

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**December 1,2020**

**L Aid ON THE TABLE**

1. an order that a City Council rule be added that City Council committees assigned in the prior term remain in effect for re-elected Councilors until the President-elect assigns new committees.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

2. From Brenna Murphy McGee, minutes from the November 4 and 17th meeting.
3. From Crystal Barnes, City Solicitor, communication regarding overtime pay for City Hall closure
4. From Tanya Wdowiak, City Auditor, General Fund and Sewer Enterprise Budget Report
5. From Councilor David Bartley, Gazette article regarding the Problem Property Group

**PETITIONS**

6. Petition from residents on Michigan Ave. for speed bumps
7. Petition of Daniel LiBoissonnault for a renewal of a Home Occupation for a Plant base- Non Dairy business at 267 Southampton Rd.
8. Petition of Sidikson Mamdjonov for a new second hand license at 50 Holyoke St.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

9. Ordinance Committee Reports (if any)
- 9A. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application for Registered Marijuana Retail Establishment: Abby Property Management, Inc, 40 Lyman St Awaiting disposition

- 9B. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order an order that a handicap sign be placed at 199 Beech St. Awaiting disposition
- 9C. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a handicap space be placed in front of 420B Dwight St (Canal Place).  
Awaiting disposition
- 9D. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a handicap sign be placed at 116 Pearl St. Awaiting disposition
- 9E. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a handicap sign be placed at 7 Vernon St.  
Awaiting disposition
- 9F. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a handicap sign be placed at 77 Pine St. Awaiting disposition
- 9G. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order an order that a handicap sign be placed at 254 Walnut St .  
Awaiting disposition
- 9H. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That Schedule B, Compensation for Elected Officials of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows, effective January 1, 2019 Awaiting disposition
- 9I. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order an order that the following changes be made to the classification and compensation plans of chapter 2 proposed ordinance changes.  
Awaiting disposition
- 9J. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Order: that Section 2-35 of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Classification and Compensation Plans" be amended to incorporate a new Classification and Compensation Plan , Elected Official Salary Ordinance and Miscellaneous Salary Schedule based upon the results of the HRS Salary Study, and that the current DH, PR and Miscellaneous Salary Schedules, as well as any other amendments previously adopted under this section be repealed.  
Awaiting disposition
- 9K. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke take up and approve the salary study completed in 2014, and include in its salary revisions salaries of the Mayor , City Council and School Committee Members Awaiting disposition
- 9L. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the hourly wage for reserve officers be raised from its current \$14.95 an hour. Send to finance in order to address appropriate wage . Awaiting disposition

- 9M. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the city adopt the MA recommended changes to the floodplain ordinances . Awaiting disposition
10. Finance Committee Reports (if any)
- 10A. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred a Second Hand License Application for Diego Munoz Torres at 241 Main St Recommend that the application be approved
- 10B. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FY2021 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT SUPPORT AND INCENTIVE" grant and authorizes the establishment of a Fund or other method appropriate for the accounting of the receipts and expenditures of all resources associated with the administration of said grant. Recommend that the order be adopted
- 10C. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order Order: that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FY2021 STATE 911 DEPARTMENT TRAINING" grant and authorizes the establishment of a Fund or other method appropriate for the accounting of the receipts and expenditures if all resources associated with the administration of said grant. Recommend that the order be adopted
- 10D. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the bonding for the 10 priority intersections and funding for the traffic light installations be reviewed in Finance Committee Recommend that the order be adopted
11. Public Safety Committee Reports (if any)
12. Public Service Committee Reports (if any)
- 12A. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Rosanna Lopez as a Commissioner of the Planning Board Recommend the appointment be confirmed
- 12B. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Daphne Board as member of the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority Recommend the appointment be confirmed
- 12C. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Harry Montalvo to serve as a member of the Historical Commissoin of the City of Holyoke Recommend the appointment be confirmed
- 12D. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Helene J. Busby to serve as Parks and Rec. Commissioner for the City of Holyoke Recommend the appointment be confirmed

- 12E. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Gurninder Dhaliwal as a Commissioner of the Planning Board Recommend the appointment be confirmed
- 12F. The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred Mayoral appointment of Michael J. Moriarty as Commissioner of the Licensing Board Recommend the appointment be confirmed
- 13. Development and Governmental Relations Committee Reports (if any)
- 14. Charter and Rules Committee Reports (if any)
- 15. Joint City Council and School Committee Reports (if any)

**MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- 16. MURPHY -- Ordered that the public safety committee meet with representatives from the Opioid Substance Abuse task force , the health director, and Judge William Hadley, to discuss the need for a short-term residential transition program to assist individuals returning from a treatment program. The goal of this would be to improve the chances of long-term success for these individuals. The resident capacity would probably be around 20 beds.
- 17. MURPHY -- Ordered that the DG&R committee meet with Holyoke Media to put together an action plan to televise city council meetings and sub-committee meetings translated into Spanish . The goal should be to televise within 48 hours of the actual meeting.
- 18. MURPHY -- Ordered that the DG&R committee meet with Holyoke Media , the mayor, the health director, and representatives from the Opioid Substance Abuse task force program , to present a five to ten minute video to be televised on Ch 15 on the importance of persons not contributing to panhandlers . The emphasis should be on the negative impact of doing so , in terms of panhandlers rejecting offers which could much more significantly improve the quality of their lives. Once the program is completed , it should be shown just prior to city council meetings on Ch 15.
- 19. MURPHY -- Ordered that the DG&R committee meet with Holyoke Media about the possibility of having more programming on Ch 15. Is it possible to have some regular half hour programs which could both entertain and inform residents ?
- 20. MURPHY -- Ordered that the ordinance committee consider an ordinance

which would create a penalty for any driver handing out anything from the car window as a traffic safety violation .

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22. MURPHY -- Ordered that the city engineer consider whether there are any means of construction on traffic islands which would not create traffic safety concerns, but which could make it more difficult for anyone to panhandle and still be on the island .
23. SULLIVAN MCGEE -- That the honorable Holyoke City Council approve a grant in the amount of \$175,000 to Kestral Land Trust. Said grant is for Open Space and will be used to fund the acquisition of ~14 acres of land abutting Scott Tower. This will be a key component in leveraging a \$435,400 Phase 1 project. Voted on by CPAC 7 Yeas - 0 no - 2 absent  
SEND TO DEVELOPMENT AND GOVT. REL.
24. SULLIVAN MCGEE -- That the honorable Holyoke City Council approve a grant in the amount of \$250,000 to Wayfinders. Said grant is for Housing and will be matched by CDBG in order to access a 16.4 million dollar state grant. Voted on by CPAC 5 Yeas - 1 No - 1 Abstain - 2 Absent  
SEND  
TO DEVELOPMENT AND GOVT. REL.
25. VACON -- That DPW place Radar Speed feedback signs on the section of Homestead Ave. between the college and Westfield Road .  
Constituent request due to high speeds by drivers .
26. ANDERSON-BURGOS -- Order that the city of Holyoke adopt the truck exclusion law for West Franklin.
27. BARTLEY VACON -- Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 30B and the Holyoke Code of Ordinances procurement ordinance , the City Council declare the Old Rock Valley Road parcel identified by the Holyoke Board of Assessors records as Map 183, Block 00, Parcel 006 as surplus property available for disposition . Said parcel is a vacant

lot approximately 4 acres in size. The property is described by the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 1828, Page 162. The property was awarded to the City via a Land Court Decree with a Final Judgment recorded on September 30, 2015 in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 20894, Page 42. The property is zoned Agriculture and Single-Family Residence (RA).

28. BARTLEY -- That the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 30B and the Holyoke Procurement Ordinance, vote to accept an offer of \$6,000 from Gregory M. Virgilio to purchase and 416 Appleton Street which is a vacant lot approximately 2,526 square feet in size. The property is identified in the Holyoke Assessor's records as Map 061, Block 02, Parcel 014, is zoned Downtown Residential (DR) and has an assessed value of \$4,600.
29. BARTLEY -- The City Council and any other city department look into minimizing 'legal notice advertising costs'. There are now three newspapers covering Holyoke and each provides legal ads. Please refer to the Administrative Assistant who shall report back to Finance Committee with a report comparing the ad rates and other relevant factors. Refer to finance, copy to Administrative Assistant.
30. BARTLEY -- The City council refer to the Law Department a question asking whether a petitioner to the City Council requiring a public hearing (be it a business, an individual, a public or private organization, and/or any petitioning entity) is compelled to provide public notice via a newspaper of record or whether an alternate /less expensive outlet is allowed. Please determine how and whether the City council can petition the State Legislature under a Home Rule Petition to waive any state law requiring public notices be placed in a local newspaper so long as the City council (and any other city department) publicly provides notice on the website of the City of Holyoke. Background: this matter was recently raised because of the issue of costs to the public to comply may be prohibitive. Refer to Finance, copy to Law Department.
31. BARTLEY -- The Holyoke City Council encourages all city department heads to provide correspondence to Spanish-speaking persons in Spanish to the extent feasible. The Holyoke City Council particularly encourages that technical letters from the Mayor's office, School Dept., Law Dept., Building Commissioner, Planning Board, City Clerk, License Board, and City Council, by translated into Spanish, upon request. (This is a refiled order from 12/3/2019). Refer to the Mayor and all department heads and

refer this to the Public Service committee for a hearing so that City council can receive a progress report.

- 32. BARTLEY -- The Property Preservation Group (f/k/a problem property group), Building commissioner, and Mayor's Office come before the city council's public safety committee and provide an update to City Council regarding the "top 20" list of problem buildings, the efforts of the City to remove these buildings from the list, and an update on the balance of funds in the City's vacant property budget. Refer to Public Service, copy to aforesaid departments.
- 33. BARTLEY -- The Law Department provide an update to the City Council on the City's Receivership program. This is our semi-annual review. Refer to DGR, copy to Law Dept.
- 34. MCGEE -- Order that the finance committee invite in Mike McManus and Robert Peirent to discuss and address budgeting for sidewalks, trees, and equipment.
- 35. MCGEE -- Pursuant 301 CMR 51.07(1)(b), I, Todd McGee, Chairman of the City Council of the City of Holyoke, hereby agree to waive the 120 day notice period as required by said section as to a parcel of land of approximately 21.745 acres in the City of Holyoke, shown on Exhibit A attached hereto, in which the Department of Conservation and Recreation is considering acquiring an interest. Map-Lot 217-00-006
- 36. MCGIVERIN -- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2021, SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO AND 4/100 Dollars (\$6,934.04) as follows:

FROM:		
12201-51105	FIREFIGHTER	\$4,285.07
12201-51104	LIEUTENANT	2,646.97
	TOTAL:	\$6,934.04
TO:		
12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$6,932.04
	TOTAL:	\$6,934.04

**Addendum:**

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting.

Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law

*Brenna Murphy McLee*

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City Clerk