

**AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**January 4,2022**

**LAID ON THE TABLE**

Meeting will take place at Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight St and can also be accessed remotely via [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87690340368?pwd=V2FmTXpGTTNDQTJRRkRSSit2K2lFUT09>  
Meeting ID: 876 9034 0368 Meeting Passcode: 531163 or by call in at 1 (646) 558-8656 with same Meeting ID and Passcode.

Live Spanish interpretation will be available on local access channel 15 using the television's SAP option, through the live stream on the city website, as well as on the Zoom feed by clicking the interpretation option and choosing Spanish.

1. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order 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.  
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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

2. List of Appointments for 2022
3. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter of appointment for new Personnel Director Kelly Curran
4. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting.
5. From Ryan Murphy, letter of interest/resume in Water Commission Vacancy

6. From Timothy Keane, letter of interest/resume in Water Commission Vacancy
7. From Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston, regarding seating of City Councilors Israel Rivera and Jenny Rivera
8. Notice of Community Outreach Public Meeting for Marijuana Cultivation and manufacturing Establishment at 475 Canal St.

#### PETITIONS

9. Petition of Eric Toensmeier for a renewal of a Home Occupation at 145 Brown Ave. for a writing and consulting business
10. Petition of WTM-SB LLC for a Marijuana Establishment at 120 Middle Water Street

#### MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

11. JOURDAIN -- That our state delegation and Mayor be invited before the finance committee to have a dialogue on how we can improve our local aid funding formulas with the state and together develop a plan of action. Then collectively discuss our strategy on how to act upon that plan to ensure Holyoke is actually receiving the money it needs to operate effectively and is getting its "fair share."
12. JOURDAIN -- That the Assessors appear before the City Council to discuss the current property tax exemption amounts and qualifying criteria to see if any adjustments can and should be made to ensure all deserving residents who should qualify for assistance get that assistance. We also want to make sure we are strategically taking advantage of all state subsidized exemptions for the financial support of our needy residents especially as the city has continued to increase property taxes to record levels. This is hitting many people hard and they need our help.
13. JOURDAIN -- That the DPW and Sewer Commission do a study and seriously consider adopting a sewer maintenance insurance program for homeowners that is modeled off the Water Department's water maintenance insurance program. The Water Department program has been a great accomplishment and has been very warmly received by residents who appreciate this very low cost protection. That the DPW report back to the City Council on their findings by April 1, 2022.
14. JOURDAIN -- That the Mayor be requested to hire a Full-Time Marketing and Public Relations Director for the City of Holyoke with the goal of improving the image of the City of Holyoke and aggressively seeking outside private investment to Holyoke. A position of this

nature should have a high Return on Investment (ROI) which should also be tracked.

- 15. JOURDAIN -- That the School Receiver Mr Soto and his team be requested to develop a formal financial literacy curriculum for the schools as a measure to increase financial literacy of students and to end the cycle of poverty in the city.
- 16. JOURDAIN -- The Holyoke Gas and Electric be requested to take all necessary steps to end the gas moratorium. That they report back to the City Council by April 1, 2022 on their recommended plan of action including potential time table to bring the moratorium to an end.
- 17. MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTEEN AND 34/100 Dollars (\$18,417.34) as follows:

FROM:		
12101-51104	LIEUTENANT	\$3,883.22
12101-51105	SERGEANT	3,361.90
12101-51107	PATROLMEN	11,172.22
TOTAL:		\$18,417.34
TO:		
12101-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$18,417.34
TOTAL:		\$18,417.34

- 18. MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SIXTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$16,180.00) as follows:

FROM:		
11351-51102	ASSISTANT AUDITOR - PAY	
	\$9,800.00	
11351-51105	HEAD CLERK - PAY	6,380.00
TOTAL:		\$16,180.00
TO:		
11452-56000	IRS PENALTIES	\$16,180.00
TOTAL:		\$16,180.00

- 19. MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWENTY TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 10/100 Dollars (\$22,145.10) as follows:

FROM:		
15431-51103	PAY-INVESTIGATOR	\$22,145.10
TOTAL:		\$22,145.10
TO:		

15431-51105      PAY-NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER  
\$22,145.10

TOTAL:      \$22,145.10

**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

  
City Clerk