

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
October 5,2021

The meeting was called to order by President McGee at 07:07 PM.

The Clerk called the roll. Absent members: 0 Present Members 13 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Greaney, Jr., Hernandez, Leahy, Lebron-Martinez, Lisi, McGee, McGiverin, Murphy, Sullivan, Tallman, Vacon)..

The name of Councilor Tallman was drawn to head the roll call voting.

PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 1 from table and open public hearing.

Petition for Pole and Wire Locations , The Gas and Electric Department requests permission to locate a line of wires, cables, poles and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures , along and across the following public way or ways :

* One (1) 40' Class 2 pole on Corner of Parker St. & Dwight St. Holyoke, MA

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Vincent O'Connell, representing Holyoke Gas & Electric, stated that the petition was for a pole at the corner of Parker and Dwight Streets as an emergency matter. He stated that the customer at 1475 Dwight Street had exterior being performer at their home, noting that the primary conductors were too close to the home for the work to be done. He added that the new pole would be to pull the primary conductors away from the home. He also noted the permit had already been approved by the City Engineer. He also stated that residents had been informed and there had not been objections.

Motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing.

---> The pole and wire location petition was received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0 --Absent 1(Lisi).

LAID ON THE TABLE

(6:25)

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 2 from the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that handicap spaces on Ivy Ave . be condensed to one space in front of 8 Ivy Ave, to be located on the East side of the street, 90 feet north of Dwight St Recommended that the order be adopted.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon expressed her opposition to consolidating spaces . She noted that the process had typically been to add or deleting spaces in response to resident requests , noting that two residents on the street indicated need for the spaces.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that two residents on the street needed a handicap space and three spaces should not be needed. He noted that only one space on the street had been applied for through the normal process. He then questioned the use of city employee time for adding signs that are not needed .

Councilor Leahy expressed agreement with Councilor Vacon.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to deny. Councilor Bartley seconded the motion.

President McGee stated that committee's recommendation had been to adopt, adding that councilor could vote to deny it.

Councilor Tallman noted that visited the street and observed that spaces had been open . He then expressed that he would typically support the perspective of a ward councilor and would do so with this matter.

Councilor Hernandez stated that she believed Councilor Anderson-Burgos had done the work to understand and address the issue.

Councilor Vacon noted that there had been four spaces and that one had already been removed. She also noted one resident had expressed that all spaces were needed. She then noted that handicap spaces are for anyone with a handicap placard and not for specific people, adding that two people use two spaces all the time with the third being occasionally used. She also noted one handicap space was created to address issues with large trucks trying to get in and out across the street.

Councilor Greaney stated that he had visited the street numerous and observed all spaces being used at all times of the day.

Councilor McGiverin expressed his understanding that parking should be restricted for handicap use when someone would be regularly using that spot overnight. He then noted that he could not consolidating to one space if two people were using spots.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that if the issue had been making space for trucks, placement of a handicap space would not be the appropriate way to address it. He then clarified that were three spaces, adding that they were seeking two remove one and leave two for the two residents using them. He also noted that he spoke to every resident on the street when he was asked to address the issue. He then stated that if the issue was trucks, that could be addressed in another way.

Councilor Murphy noted that the order stated that the intent was to condense to one handicap space. He then stated that there should be specifics provided clarifying which space was to be removed.

Councilor Lisi clarified that the agenda will always show the language of the order as originally filed, adding that the order had been amended in committee to eliminate the one extra spot. She stated that the legal language should be with the Council President.

President McGee stated that he did have the legal language. He read the language to clarify that one spot would be deleted and one spot would be deleted and re-added to adjust the language of the spot in the parking schedule of the ordinances.

Councilor Lisi clarified that the east side was adjusting the location of the sign and the other language was deleting a sign on the west side.

Councilor McGiverin noted the Engineer stated that moving one side would eliminate one additional parking spot.

Councilor Lisi clarified that moving the spot would create an additional space.

---> Motion to pass the first reading failed on a show of hands.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 3 from the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the city council raise the sewer fee to a minimum of \$8.05 per 1000 gallons in order to make certain that the enterprise fund no longer operates with deficits, but also to plan for the additional needed improvements funded by debt service.

Recommended that the order be adopted with an amendment to \$7.50 per 1000 gallons.

Councilor Lisi clarified that the \$21 per quarter would be with a median user, noting that the calculations did not differentiate between commercial, industrial, and residential users. She added that the average home would likely see a smaller increase than \$21.

Councilor Vacon stated that taxpayers want their city government to work within the city budget. She then stated that every tax dollar taken in should not be spent, resulting in almost no free cash. She then recognized that the sewer fund needed to be balanced, adding that there needed to be more discussion on how to fund the related capital expenses, specifically with as much of the ARPA funds as possible. She then emphasized that she was willing to support the lowest rate that would balance the fund. She then noted that people on fixed incomes, particularly those on Social Security, do not receive increases that would match the increases in the sewer rate.

Councilor Greaney stated that people on Social Security only receive a \$30 stipend that is used to cover increased costs of Medicare.

---> Report of Committee was received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 10--Nays 3 (Bartley, Greaney, Leahy)--Absent 0

PUBLIC COMMENT

(47:15)

Edward Owen, 120 Front St, stated that while nobody wants to pay more taxes, he also would not want to lose services. He then stated that he thought \$7.50 was a reasonable rate for the sewer fund.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow out of city residents to speak . Joanna Mae Boody, 10 Federal St, Montague, commended Councilor Anderson-Burgos for his response to her. She then stated that she had sought to hear from Mayor Murphy and Chief Pratt on an issue for the past month.

Spencer Fox Peterson, 51 Portland St, stated that he had been working with Ms. Boody to address a matter. He then stated that police officers receive raises annual while crime remained persistent . He then suggested that workers be paid for what it costs them to do the work, and that health matters such as sewers receive more funding. He then questioned comments minimizing households that have more than one income. He then stated that he would continue to seek to hear from Mayor Murphy and Chief Pratt.

(52:25)

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 4 and 5 as a package. From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter appointing Ms. Cheryl Figueroa, 223 Pine St. to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke : Ms. Figueroa will replace Anthony Soto and will finish his term; said term will expire on December 31, 2022.
---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter appointing Ms. Jacqueline Watson, 20 Easthampton Rd. #F6 to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke : Ms. Watson will replace Kate Preissler and will finish her term; said term will expire on December 31, 2023.
---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 6, 7, and 8 as a package. From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter reappointing Mr. Al Lehmann, 19 Thomas Ave. to serve as a member of the Commission on Disabilities for the City of Holyoke : Mr. Lehmann will serve a three year term; said term will expire in March 2024.
---> Received and appointment confirmed

.From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter reappointing Ms. Liana Pasialis, 1081 Hampden St. to serve as a member of the Commission on Disabilities for the City of Holyoke : Ms. Pasialis will serve a three year term; said term will expire on March 2024.
---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter reappointing the following individuals to serve as Commissioner of the Council on Aging for the City of Holyoke :

- Susan Aiken, 359 Linden St.
- Sean Gonsalves, Board of Health
- Julita Rojas, 337 Sargeant St.
- Kyong Cruz, 107 Martin St.
- Nicole Perrier, 1706 Northampton St.
- Priscilla Garcia, 89 Brooks St.
- Dian McCollum, 20 Easthampton Rd.
- Cappie Glica, 19 Concord Ave.
- Barbara J. Grady, 44 Edward Dr.
- Len Brouillette, 179 Morgan St.
- Margaret Lemire, 67 Westfield Rd.
- Wayne Klinge, 22 Dale St.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter to nominate Mr. Russell J. McNiff, Jr. 275 West Franklin St. to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Office of Community Development for the City of Holyoke: Mr. McNiff will serve a one year term; said term will expire on June 30, 2022.

---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 10, 16 and 17 as a package.

From Lisa A. Ball, Acting City Solicitor, re: Opinion on Professional Supervisors Association Collective Bargaining Unit.

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Settlement Agreement by and between the City of Holyoke and Local Union No 1693, International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO.

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Settlement Agreement By and Between the City of Holyoke and NAGE R1-180, Clerical Union.

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 11, 47 and Late File C as a package.

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC letter regarding In person Early Voting.

---> The Early Voting schedule was received and adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays
13-Yeas 0 Nays

BARTLEY Ordered, that The City Clerk please send a communication to City Council in time for its 2nd meeting in October 2021 on the following (based upon the preliminary election of 09/21/2021):

A. turnout-did Holyoke meet expectations? How did Holyoke do compared to our neighbors?;

B. the new voting machines-any issues?

C. Satisfaction (or not) with the current polling locations

D. General impressions on Holyoke elections.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC communication in response to the order filed by Councilor Bartley regarding Preliminary Election.

---> Received.

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC & Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, Admin. Ass't. to City Council, minutes of September 7, 2021.

---> Received and adopted.

From Tanya Wdowiak, City Auditor, Budget reports for general fund and sewer fund .

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

From Planning & Development letter re: H & H Realty Holdings, LLC/H & H Cultivation LLC. 40-48 Main St.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 25 out of order.

Petition of Peter Rosskothan, for a special permit for a non-conforming structure (4.7.3) at 3 Country Club Rd.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

From Alicia M. Zoeller, Administrator Office of Community Development, Re: ARPA Funding Recommendations from Citizens Advisory Committee and OCD and FFY 2021 Spreadsheet.

Councilor Murphy thanked all groups involved in reviewing proposals and making their recommendations ,

as well as to the agencies seeking funds for their willingness to offer additional information on their proposals.

Councilor Bartley noted that while there had been a heated argument between he and Mayor Murphy at the last meeting, they were able to shake hands afterward, adding that this is how government should operate.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

Communication from Councilor Bartley , re: Quit Claim Deed in regards to Hampden Papers Inc. at 100 Water St.

Councilor Bartley stated that the deed was for \$4.5 million for Hampden Papers. He then stated that the purpose of the communication was to engage in a brief discussion of what the city had done 5 years ago with regard to supporting the marijuana industry.

---> Received.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 19 and 20 as a package. Grant Completion Form "Planning Assistance Grant".

Councilor McGiverin asked if the item was a communication , noting it could be adopted if so.

Councilor Vacon noted that the item was a report.

Councilor Bartley stated that the report was a result of an order filed a few years prior .

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

Grant Completion Form, " Greening the Gateway Cities Municipal Assistance Grant".

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

From Board of Fire Commission minutes of August 19, 2021.

---> Received.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take items 22 and 23 as a package. From 876 Grow, Inc. hosting a community outreach meeting at 6pm on Monday September 20, 2021 at 360 Race St.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee .

From Relevant Energy Concepts LLC hosting a Community outreach meeting on September 27, 2021 at 5:15 at 84 No. Bridge St.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee .

PETITIONS

(1:06:00)

Petition for Secure Transportation Inc. for a livery license vehicle garaged at 337 High St.

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee .

President McGee stated that item 26 should not have been on the agenda.

Petition of Tiffany Madru, for an extension of hours for the special permit at 28C Appleton St.

---> Given leave to withdraw .

Petition of Nick Boccio, Paul R. Gallagjer for a zone change at 1 Maplecrest Circle, from R1 to RM20.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(1:06:45)

President McGee stated that the Whiting Reservoir Study Committee would be holding a public engagement meeting that Thursday at 6:00 PM in the City Council chambers .

He then stated that Engineer has made a request that traffic orders with substantial extra costs be referred to committee rather than adopting right away in case there is potential for alternative solutions to address issues.

He also noted there was a request that departments be copied on orders referred to committees so that they are more prepared to offer their feedback when committees discuss them.

He also stated there would be a mayoral debate on October 28th at the High School.

He then stated that there would be a citywide mask mandate starting the next day through at least December 1st.

He also stated that there had been issues with Zoom at a previous meeting, and that anyone in the public should reach out to a councilor if there is an issue at the current meeting.

Councilor Greaney stated that comments regarding multiple incomes in a household had just been to point out that some households are more able to absorb increased costs than others are. He also suggested that councilors should read more about the issue of ageism in society.

Acting Mayor Murphy stated that the gardens at Wisteriahurst were open to the public free of charge from dawn until dusk. He also noted that they were looking for more volunteers. He then stated that the Whiting Committee meeting would have live interpretation.

Councilor Bartley commended the work of the Whiting Street Reservoir Committee. He then suggested that there should be a City Council rule requiring all transfers within the DPW to be referred to the Finance Committee. He then noted that the Puerto Rican flag would be raised on October 15th. He also noted that there had been a building dedication for Mary Birks that day. He then added that there had been the grand opening for VentureX with several councilors in attendance.

Councilor Tallman noted that the Gas and Electric would be holding a family event at Veterans Park the following day.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(1:15:05)

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application of First City Provisions Inc for a Marijuana Manufacturing Establishment and Recreational Marijuana Retail Establishment at 89 South St (017-01-005) to operate a recreational marijuana retail and marijuana manufacturing establishment.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted with the following conditions:

1. That the owner of the building always pay the commercial property tax rate to the extent allowed by federal, state, and local laws for the duration of the Special Permit.
2. That the business retains a minimum 30% Holyoke residents for non-security jobs.
3. That the hiring preference be given to security personnel that are retired Holyoke police or are a retired member of another police department that now lives in the city of Holyoke.
4. There shall be no marijuana consumption allowed on site.
5. That the hours of operation be set according to City ordinances.
6. That all outstanding issues identified by the Planning Department's letter or the Engineer's letter be addressed.

Committee Members:

Rebecca Lisi
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Linda L. Vacon
Terence Murphy
Libby Hernandez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Lisi stated that they were a group of semi-local people with many principals of color, which had been exciting for the industry. She noted the application package was well put together. She also noted they would hire up to 25 employees maximum.

Councilor Greaney asked for clarification of the location.

Councilor Tallman stated it was near where school buses are parked .
Councilor Bartley expressed that he had known the family for many years , noting their commitment to civic engagement.
---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Hernandez).

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Street Vendor License Application of Nicole Ortiz for operation of a food truck at 164 Race Street and 73 Sargeant Street.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
Rebecca Lisi
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Linda L. Vacon
Terence Murphy
Libby Hernandez

UNDER DISCUSSION:
Councilor Vacon noted that the food truck would be at two sites , adding that she would seek flexibility by being allowed to have the truck to operate Monday through Friday 8am-8pm.
---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the position of Professional accountant that has been budgeted for the Auditor's department for fiscal year 2022 be assigned to Grade 10 of Schedule A of the Classification and Hiring Schedules of the City of Holyoke Ordinances .
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
Rebecca Lisi
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Linda L. Vacon
Terence Murphy
Libby Hernandez

UNDER DISCUSSION:
Councilor Vacon asked if the order was a simple receipt because it was just amending the ordinance .
Councilor Lisi stated that it would require readings .
President McGee clarified that it would require first and second readings .
Councilor Vacon stated that it had been confirmed that the position was budgeted for , adding that this was finalizing the position in the Auditor's office .
---> Report of Committee received and the Ordinance passed its first reading .
The Ordinance passed its second reading .
The Ordinance was passed to be enrolled .
The Committee has considered the same and find that it is truly and properly enrolled .
Report of Enrollment received .
The Ordinance was passed to be Ordained and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order Petition for a new second hand license at 50 Holyoke St. for Game Stop #4391
have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted. .

Committee Members:
Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy

David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the business was aware of the laws requiring they work with the police department to keep records on what they receive and sell. He noted that they resold tablets and games, adding that they use an ID copy system for record keeping.

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order MIFA Victory Theater Mural Project Budget - CPA FY21 Project Funding Recommendation have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that MiFA Director, Don Sanders had been in to discuss the item. He stated that the grant was for the restoration of two original murals from the theater which would be put on public display in the City Hall Auditorium. He stated that the total cost would be \$95,000, with a portion of it from the CPA funding. He also noted that if the theater did not reopen, the city would take ownership of the murals.

Councilor Greaney expressed his support, adding that there would need to be an update on the progress of the theater's rehab.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos clarified that the process of the Victory Theater needed to be understood, noting that they needed to raise the entirety of the funds required before the work could begin.

Councilor Leahy stated that he would file an order for a discussion in Public Service Committee, noting that heard they had received what they needed.

Councilor Greaney stated that the Director said they were \$17 million short of their goal before they could begin work.

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 1 (Bartley)--Absent 0.

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 "ARSON WATCH REWARD PROGRAM, \$1K, NO MATCH" 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.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that this had been an award to a Blessed Sacrament student, Rafael Rivera, adding that the award would go to the Fire Department. He then stated that the funds would be used for fire prevention education and working with school children.

There was much applause.

Councilor Bartley suggested that the Council should see a copy of the award. He also noted that OneHolyoke CDC had technology to copy posted and distribute them.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays

--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

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 "FY2022 CRCC/PVPC CSO, \$745,000, NO MATCH" 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.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:
Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the grant was the annual share of funds from the state for Connecticut River cleanup for combined sewer overflow issues. He stated that it would offset some of the debt resulting from adhering to the CSO mandate. He stated that the funds would be applied to the Jackson Street project.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

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 "SFY2021 COMMONWEALTH SECURITY TRUST FUND, \$11,720, NO MATCH" 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.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:
Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that this annual grant covered the costs of new ice rescue sleds and water suits for cold water rescues.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 29F and 29G as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the amount of ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY ONE AND 00/100 (\$1,291.00) be authorized from the CITY SOLICITOR department's PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPECIAL COUNSEL (11512-53010) appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for services rendered in fiscal year 2021 which were unencumbered at the 2021 fiscal year end.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:
Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan

James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the two orders were for late bills connected to workman's comp issues with DPW. He also stated the Auditor verified the legitimacy of the bills.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays
--Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 2 (Greaney, Jr., Lisi).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the amount of SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS/100 Dollars (\$600.00) be authorized from the SOLICITOR'S OFFICE Department's PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-SPECIAL COUNSEL (11512-53010) appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for services rendered in fiscal year 2021 which were unencumbered at the 2021 fiscal year end. have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays
--Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 2 (Greaney, Jr., Lisi).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND SEVENTY SIX AND 00/100 Dollars (\$149,076) as follows:

TO:

13001-51101 SCHOOL - PERSONAL SERVICES \$71,456
13002-57000 SCHOOL - OTHER EXPENSES 34,181
18202-56510 SPED - TUITION ASSESSMENT 582
18202-56511 SCHOOL CHOICE ASSESSMENT 42,857
TOTAL: \$149,076

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the transfer was for an adjustment to the recap sheet because the House conference committee on budget approved their final numbers. He then stated that this would balance the budget.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays
--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$125,000) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51109 RESERVES \$60,000
12101-51590 COURT 40,000
12101-51117 E911 DISPATCHER 2,000
12101-51107 PATROLMEN 20,000

12101-51104 LIEUTENANT 3,000
 TOTAL: \$125,000
 TO:
 12101-51300 OVERTIME \$125,000
 TOTAL: \$125,000

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
 Peter R. Tallman
 Michael J. Sullivan
 James M. Leahy
 David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the mayor was working with the department to keep costs down . He then stated that the accounts the funds were coming from had been in surplus due to reduced needs in those accounts. He then stated that the police reform bill had led to difficulties in using reserve officers . He noted that officers used to gain experience as reserves , adding that the state was working on legislation to address the issues. He also stated that the courts continued to be slower due to continued Covid restrictions. He also noted there had been vacancies. He then stated that adding to the overtime budget had been partly been due to not being able to use reserves. He also expressed that this was expected to cover through November.

Councilor Murphy stated that while the police reform bill had good goal , there had been concerns with the impacts on use of reserve and auxiliary officers . He also noted that there had been a reduction in the number of people applying. He added that the police chief would work to keep the overtime account at least a month of two ahead.

Councilor Bartley asked for an update on the compensation and budget for the auxiliary police . He also expressed a need for a more complete understanding of the overtime usage of the department. He also questioned the overtime needs, noting that the department knew the courts would be closed.

Councilor Tallman noted that the original request had been cut from \$450,000, \$50,000 by the mayor and another \$150,000 by the City Council. He then noted that the courts were starting to get busy again. He also recognized the difficulty of running the police department with people out for injuries and illnesses . Councilor Murphy emphasized the difficulties created by the police reform bill , noting that the ability to use auxiliary officers had been greatly impacted.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays
 --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 0. Councilor Leahy did not vote or participate in discussion on this item .

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 "FY2022 STATE PLAN FOR THE LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY (LSTA)-ARPA, \$50K, NO MATCH " 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

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
 Peter R. Tallman
 Michael J. Sullivan
 James M. Leahy
 David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the grant came from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissions , as a way of sharing revenues with communities. He then stated that the funds would be used for a Wi-Fi hotspot at the library. He then stated that they would use some of the funds to hire a social worker .

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays

--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That our City ensures to provide all Everbridge announcements to our constituents in both English and Spanish in an effort to improve access to essential services to persons with Limited English proficiency . Our population consists of more than 50 % Latino/Indigenous descent people, a good majority are Spanish native speakers, this population being considered under the Limited English Proficiency (An LEP person is someone who does not speak English as their primary language and has limited ability to read , speak, and/or write English at a level that permits him/her to interact efficiently with English speakers or documents without language assistance). Most recently department heads have been reaching out to Bilingual residents of our town that volunteer their voice and record the English followed by the Spanish verbiage of the message , however it is not consistent nor is there a formal procedure in place to ensure that it goes out in both languages . have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

Joseph M. McGiverin
Peter R. Tallman
Michael J. Sullivan
James M. Leahy
David K. Bartley

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that they would work to put together more comprehensive lists of prerecorded messages in English and Spanish for common emergency messages such as for snow removal , traffic changes, and parking bans.

Councilor Murphy stated that he was working with Transfluenci to develop a proposal for translating messages, in addition to information on the website.

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

(1:58:05)

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Acting Mayor Terence Murphy letter appointing Ms. Chelsea Gazillo, 79 Lawler St. to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Gazillo will replace Mr. Price Armstrong and will serve the remainder of his term; said term will expire February 1, 2022 have considered the same and Awaiting disposition .

Committee Members:

James M. Leahy
Libby Hernandez
Rebecca Lisi

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Leahy stated that Ms. Gazillo knew a great deal about farming and was a part of the American farm Land Trust, and would use her experience to inform policies and procedures . He then noted that she understood the balance between conservation and business interests .

Councilor Greaney commended her performance in the interview , noting that she had answered with a great deal of intelligence .

Councilor Lisi stated that Ms. Gazillo brought much experience, education, and training in the field of sustainable development. She also added that she had a good sense of funding resources through grants .

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Alex B. Morse letter reappointing Mr. Jeffrey A. Trask, 28 Central Park Dr. to serve as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Trask will serve a one year term; said term will expire on May 2022 have considered the same and Awaiting disposition .

Committee Members:
James M. Leahy
Libby Hernandez
Rebecca Lisi

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order That the Public Service Committee interview for the position of Tax Collector.

have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:
James M. Leahy
Libby Hernandez
Rebecca Lisi

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Leahy stated that there had been many applicants for the position , adding that 4 candidates had been interviewed during the committee.

Councilor Vacon stated that she had been able to watch the interviews on the Holyoke Media stream .

---> Motion was made and seconded to move to the first ballot for Tax Collector .

Laura Wilson received 9 votes (Anderson-Burgos, Greaney, Hernandez, Leahy, Lebron-Martinez, McGee, McGiverin, Tallman, Vacon), Deborah Brunelle received 3 votes (Bartley, Murphy, Sullivan), Jeffrey Destromp received 1 vote (Lisi). Laura Wilson appointed as the new Tax Collector for the City of Holyoke on the first ballot.

(2:06:05)

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application of Gary Gladu for a driveway in front yard at 139 Huron Ave (154-00-065) off of the Downing Ave side of the property per section 6.1.8.1 of the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application for Home Occupation of Nicole Fontaine for a salon at 351 Jarvis Ave (146-00-005) per section 4.8.2 of the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted with the following conditions :

1. That the hours of operation be Wednesday 10 AM - 5 PM, Friday 12 PM - 9 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM, and Sunday 10 AM - 5 PM.
2. That there be allowed one client at a time and up to one additional person waiting .
3. That there be no deliveries or signs allowed .

Committee Members:
David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman

Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the hours were suggested in the petition . He also noted the petitioner had agreed to the two additional conditions . He then stated that there had been a concern with the parking, noting that there were restrictions may have been excessive and were routinely ignored . He also noted that one abutter offered feedback with concerns about traffic, parking, and litter. He also stated that the petitioner had been in the business for over 20 years.

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application of Auto Sales Center Inc at 1607 Northampton St (106-00-043) to expand the current licensed car lot to incorporate newly acquired land at 1611 and 1615 Northampton St per section 7.2.13 of the Holyoke Zoning Ordinance.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted with the following condition: That the hours of operation be the same as the current business: Monday - Friday 9 AM - 5 PM, and Saturday 9 AM - 12 PM.

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the petitioner was well known in the community . He stated that the owner purchased additional lots, from the current center to Cray Avenue. He then stated that the owner would try to preserve the store. He then stated that the petition was to expand his business across the two additional properties.

Councilor Leahy expressed support for the owner, noting that he was well respected and held high standards.

Councilor Greaney noted that the owner had been in business for many years and had invested well in the community.

Councilor Tallman noted once concern had been about the number of cars, adding that it would be around 10 per lot. He also expressed a hope that the buildings on those lots would remain intact.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the owner had opened in the early 1990's, adding that he had remained true to his promises over the years. He also noted the car crash that had damaged the salon.

Councilor Bartley recalled the car crash a few years back . He also noted that one abutter communicated their support for the project.

President McGee read a letter from the Kevin and Jennifer Chateauneuf, owners of Nick's Nest, expressing their support for the expansion of the petitioner's business .

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Holyoke CPA Annual Budget Article 2022 - Request for the City Council to vote to appropriate and reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for committee administrative expenses and reserves in fiscal year 2022, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation .

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan

Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the appropriation was to be split for many purposes under the CPA , noting the total budget was \$729,872.

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order License Agreement between City of Holyoke and Edward A. Owen have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been adopted.

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow the Law Department to address the Council.

Atty Degnan noted that Mr. Owen was concerned with a provision giving the city the right to rescind the license for emergencies. She noted that it would be difficult to define an emergency. She also stated that she was working with Mr. Owen to soften the language regarding an agreement on the provision allowing the city to rescind the license.

Councilor Bartley suggested that it would be helpful for a communication to be received from the Law Department prior to approving it.

Atty Degnan stated that would make sense.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to lay on the table. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion.

---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 32F and 32G as a package.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order that the City Council approve the Resolution for the Certified Housing Development Incentive Program Project and Local Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreement with Canal Row, LLC for the housing development on land bound by Race and Main Streets (Assessors Map 030, Block 06, Parcels 001, 002, 004, 005, 006, 013 and 014).

have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the properties would have tax breaks in the form of incremental assessments over the course of five years, allowing them to leverage those incentives for investment. He also stated that the city's benefit would be the developers turning vacant properties into four story construction with market rate apartments and commercial usage resulting in future tax revenue where nearly none was collected at the time. He also commended the work of the Planning and Economic Development Department for their efforts.

Councilor Greaney noted the developers plan to keep the property clean .

Councilor McGiverin expressed support for the order , noting that it would allow the developers to get financing. He noted that while taxes may be given up in the beginning, it would result in more benefit down the road. He also noted the activity in the area, adding that gateway City had been holding events again.

Councilor Tallman noted that the developers had been putting a lot of investment into the city .

Councilor Bartley stated that the incentives would help the developers leverage \$1.5 million in investment for the project.

Councilor Leahy offered an update that Gateway City Arts would be holding a concert the next day .

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order that the City Council approve the Resolution for the Certified Project and the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement with Canal Row, LLC for the commercial development on land bound by Race and Main Streets (Assessors Map 030, Block 06, Parcels 001, 002, 004, 005, 006, 013 and 014).
have considered the same and Awaiting disposition .

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order That the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 30B and the Holyoke Procurement Ordinance, vote that the City of Holyoke accept the proposal and sell 12, 22 and 24 Main Street for \$31,900 to H&H Realty Holdings, LLC (Oliver Homberg and Yazan Haddad, Managers). 12, 22 and 24 Main Street are adjacent vacant lots totaling approximately 10,455 square feet in size. The properties are identified in the Holyoke Assessor's records as Map 033, Block 04, Parcels 011, 012 and 013, zoned General Industry (IG) and have a combined assessed value of \$20,600.
have considered the same and Awaiting disposition .

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
Michael J. Sullivan
Peter R. Tallman
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the petitioner had a permit application for a marijuana establishment near these 3 lots. He then stated that the plan was to build prefab greenhouse structures, as well as clean up the surrounding area. He also noted the petitioner planned to get involved in the community .

Councilor Greaney clarified that his comment on a previous order regarding cleaning up was intended for this order.

Councilor Tallman noted that it was a good thing to have a reverter clause in the agreement . He also expressed the great investment in building the 3 greenhouses would be a benefit to the city .

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order That the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 30B and the Holyoke Procurement Ordinance, vote that the City of Holyoke accept the proposal and sell 415 and 417 Main Street for \$10,000 to Elliott Fire

Sprinkler Systems, LLC (Chris Elliott, Manager). 415 Main Street is a vacant three story mixed-use building on an approximate 2,744 square foot lot. The adjacent 417 Main Street is a vacant lot approximately 2,744 square feet in size. The properties are identified in the Holyoke Assessor's records as Map 028-07-004 and 005, zoned Downtown business (BC) and have a combined assessed value of \$135,400.

have considered the same and Awaiting disposition .

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
 Michael J. Sullivan
 Peter R. Tallman
 Howard B Greaney, Jr.
 Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that the building would be demolished , and that the owner would relocate their business to this location , rehab the top floors for residential units . He also noted the owner was looking forward to relocating back to Holyoke . He then noted that part of the plan was to train others seeking to get involved in the fire mitigation business . He also noted that the owner had private investment supporting his efforts .

Councilor Greaney observed that it had been a great presentation , noting that the owner had been in the business for 27 years .

Councilor Tallman stated that he had been impressed by the plan to teach others to get involved in the fire mitigation business .

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 2 (Lebron-Martinez, Lisi).

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order The city council invite Lynn Gray , General Manager , of the Holyoke Mall to a future DGR meeting .
 have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with .

Committee Members:

David K. Bartley
 Michael J. Sullivan
 Peter R. Tallman
 Howard B Greaney, Jr.
 Gladys Lebron-Martinez

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that Ms. Gray had come with a great deal of experience in mall management . He also stated that she was planning to seek out local companies for addition to the mall . He also observed that the Holyoke Mall continued to be a retail location with a lot of activity . He also commended all of the committee members for actively engaging .

Councilor Tallman noted that he visited the mall to attend the ribbon-cutting for a new business . He then expressed the value of maintaining a good relationship with the mall , noting the tax revenue they bring into the city .

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted .

(2:52:35)

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order Holyoke amend its charter to provide for city council confirmation of all new mayoral appointments to the board of public works and the fire commission . Further , the charter be amended to provide for city council confirmation on any current appointees at the time of reconfirmation . Moreover , the Charter and Rules committee and the acting Mayor consider whether to allow a nominee to either or both boards to be appointed directly by the City Council as well as consider any other related actions .

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended , striking out all language except "that Holyoke amend its charter to provide for city council confirmation of all new mayoral

appointments", pending legal review.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Todd McGee
Linda L. Vacon
Rebecca Lisi

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated there was a review of several considerations , leading to the recommendation to amend the charter for City Council confirmation of all new mayoral appointments . She noted that Mayor Murphy would be in support of signing the proposal.

Councilor McGiverin asked if the language was available .

President McGee clarified that the language was in the committee recommendation .

Councilor McGiverin stated that he had not received a copy of the language .

Councilor Vacon confirmed that the language is what was on the agenda . She added that they did not have legal form because it was not an ordinance .

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow the Law Department to address the Council .

Councilor McGiverin noted that while some charter changes can be done with a two -thirds vote of the City Council and the Mayor's signature, certain changes require a ballot question . He then asked if this would require a ballot question .

Atty Degnan stated that she was in the process of a legal review to determine the circumstances between the two sets of requirements . She then stated she would submit the results of that review at the next City Council meeting .

Councilor McGiverin made a motion to lay on the table . Councilor Hernandez seconded the motion .

---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table .

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that the law department draft a home rule petition to be filed with the Legislature to remove the residency requirement for City Solicitor from section 45 of the Holyoke City Charter .

Section 45 of the Holyoke City Charter reads: No person shall be eligible to any of the offices of the city government, except superintendent of schools, unless he is a citizen and has been a resident of the city for at least two years .

Proposed amendment to section 45: No person shall be eligible to any of the offices of the city government, except superintendent of schools and City Solicitor , unless he is a citizen and has been a resident of the city for at least two years .

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended to add into section 46 "and City Solicitor" after "except the office of superintendent of schools" .

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Howard B Greaney, Jr.
Todd McGee
Linda L. Vacon
Rebecca Lisi

UNDER DISCUSSION:

President McGee read the language of the proposed legislation into the record :

The City of Holyoke, through its Honorable City Council and Honorable Mayor, hereby petition the Massachusetts General Court to enact legislation amending the city charter and that said legislation be entitled:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE

And that said act shall read as follows:

SECTION 1: *Section 46 of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "schools", the following words;- "and city solicitor,".*

SECTION 2: *Section 47 of said Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 is hereby amended by inserting after the*

word "schools", the following words:- "and city solicitor,".

SECTION 3: This act shall take effect upon passage.

Councilor Vacon stated that the order had originally to amend section 45, noting that there was recognition that a portion of section 46 would also need to be amended.

---> Report of Committee received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

(3:00:20)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 35 through 41 as a package.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That DPW work with SUEZ to clean out the drain located at the northwest corner of the field area at Community Field

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW repair the track area near the drain at Community Field. Due to the drainage issue the path is now uneven and the sandstone that once covered the track has been washed out.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW cut the overgrown weeds near the Community Field drainage scale.

---> Received and referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW relocate and replace the no discharging sign located on the west side corner of Beech St and Linden St. The sign should read "No stopping, standing, or discharging passengers from here to corner." Sign should be relocated at the end of the driveway next to H.G. & E. 33S pole.

---> Received and referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW place a caution drive slowly autistic child at play sign in front of 20-22 Sydney Ave. The owners of the property are concerned about speeding cars hitting their child.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW find a new location for the old Community Field plaque. The plaque has the late and great Marty Dunn's name on it. The plaque has been taken down and left on its back since the renovation of the park.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the DPW.

ANDERSON-BURGOS Ordered, that That the DPW address the drainage issue in front of 55 Bay State Rd. Every time there are down pours the rain builds up in front of the home attracting all types of insects in the spring and summer seasons. In the winter the left over water forms ice making the area dangerous to walk near.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the DPW.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 42 through 45 as a package.

BARTLEY Ordered, that Ordered, that the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 30B and the Holyoke Code of Ordinances procurement ordinance, declare Clemente Street parcel 006 (Assessors Map 028, Block 04, Parcel 006) as surplus property available for disposition. The property is approximately 5,314 square feet in size, zoned Downtown Residential and has an assessed value of

\$34,500

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

BARTLEY Ordered, that Ordered, that the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 30B and the Holyoke Code of Ordinances procurement ordinance, declare Clemente Street parcel 007 (Assessors Map 028, Block 04, Parcel 007) as surplus property available for disposition . The property is approximately 5,532 square feet in size, zoned Downtown Residential and has an assessed value of \$34,500.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

BARTLEY Ordered, that Ordered, that the Honorable City Council, in accordance with the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority's urban renewal plan entitled, "Connect. Construct. Create. - A Plan for the Revitalization of Center City Holyoke" which was approved by the Holyoke City Council on December 4, 2012 and as amended on December 15, 2020, vote to approve the transfer of Clemente Street parcel 006 (Assessors Map 028, Block 04, Parcel 006) to the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority for consideration of \$1.00. Said parcel is approximately 5,314 square feet in size, zoned Downtown Residential and has an assessed value of \$34,500.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

BARTLEY Ordered, that Ordered, that the Honorable City Council, in accordance with the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority's urban renewal plan entitled, "Connect. Construct. Create. - A Plan for the Revitalization of Center City Holyoke" which was approved by the Holyoke City Council on December 4, 2012 and as amended on December 15, 2020, vote to approve the transfer of Clemente Street parcel 007 (Assessors Map 028, Block 04, Parcel 007) to the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority for consideration of \$1.00. Said parcel is approximately 5,532 square feet in size, zoned Downtown Residential and has an assessed value of \$34,500.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee .

BARTLEY Ordered, that That a handicap sign be placed in front of 122 Brown Ave. for Norma Rivera.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

BARTLEY Ordered, that City Council amend its rule #34 to add " naming and renaming". Refer to Charter and rules. Here is the current rule:

RULE 34:

All petitions for laying out, widening, altering, or relocating streets or ways shall be presented to the City Council, and by them referred to the Board of Public Works.

Councilor Bartley stated that the responsibility of renaming streets should be explicit in the rules .

---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

BARTLEY Ordered, that The City amend its zoning ordinances to allow for front yard pools by special permit of the City Council and to make any other necessary changes to the Swimming Pool ordinance . Refer to Ordinance Committee and copy to Building commissioner said special permit would be reviewed as part of a public hearing process. The current zoning for Swimming Pools (sec 4.5.2) as currently written, states:

The wall of a swimming pool shall not be located less than eight (8) feet to any dwelling or accessory structure, six (6) feet from any rear or side lot line, and ten (10) feet from the street line. A pool shall not encroach into any front or side yard of a parcel. In the case of corner lots, pools shall not be constructed within the front yards of the lot.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

LEAHY, McGee Ordered, that Ordered that a representative of The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Holyoke's Animal Control Department come into the Public Service Committee to discuss a strategic plan in regards to the increasing amount of wildlife in the City of Holyoke .

---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee and Division of Fisheries and Wildlife .

LEAHY, Bartley, Greaney, Jr. Ordered, that That a spreadsheet be sent to City Councilors on at least a quarterly basis from the Mayor's Office and/or Auditor's office with the following information in regards to the Marijuana industry in Holyoke:

1. Name and Address of business (include d/b/a and corporate name).
 2. Owner(s)
 3. Owner(s) Address
 4. Business Phone number
 5. Taxes paid YTD in present calendar year
 6. Taxes paid in prior calendar years
 7. How the tax revenues were used.
- > Received and adopted. Copy to Mayor, Auditor, DGR and Tax Collector.

MCGEE, Sullivan Ordered, that

The honorable City Council Invite OPED director and representatives from Winn Development to provide an update on the 216 Appleton St project.

---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

MCGEE Ordered, that That the Biennial Municipal Election in the City of Holyoke for the choice of City Officers be and the same is hereby called to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in the several polling places as designated by the City Council. The polls will be opened at 7:00 am. in the forenoon and closed at 8:00 PM. in the afternoon of said day, and all the voters in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, between said hours, may cast their votes by voting machines and paper ballots for the election of:

Que las Elecciones Municipal (Biennial) en la Ciudad de Holyoke, para el escojer de oficiales de la ciudad, sera llevado a cabo el Martes, 2, de Noviembre 2021 en los varios barrios, designados por la Assambleista Municipal. Los precintos estaran abiertos a las 7:00 a.m. de la mañana y permaneceran abierto hasta las 8:00 p.m., cuando los precintos sean designado para votar en las horas dicha y haigan dado sus votos por medio de las maquinas de eleccion o por boletos de papel, para la eleccion de:

MAYOR, to serve for the term of four years, from the first Monday in January following his election, and until his successor is qualified.

ALCALDE, para servir por un termino de cuatro anos, desde el primer Lunes de Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor sea cualificado.

CITY CLERK, to serve for the term of four years, from the first Monday in January following his election, and until his successor is qualified.

ESCRIBIENTE MUNICIPAL, para servir por un termino de cuatro anos, desde el primer Lunes de Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor sea cualificado.

TREASURER, to serve for the term of four years, from the first Monday in January following his election, and until his successor is qualified.

TESORERO, para servir por un termino de cuatro anos, desde el primer Lunes de Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor sea cualificado.

ONE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT-LARGE to serve for the term of four years, from the first Monday in January following his/her election, and until his/her successor is qualified.

UN MIEMBRO DE EL COMITE DE ESCUELA EN-GENERAL, para servir por un termino de cuatro anos, desde el primer lunes en Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor sea cualificado.

SIX COUNCILORS AT LARGE, to serve for the term of two years, from the first Monday in January following their election, and until their successors are qualified.

SEIS, ASAMBLEISTAS EN-GENERAL, para servir un termino de dos anos, desde el primer lunes de Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor se cualificado.

ONE COUNCILOR FROM EACH WARD, by and from the voters of each ward, to serve for the term of two

years, from the first Monday in January following their election, and until their successors are qualified.
 UN ASAMBLEISTA DE CADA BARRIO, por los votantes de cada barrio, para servir por el termino de dos anos, desde el primer lunes de Enero despues de elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor se cualificado.

ONE MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR EACH WARD, by and from the voters of each ward, to serve for the term of two years, from the first Monday in January following their election, and until their successors are qualified.

UN MIEMBRO DE EL COMITE DE ESCUELA DE CADA BARRIO, por los votantes de cada barrio, para servir un termino de dos anos, desde el primer lunes de Enero, despues de las elecciones, O'hasta que su sucesor sea cualificado.

---> Received and adopted.

MCGEE Ordered, that That the Polling Place for each of the voting precinct in the City of Holyoke for the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021, be and the same are hereby designated as follows:

ORDENA, que los lugares para cada recinto en la Ciudad de Holyoke para las Elecciones Municipal Esta que se llevaran a cabo el Martes , 2 de Noviembre 2021 sea y al igual, por este medio designado lo siguiente:

WARD ONE BARRIO UNO

PRECINCT A - Rosary Towers Recreation Room 21 Bowers St..

RECINTO A--Rosary Towers Recreation Room 21 de la Calle Bowers

PRECINCT B-- Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight St.

RECINTO B-- Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight St

WARD TWO BARRIO DOS

South Bridge St. Entrance only

Morgan, en la Calle So. Bridge solamente

Maple St.

Calle Maple

WARD THREE BARRIO TRES

Northampton St,

Escuela Metcalf, 2019 de la Calle Northampton

2019 Northampton St.

Metcalf, 2019 de la Calle Northampton

WARD FOUR BARRIOS CUATRO

Parish Center, Appleton St.

Center, en la Calle Appleton

PRECINCT A--Morgan School Gym,

RECINTO A--Gimnasio de la Escuela

PRECINCT B - Falcetti Towers, 475

RECINTO B - Falcetti Towers, 475 de la

PRECINCT A & B - Metcalf School, 2019

RECINTO A & B - Gimnasio de la

PRECINCT B - Metcalf School Gym,

RECINTO B -Gimnasio de la Escuela

PRECINCT A& B - St. Paul's Church

RECINTO A&B - St. Paul's Church Parish

WARD FIVE BARRIOS CINCO

School Gym, Kane Rd.

McMahon, en la Calle Kane

School Gym, Whiting Farms Rd.

Donahue, en la Calle Whiting Farms

WARD SIX BARRIO SEIS

Jarvis Ave.

de la Calle Jarvis

WARD SEVEN BARRIO SIETE

Gym, 1 Jefferson St.

E. N. White, 1 de la Calle Jefferson

PRECINCT A - Lt. Elmer J. McMahon

RECINTO A—Gimnasio de la Escuela

PRECINCT B - Maurice A. Donahue

RECINTO B—Gimnasio de la Escuela

PRECINCT A&B - Sullivan School 400

RECINTO A&B - Escuela Sullivan, 400

PRECINCT A&B - E. N. White School

PRECINTO A&B- Gimnasio de la Escuela

---> Received and adopted.

MCGEE Ordered, that That the City Council meeting of November 2, 2021 be rescheduled due to the Municipal Election.

---> Received and adopted.

MCGEE Ordered, that McGee

Order that the Board of Health, Community Development, and Mayor do a survey of City Hall and the annex building in order to prioritize the top needs for improvements of the two buildings (i.e. elevators, mold removal, carpets, etc). Further that based on the public safety nature to these issues, determine if grant money can be used ASAP.

Councilor Murphy stated that \$4 million had been allocated to address these kinds of issues from ARPA funds. He noted many things may not be addressed until spring, but other things would be addressed sooner.

President McGee noted that the survey was to assure issues do not get missed.

---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

MCGEE Ordered, that Order that the Mayor and City Council review and approve the relocation of a department or departments to the unused space of the tax collector/personnel office. These spaces are forward facing offices/spaces that allow better constituent access/service. (Note: One consideration would be to move the planning department into these spaces which would allow constituents/business easier access to the process.)

Councilor Murphy noted that there was space not being used well. He also noted that he had occasionally used the old tax collector office for meetings. He then stated he had spoken with department heads on better use of space.

Councilor Bartley suggested that the School Department should be invited to see if they could use some of the space in order to move out of their office on Suffolk Street.

Councilor Greaney noted that the city pays over \$200,000 a year for the rent paid for School Department offices.

---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 58 through 61 and 64

through 66 as a package.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FFY22 MUNICIPAL ROAD SAFETY (MRS) PROGRAM, \$41,650, NO MATCH" 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 .

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$28,260) as follows:

FROM:			
14301-51102	HEAVY MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR		\$28,260
		TOTAL:	\$28,260
TO:			
14302-53100	REFUSE - OTHER SERVICES		\$28,260
		TOTAL:	\$28,260

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,500) as follows:

FROM:			
11521-51104	HEAD CLERK		\$3,500
		TOTAL:	\$3,500
TO:			
11521-51101	PERSONNEL DIRECTOR		\$3,500
		TOTAL:	\$3,500

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$4,000) as follows:

FROM:			
16911-51101	PAY-DIRECTOR		\$4,000
		TOTAL:	\$4,000
TO:			
16911-51104	PAY-PROGRAM COORDINATOR		\$2,000

16911-51106	PAY-OFFICE ASSISTANT		2,000
		TOTAL:	\$4,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that Ordered that the sum of \$1,918,200 is appropriated to pay the costs of infrastructure improvements for the following City of Holyoke vicinities : replacement of Roberts Field running track, sidewalk resurfacing and improvements in the areas of Brown Avenue, Westfield Road, Clark Street, Gilman Street, Wycoff, Highland, Vadnais, Princeton and Jefferson, and the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore; that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any state aid available for the project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project .

Further Ordered: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all of the bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as may be required for such purposes .

Further Ordered: That in order to reduce interest costs, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to refinance any bonds issued pursuant to this Order and in connection therewith, to issue refunding bonds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws.

Further Ordered: That there shall be no change in the purpose of this bond authorization without prior vote of approval by the Holyoke City Council.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the " American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Coronavirus Local Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) County Reallocation, \$7,792,257, " 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 .

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR AND 23/100 Dollars (\$147,734.23) as follows:

FROM:			
13002-57000	OTHER EXPENSES		\$147,734.23
		TOTAL:	\$147,734.23

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

President McGee noted that the format of the order appeared to be missing an account the funds were going to.

Councilor Murphy clarified that the School Department had equipment from the former shops at Dean which had been sold. He added that the funds would be used for new equipment for the shops.

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN AND 84/100 Dollars (\$2,227.84) as follows:

FROM:			
12201-51105	FIREFIGHTER		\$2,227.84
		TOTAL:	\$2,227.84
TO:			
12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY		\$2,227.84
		TOTAL:	\$2,227.84

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR AND 28/100 Dollars (\$33,774.28) as follows:

FROM:			
12101-51104	LIEUTENANT		\$7,766.44
12101-51105	SERGEANT		6,723.80
12101-51107	PATROLMEN		19,284.04
		TOTAL:	\$33,774.28
TO:			
12101-51180	INJURED ON DUTY		\$33,774.28
		TOTAL:	\$33,774.28

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Lebron-Martinez).

MURPHY Ordered, that Chapter 2, Article II, Division 6 "Administrative Assistant to the City Council," Section 2-181 "Duties generally" be amended to add an additional category of duties pertaining to the management and updates of the city website and social media accounts, including offering guidance to staff members of city departments on use of the website as a records access and communication tool.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

LATE FILED ORDERS & COMMUNICATIONS

(3:21:15)

VACON -- Ordered, request that HG&E install a street light on pole #2 Cross Road in front of #155 Cross Road.

Councilor Vacon stated that this was to address a safety issue for a constituent.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the HG & E.

ANDERSON-BURGOS, McGee Ordered, that the City Council issue a proclamation in honor of the raising of the Puerto Rican flag to celebrate the culture and contributions of the Puerto Rican diaspora of the City of Holyoke.

---> Received and adopted

MCGEE Ordered, that the Finance Committee or Public Safety Committee invite in the DPW to discuss the meters (safety issues, collections etc.)

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND 77/100 Dollars (\$18,101.77) as follows:

FROM:

12201-51105	FIREFIGHTER	\$6,751.11	
12201-51109	ASST FIRE ALARM OPERATOR		11,350.66
	TOTAL: \$18,101.77		

TO:

12201-51101	FIRE CHIEF	\$4.92	
12201-51103	CAPTAINS	8,076.00	
12201-51104	LIEUTENANTS	9,347.46	
12201-51107	SUPERVISOR- FIRE ALARMS		673.39
	TOTAL: \$18,101.77		

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ELEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 00/100 Dollars (\$11,814.00) as follows:

FROM:

11211-51103	AIDE TO MAYOR	\$11,814	
	TOTAL: \$11,814.00		

TO:

15101-51103	SANITARIAN II	\$3,319	
15101-51105	HEAD CLERK	1,339	
15101-51107	SANITARIAN III	1,775	
15101-51109	SANITARIAN I	1,551	
15101-51111	FLOATING CLERK		1,549
15101-51104	PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE		2,221
	TOTAL:	\$11,814.00	

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, October 5, 2021.

Terence Murphy, Mayor

---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MURPHY Ordered, that Ordered that the City Council consider merging the Holyoke Historical Commission and the Historic District Commissions .

---> Received and refer to the committee on Charter and Rules.

Adjourn at 10:33 PM.

A true record

ATTEST:

Brenna Murphy Mellee

City Clerk