLC.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and be postponed to the October Meeting and refer back to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak said the applicant was unavailable in September and has agreed to postpone to the October Meeting. Councilor Dobosz said we are working on the issues. Motion passed referred.

- 18 A License Committee report, an application for a Hawkers and Peddlers License to sell flowers at various locations in the City of Chicopee. Applicant: Doug Stewart, The Flower Guy, 106 Tavistock Street, Springfield, MA 01119.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license is denied. Councilor Walczak said this is the second time failing to appear before the committee. Motion passed, denied.

- 19 A License Committee report, an application for a Transient Vendors License for Fantastical Fall Festival, 15 maker tents (circus artists and musicians) and food trucks on October 5, 2019 at Sarah Jane Park by the Chicopee Cultural Council. Applicant: Susan Knightly, 86 Madison Street, Chicopee, MA 01020.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and the license be granted with the city requirements met. Councilor Walczak stated this is a special event that will take place at Sarah Jane. There will be 14 Artisan booths there this Saturday. Councilor Tillotson said I hope lots of people attend. Motion passed.

20 A favorable Public Works Committee report, ORDERED THAT the DPW Superintendent hold a public hearing regarding James Street.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and be placed on file with letter sent as requested. Councilor Krampits placed on file. Filed by Councilor Dobosz; asked DPW meeting about road. Turn over to Councilor Dobosz. Councilor Dobosz; James Street – decent amount of people showed up. Road to the base is in bad shape because of equipment. Thank the members of the board. Councilor Tillotson suggested to ask Neal for Assistance. Councilor Tillotson also stated large patching James Street; cracking; sealing. Motion passed, letter to be sent.

21 A favorable Public Works Committee report, BE IT ORDERED THAT the Engineering Department appear before the Public Works Subcommittee to discuss proposed lane reductions for East Main Street, between Carew Street and the American Legion Bridge.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and be placed on the file. Councilor Krampits; placed on file; do not pursue lane reductions. . Councilor Vieau send to Mayor's office. Councilor Walczak said speed was a major concern. Motion passed

22 A NEW Class II License application for Mr. Clean Auto Detailing. Located at 904 Meadow Street. Applied for by: Evelyn Roman, 71 Blunt Road, Springfield, MA 01109.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and refer to the License Committee. Councilor Walczak said we will take it up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

23 Election Call for the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election.

--Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and set for November 5, 2019. Councilor Brooks stated from 7am 7pm. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



KEITH W RATTELL
CITY CLERK