

## Charter and Rules Committee

**Monday, June 3, 2024**

Video of meeting can be found at <https://youtu.be/efnFuwl9qal?feature=shared>

Members present: Chair Meg Magrath-Smith, Vice Chair Linda Vacon, Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

Other councilors present: Patricia Devine, Carmen Ocasio, Michael Sullivan, David Bartley

Chair Magrath-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to remove item 1 from the table. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**Item 1:** 1-18-22 MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI, JOURDAIN -- Ordered that the City Council adopt a rule to establish a two-year legislative term. Any orders pending in committee or not acted on by the end of the legislative term must be re-filed at the start of the subsequent legislative term.

\*Tabled 2-23-22, 4-12-22, 6-14-22, 2-27-23, 5-13-24

---> Laid on the table, 3-0

### DISCUSSION:

Chair Magrath-Smith recalled that the committee was waiting on guidance from the Law Department on the best way to adjust the rules to do this.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that she was unsure how to do this without conflicting with the charter.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that there were also conflicts on requirements around timing if there was a petition in process.

Councilor Vacon noted that the committee was waiting for legal language.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to lay item 1 on the table. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion. Motion adopted, 3-0.

(2:35)

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to remove item 2 from the table. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**Item 2:** 6-7-22 MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the City Council amend its rules to create a Vice President position in the City Council.

\*Tabled 6-14-22, 10-24-22, 3-25-24, 5-6-24, 5-13-24

---> Approved with amendment, 3-0

#### DISCUSSION:

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that the committee was waiting on clearer language to move this forward to change it in the rules. She then explained that Atty Bissonnette provided her with the following language:

“Upon the election of the President, the City Council shall then elect a Vice President by majority vote, who shall serve as Presiding Officer in the absence of the President and shall represent the City Council in all of the administrative duties of the position.”

She recalled that the committee had gone back and forth on if specific pieces should be named, but it made sense to keep it broad to all of the administrative duties to provide flexibility. She emphasized that the importance of ensuring it was not in the line of succession.

Councilor Vacon stated that the committee did not currently have that in front of them.

Chair Magrath-Smith made a motion to revise Rule 3B to add in the language just read.

Councilor Vacon asked for the language to be read again.

Magrath-Smith recited the language,

“Upon the election of the President, the City Council shall then elect a Vice President by majority vote, who shall serve as Presiding Officer in the absence of the President and shall represent the City Council in all of the administrative duties of the position as may occur during that absence.”

Councilor Vacon asked if that included serving as the mayor.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that it did not as that would be reserved to the charter. She emphasized the goal was to keep it specific enough to be able to exist within the rules without implications on succession.

Councilor Vacon noted it would be for temporary situations.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked Atty Bissonnette if there were any other points to make about the language.

Atty Bissonnette stated that it was concise enough to be clear it was not a line of succession appointment that could only be done through the charter, and was only internal to the Council.

Magrath-Smith asked if it made sense to name that lack of implication on succession in the rule.

Atty Bissonnette stated that more specificity would make it clearer. He then explained that as a matter of law, there was no provision that would allow for a Vice President to take over any other position other than what was stated in the rule.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked the rest of the committee what they thought about adding extra language.

Councilor Vacon asked to ensure the administrative assistant had this language so it could be sent to everyone.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti noted she hadn't seen it yet.

Chair Magrath-Smith recited the proposed 3B rule amendment, with the additional language: "Upon the election of the President, the City Council shall then elect a Vice President by majority vote, who shall serve as Presiding Officer in the absence of the President and shall represent the City Council in all of the administrative duties of the position as may occur during that absence. The Vice President shall not be in the line of succession for the Mayor."

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that the language made sense and answered concerns about conflicting with the charter.

Councilor Vacon asked how this would interact with the senior member rule.

Chair Magrath-Smith questioned if senior member in Rule 8D should be replaced with Vice President.

Councilor Vacon suggested that rule would have to be taken up to deal with it.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if that rule should be changed, or if it should be distinguished to specific that the Vice President was only for longer absences rather than for single absences.

Atty Bissonnette emphasized that there was no time pressure as this wouldn't take effect until after the next election of the next Council President during the next term. He also noted

that the senior member had a role in the invitation convocation of the Council in the charter where they would call the body together for its organizational meeting.

Councilor Vacon suggested establishing when the rule would kick in based on number of absences.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked what that amendment would look like.

Councilor Bartley expressed his support for this but would only vote for it if the Vice President was appointed by the President. He then observed that meetings tended to get jammed up when members didn't have language to look at. He suggested that while this would be a nice feature, this change was not mission critical and could be prepared for next time. He then commended those who brought the idea forward, adding that a Vice President would be easier for the public to understand than a senior member. He then explained that his preference for having the President make the appointment was out of lack of need to have another election after the President was elected following the Council election in November. He noted that the President was already appointing chairpersons.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested the language could also state,  
"Upon the election of the President, the City Council shall then elect a Vice President by majority vote, who shall serve as Presiding Officer in an absence that extends beyond one meeting, and shall represent..."  
She agreed it would be better to have the language ready ahead of a meeting.

Councilor Vacon stating that she was in favor of electing the position. She then suggested that it could kick in when the President declares they would need a leave of absence.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if the language of extending beyond one meeting worked.

Councilor Vacon stated that while it could be said that way, but believed the President would know if they're going to need to be away and have a Vice President step in.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested that it was possible they would not if there were an emergency situation.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti suggested that the language could allude to "in the event of a leave of absence," giving ownership to the President to make that decision.

Councilor Vacon suggested using "or" language.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti agreed and suggested adding "unforeseen circumstances" to the language to cover all the bases.

Councilor Devine noted that the administrative assistant had the language displayed on the screen and asked that it be printed for the Council meeting the following day.

Councilor Bartley suggested “unforeseen circumstances” was preference to emergency.

Councilor Vacon stated that it should say “exceeding one meeting.”

Chair Magrath-Smith asked to confirm that the language satisfied everyone.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to approve item 2 as amended. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion. Motion adopted, 3-0.

(21:55)

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to remove item 3 from the table.

Councilor Vacon raised a point of order. She recalled that the order was given a leave to withdraw at the last Council meeting and should not be before the committee.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked the administrative assistant if that was correct.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos stated that he had not been at the last meeting.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that it was and was supposed to see it on the agenda.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if it should be tabled or given a leave to withdraw.

Councilor Vacon stated that it was not properly before the committee.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos suggested that it did not need a motion if it was not properly before the committee.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked Atty Bissonnette

Atty Bissonnette stated that it no longer existed and could be skipped on the agenda. He suggested that it be noted on the minutes when it was given a leave to withdraw.

**Item 3:** 5-21-24 Givner - In an effort to improve efficiency, order that the last sentence of voting rule K, from our City Council Rules, be changed to reflect "Motion that the Legal Form be Ordained, by a majority of the full Council voting in a recorded roll-call vote."

---> Not properly on the agenda as the item was given a leave to withdraw at the City Council meeting on May 21, 2024.

(23:25)

Councilor Vacon made a motion to remove item 4 from the table. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**Item 4:** 5-21-24 Devine- Ordered that the City Council consider a rule addition to to RULE 6C (DECORUM/SPEAKING), adding the following words as a second paragraph:  
"No Councilor shall speak more than 4 minutes during debate. The President/and or the City Council Administrative Assistant shall keep track of the minutes. A (1) one minute reminder shall be given at the 3 minute mark during debate."

---> Laid on the table, 3-0

#### DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that this was not about taking anyone's right to speak but to prevent any councilor from taking over a meeting. She suggested that with the new rule that meetings must end by 10 p.m., it made the Council look silly to make motions to add additional minutes. She noted that even Congress had a 5 minute rule. She suggested that someone should be able to say what the need to say in 4 minutes.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that it had become tricky to now have a meeting cap but still need to figure out what other changes needed to occur in order to make the cap possible. She noted that this one possible way of trying to make meetings more efficient.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti asked if this rule would apply only to full City Council meetings.

Councilor Devine stated that it would, noting there was not a 10 p.m. rule for subcommittee meetings.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that she appreciated the spirit of this order, noting that as President, she often had to find a balance between allowing people to speak and trying to be efficient. She questioned if some things talked about in committee required having a full conversation again at a Council meeting. She recalled having hoped the 10 p.m. rule would have motivated people to condense their statements. She noted that Councilor Givner filed a similar order to this in the last term and some had concerns about stifling speech. She then stated that while it would be nice if a rule like this did not need to be filed, it was worth considering.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that keeping someone to 4 minutes could be tracked if it meant at any one time and could be accomplished by getting a timer. She then suggested it could be harder to track if it was 4 minutes over the course of debate on an item.

Councilor Devine stated that if abiding by a time limit was good enough for Congress, it should be good enough for the Council. She added that it would not limit someone from speaking for a second time, and she was not trying to prevent anyone from speaking but trying to avoid spending hours on one subject.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested amending the order by stating it would be 4 minutes at a time.

Councilor Vacon stated that had been a note she had written for herself as well because it would otherwise be a restriction.

Councilor Devine stated the rule on speaking 3 times was as well.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that it would be harder to track how many minutes someone had spoken during a debate if they spoke multiple times.

Councilor Vacon stated that if the language stated it would be 4 minutes at a time, they could theoretically speak 4 minutes at 3 different times if given permission on the third time.

Councilor Devine stated that she was trying to prevent someone from speaking a half hour each time.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that in Springfield, while they did not have a limit, their Council President will use discretion with a timer if there is a hotly contested issue. She added that she was finding a lot of other councils were using digital time clocks.

Councilor Vacon expressed concern that if there limits to debate built in, there could be a body that would be less open to letting someone speak for a third time, leading to a limit on debate. She emphasized that there were occasionally complex topics, and she was worried about the Council being more focused on getting out at a specific time than having robust debate. She stated that while she did not personally like the 10 p.m. rule, she could understand why it was popular with others, adding that she did not see it stifling debate.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested that the Council had not fully embraced the fact that while many other councils in the area had time caps, they almost never refused to vote to extend. She added that they often would not vote in 10 minute increments but until the agenda was done. She then emphasized that the goal was to change behavior to make meetings more efficient and avoid having the public needing to listen to meetings until 11:30 p.m., but not prevent the Council from doing its work.

Councilor Vacon noted that there were unintended consequences.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested that this order was an attempt to get people to be more efficient in making their points. She noted that many meetings often have 60-80 agenda items.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti reiterated that she did not believe these kinds of orders were designed to stifle debate but that this setting was the most appropriate setting to have a conversation about the details. She suggested that it should be possible for people to reiterate what they say without necessarily repeating everything that was discussed at a full subcommittee meeting. She added that she did not believe there was an unintended consequence of the 10 p.m. rule as she expected that would need to happen to get people to change their behavior. She also stated that the public expected they would get a synopsis at the Council meetings, but she tried to ensure that people knew they could hear things in greater detail at subcommittee meetings. She then expressed her belief that changing it to 4 minutes at a time could help change the culture.

Chair Magrath-Smith emphasized a point Councilor Bartley often made which was the Council could vote to suspend its rules anytime so if someone really needed more than 4 minutes, the body had the capacity to allow that.

Councilor Vacon stated that the difference with subcommittee meetings was that people had to do more to track when they were happening, but more of the public tuned into full Council meetings. She added that if there was a controversial or complicated issue, it was not a misuse of time to spend more time on it. She agreed with the need to not rehash subcommittee meetings in Council. She then stated that if this rule were put in place, she would prefer to not have the 10 p.m. rule in place. She also suggested that this appeared to be directed at one or two councilors.

Councilor Devine expressed her belief that the public tune out when they see councilors talk and talk and talk. She then expressed disagreement that this was directed at anyone. She then stated that she had never seen it denied if someone asked to speak for a third time.

Councilor Bartley stated that while he had no problem with a 4 minute rule if it were recommended but struggled to believe the total exasperation coming from the makers of these orders.

Councilor Devine snickered.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked that the meeting remain civil.

Councilor Bartley expressed frustration, noting that he would have been called out if he had done that at a Council meeting.

Chair Magrath-Smith noted that she did ask that the meeting remain civil.

Councilor Bartley reiterated his frustration at the exasperation that comes from some councilors about the length of meetings, noting that there tended to be a lot of mumbling directed at others. He then suggested that the order was motivated by the desire to not have to hear certain councilors talk. He also emphasized that as the chair runs the meetings, they had the authority to ask someone to wrap it up if they were getting repetitive. He added that Roberts Rules of Order allowed anyone else to raise a point of order or ask to move the



question. He also questioned if the City Council President needed to be monitoring a clock with everything else they were already managing.

Chair Magrath-Smith noted that rules could be passed and changed with a majority vote, allowing them to be changed more frequently than other things. She suggested it was okay to try something and then make a change if they don't work. She added that the 10 p.m. cap could be tried for a little while to see if it worked to have more efficient meetings. She then stated that the clock would be much less for the Council President but more to give each speaker a sense of how long they had been speaking.

Councilor Vacon expressed a preference that the Council President use more discretion to keep order if someone was running long or making the same point for a third time. She questioned the need to make too many hard rules to try to change behavior.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that as President, she tended to get mixed signals on what was within her authority. She then suggested that the benefit of the rule was that some would feel better about using her authority if things were in writing. She then suggested that this could be tabled and allow her a few months to use more discretion to curb conversation. She expressed concern that she would continue to receive pushback that she did not have certain authorities.

Councilor Vacon noted that in the last 6 months, there have been debates over what the current rules mean. She suggested that making more rules would open the door to more debate over what they mean and what their intent was. She then stated that she did not believe the discussions had created better will among the body. She added that when the rules were silent, Roberts Rules were the guiding authority, and those spoke to the President's authority to keep the order of a meeting. She suggested that the Council would be better off if councilors continued to educate themselves on those rules.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to lay item 4 on the table. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion adopted, 3-0.

(53:05)

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti made a motion to remove item 5 from the table. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

Item 5: 5-21-24 Devine- ORDERED: That a digital time clock be provided to the President of the City Council, in the City Council budget for the purposes of keeping time for Public Speak and City Council rule addition to Rule #6C.

---> Approved, 3-0

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that she filed this due to the public now being able to speak for 2 minutes. She then stated that it tended to throw people off when the Council President needed to inform them they had 30 seconds left, emphasizing that most of them were not professional speakers.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested amending out everything after "Public Speak," noting that the last order had been tabled.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to amend everything out after "keeping time," noting that it would prevent needing to change the rule. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion.

Councilor Devine stated that the President could instruct the public to watch the clock while they were speaking.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if the Council President had discretion to use the clock for keeping time at the beginning of debate of an order.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that the purpose of keeping time would justify that.

Motion adopted, 3-0.

(56:10)

Councilor Vacon made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 6 and 7 from the table as a package. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

**Item 6:** 4-4-23 RIVERA\_I, GIVNER, MALDONADO VELEZ, MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI, RIVERA\_J — Ordered, that Section 34 of the Holyoke City Charter be amended to establish a Police Commission by virtue of a Special Act in Accordance with the provisions of Articles of Amendment, Article II, Section 8 of the Massachusetts Constitution.

\*Tabled 4-19-23, 7-17-23, 12-11-23

---> Leave to withdraw, 3-0

**Item 7:** 8-1-23 From City Solicitor letter re: Provisions of charter impacted by implementation of a Police Commission

\*Tabled 12-11-23

---> Referred to the Public Safety Committee, 3-0

#### DISCUSSION:

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that she was hoping to begin to name what the Police Commission would look like to allow the Law Department to begin creating language.

Councilor Vacon noted there was a procedural issue in that the order was only a copy, with the original having been sent to the Public Safety Committee so they were the only one that could act on the order. She suggested sending item 7 to the Public Safety Committee.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti asked if the original order would need to come back to this committee.

Councilor Vacon stated that according to list in item 7, there were two aspects that would affect the charter and 3 aspects that would affect ordinances. She also stated that an additional item would be through special act. She then explained that if the Public Safety Committee recommended establishing the commission, additional orders would need to be filed to implement it through both the Ordinance Committee and the Charter and Rules Committee.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if point 6 on the list found in the letter for item 7 – referring to the creation of a special act – would need to go to the Charter and Rules Committee or the Ordinance Committee.

Atty Bissonnette stated that would be through a home rule petition, an item that spoke to a special position in the Police Department.

Councilor Vacon noted it referred to a supervisor of police radio and system-signal patrolmen.

Atty Bissonnette stated that the position was created by a special act and the home rule petition to establish the police commission would have a provision striking that as it would no longer be relevant.

Chair Magrath-Smith asked if it made sense to discuss the changes in charter that may be brought to this committee.

Atty Bissonnette stated that there would need to be changes to the charter to create a police commission, much like establishing the Board of Public Works, Fire Commission, or Water Commission, emphasizing that there was already a structure in place in Section 34 of the charter. He added that there needed to be delineation of powers.

Chair Magrath-Smith expressed her understanding that nothing would need to be done with the charter and it could be handled solely through ordinance if it were just an advisory board with no judicial power, but giving it real power would require a charter change and a home rule petition. She then stated that she had looked at the structure of the Police

Commission in Springfield and believed there was a good basis for the discussion in Holyoke. She added that the Personnel Department had been working with the Police Department to focus on internal controls, and this commission would create another layer of checks and balances.

Councilor Vacon stated that this would require waiting for the Public Safety Committee to discuss it.

Councilor Devine stated that she needed a copy of the letter.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that it had been provided in the packet.

Councilor Devine stated that she once served on the Fire Commission and found it to be a well-run commission. She noted that the members were appointed by the Mayor, and they had an unbelievable administrative assistant who knew civil service. She then stated that while she was not yet convinced about doing this, she believed that if it were done, it should be modeled after the Fire Commission.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that she had heard similar points.

Councilor Sullivan suggested that before anything, this question should be approved to be put on a ballot. He expressed his understanding that it had to be approved by the voters and by the state.

Atty Bissonnette stated that it only had to be approved by the state as an internal charter change under the home rule amendment, and then the Council would decide what was in it by ordinance.

Councilor Sullivan suggested that any other discussions would be a waste of time until that got approved. He further suggested getting that step going so the State Rep and State Senator could get the petition to Boston.

Atty Bissonnette stated that Councilor Sullivan was right in emphasizing that the state's permission was needed to insert the creation of a police commission, and specifying that the details regarding powers and duties would be developed by ordinance to avoid needing to go through another home rule petition to make future changes.

Councilor Vacon reiterated that the original order was referred to the Public Safety Committee to act on and this committee only received a copy. She then recalled that it was sent to Public Safety because if it needed a home rule petition, they could recommend that to the City Council without needing Charter and Rules.

Chair Magrath-Smith stated that she would reach out to the chair of Public Safety to discuss putting this on an upcoming agenda for their committee, and then the full Council could vote on the home rule petition. She then suggested there would still need to be companion orders to change pieces of the ordinance and the charter.

Councilor Vacon noted that a lot of other changes had taken place with the state relative to the police since this order was filed.

Councilor Devine stated that one thing the Fire Commission did not do was tell firefighters how to fight fires. She then emphasized that a Police Commission should not tell police officers how to be police.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested that this order, as a copy, could be given a leave to withdraw since it could not be acted on.

Councilor Sullivan suggested it could be sent to Public Safety.

Councilor Vacon stated that the original order was in Public Safety.

Councilor Devine asked when it was sent to Public Safety.

Councilor Vacon stated that it was sent April 4, 2023.

Chair Magrath-Smith suggested that item 7 be sent to Public Safety because the letter was only sent to Charter and Rules.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to give item 6 a leave to withdraw. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion adopted, 3-0.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to refer item 7 to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Murphy-Romboletti seconded the motion. Motion adopted, 3-0.

Documents for meeting can be [found here](#).

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

LAID ON THE TABLE  
(Discussion is not expected)

Item 8: 12-5-23 VACON -- Ordered, That we amend our charter and ordinances to change from an elected Mayor to a City Manager/Chief Administrative Financial Officer, appointed by the City Council.

\*Tabled 5-13-24

- Item 9: 1-17-23 MCGEE — Ordered that City Council Rule 9H be amended and re-worded in order to make the process of changing or updating an ordinance a smoother process.  
\*Tabled 2-27-23, 12-11-23
- Item 10: 4-4-23 From Atty Jane Mantolesky, Supplement to legal opinion on voting requirements  
\*Tabled 4-10-23
- Item 11: 8-1-23 From Lisa Ball, City Solicitor, Legal Opinion from KP Law, Mark R. Reich Esq. regarding Community Preservation Act Surcharge Reduction.
- Item 12: 8-1-23 From City Solicitors Ballot Question language.
- Item 13: 10-3-23 GIVNER, TALLMAN — With community support, order that all ordinances and charter rules reflecting city council and city council subcommittee meeting notices be updated to reflect acceptance of email as sufficient method of notice, and city website posting as sufficient method of public notice.  
\*Tabled 12-11-23, 2-5-24
- Item 14: 10-3-23 GIVNER — With community support, order that the following section of our Codes of Ordinances and charter be updated to reflect use of email as sufficient for special meeting notice:  
Sec. 12. – Special meetings of city council.  
The mayor may at any time call a special meeting of the city council by public posting through the city website along with written notifications thereof, together with a statement of the subjects to be considered thereat, to be deposited in the post office, postpaid and addressed to the persons to be notified, at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed for such meeting, or to be left at the usual place of residence of each member of the council, by email at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed for such meeting. (Acts 1965, c. 187; Acts 1992, c. 189)  
\*Tabled 12-11-23, 2-5-24
- Item 15: 2-6-24 JOURDAIN, BARTLEY -- Ordered, That Charter Sections 19 and 34 be amended and elsewhere as appropriate to allow for all appointments to the Fire Commission and DPW Commission to be appointed by the Mayor subject to confirmation by the City Council.
- Item 16: 2-6-24 DEVINE, I. RIVERA -- Ordered, Under City Council rules, please add the following: New Rule: Every 2 years after being sworn in, the City Council President shall set the seating arrangements of the City Council. Consideration shall be taken for any legitimate handicap preference.
- Item 17: 4-2-24 Magrath-Smith- Ordered, that a Home Rule Petition be filed with amendments to the City Charter as required for consistency with state law, pertaining to our city's restructuring of municipal finance.  
\*Tabled 5-6-24

Item 18: 4-2-24 BARTLEY, JOURDAIN, VACON -- The City of Holyoke amends any charter, ordinance and any other regulations relative to its Tax Collector and combines the office with its City Treasurer so long as a charter change to appoint rather than elect Holyoke's City Treasurer is approved by the legislature and Holyoke voters.

\*Tabled 5-6-24

Item 19: 8-1-23 From Atty Kathleen Degnan, Asst City Solicitor, home rule petition for appointed treasurer.

\*Tabled 5-6-24