

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President McGee at 7:09 PM

The Clerk called the roll. Absent members: 0 Present Members 13 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Givner, Jourdain, Maldonado Velez, McGee, McGiverin, Murphy-Romboletti, Puello, I. Rivera, J. Rivera, Tallman, Vacon).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

President McGee asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mary Ellen Leahy, mother of former councilor James Leahy. He remarked that he had known her since he had been very young. He recalled her kindness to all of the kids in their neighborhood growing up, adding that losing her was like losing a mother.

A moment of silence was observed for Mary Ellen Leahy.

President McGee then offered a wish Happy Birthday to his daughter, Mac Murphy McGee.

The name of Councilor Maldonado Velez was called to head the roll call voting.

President McGee noted that the Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos had received several calls from members of the public expressing that it can be hard to hear people in meeting if they do not speak closely into the microphones.

LAI D ON THE TABLE

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.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon asked if there had been an update from the mayor.

President McGee expressed his understanding that the mayor had been in support. Following a clarification from Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos, he stated that there had been a change in the language that had been provided and up to date.

Councilor Bartley asked if the updated language had been made available.

President McGee stated it had been emailed at the last meeting.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the Administrative Assistant and the President both approved of the change.

President McGee clarified that months back, there had been a shortage of staff in the mayor's office, and that the Administrative Assistant offered to pick up the duties. He then stated there had been an intent to pay through a stipend but through conversations with the state's Ethics Commission, they advised that the job description would have to be updated. He noted that the new mayor had been in support as it had continued to go well.

Councilor McGiverin suggested that a salary adjustment should be in order. He emphasized the importance of the duties, noting that it would make the Administrative Assistant the webmaster for the city. He also emphasized that city departments should remain in charge of their own sections of the website, with the Administrative Assistant available for technical assistance to assure things continue to work correctly.

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that he would support the change, noting that he believed the work was being done well and he had heard great feedback. He also stated that he would prefer that the role be eventually created as its own position.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. In City Council, February 1, 2022 the report of committee passed two readings and adopted on a call of a roll of yeas and nays, Yeas 12, Nays 0, Abstain 1 (Anderson-Burgos)
Approved by the Mayor

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that That the City of Holyoke, re-examine the current ordinance which only specifies that the snow and ice shall be removed from the entire width of the sidewalk on all portions of streets on which parking meters are installed but does not state this for residential zones.

Sec. 78-141. - Removal of snow and ice.

(a) No owner or person in control of an estate abutting upon any street, lane, court, or square within the city where there is a sidewalk shall place or suffer to remain for more than 24 hours any snow upon such sidewalk, or any ice upon such sidewalk unless such ice is made even and covered with sand, sawdust, ashes or other suitable material to prevent slipping; nor shall any person place any ice or snow onto other private property or public ways. This section shall apply to snow or ice which may have fallen from any building upon such sidewalk and to snow which may have accumulated upon such sidewalk by drifting, and to ice formed from water running or accumulating upon such sidewalk.

(b)

On all portions of streets on which parking meters are installed, all snow and ice shall be removed from the entire width of the sidewalk within eight hours after the cessation of any snowstorm.

(Code 1972, § 18-15)

We are currently having issues with the owner of 921 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA in which he does not abide by the ordinance and when he finally gets to complying he shovels out a 12 inch pad as wide as the shovel in his corner lot located on Linden and Dwight Street. Residents have raised their avid discontent in the matter, the HPD and BOH have tied resources in the matter and as most recent as this last snow storm it appears that the owner is not aware of his property lines and responsibility. See library of images that I am including as an example since the snow season started. Recommended that the order be adopted.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon asked to confirm that the new language reflected the requested change to make the ordinance 24 hours across the board.

President McGee confirmed the new draft deleted a section for 8 hours in metered spots and replaces it with 24 hours for all locations.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. In City Council February 2, 2022, the report of committee passed two readings and adopted on a call of the roll of yeas and nays, yeas 13, nays 0
Approved by Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

(9:35)

Cynthia Espinosa Marrero, representing Nueva Esperanza at 401 Main St, stated that she was available to answer questions on item 12, noting she had worked closely with Aaron and the Office of Planning and Economic Development. She then expressed support for item 32 to establish a Puerto Rican cultural district.

COMMUNICATIONS

(31:30)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 3, 4, and 5 as a package.

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia letter appointing Maureen Tisdell to the position of Acting Director of Parks & Recreation for the City of Holyoke effective January 18, 2022: This Appointment shall remain in place until a new Director of Parks & Recreation is appointed to fill the vacancy. At such point Ms. Tisdell will return to her position of Assistant Director.

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

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Marcos Marrero, 34 Pinehurst Rd. to serve as a Commissioner of the Gas & Electric for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Marrero will replace Robert Gentile, who's term expired on July 1, 2020. Mr. Marrero will serve a year term; said term will expire July 1, 2026.

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

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Nicholas A. Duclos, 11 Arlington St. to serve as a Commissioner of the parks and Recreation for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Duclos will replace Mr. Israel Rivera and will serve Mr. Rivera's remainder of the term; said term will expire on June 30, 2024.

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

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that another letter related to item 4 had been in the Development and Governmental Relations (DGR) jacket for over a year. She questioned why that had happened that way and if that committee should continue to hold that item.

Councilor Jourdain noted that a good point had been raised. He suggested that both items should be referred to the Public Service Committee, with the approval of that committee's Chair.

Councilor Tallman expressed his support for his committee taking it up. He then clarified that the appointment was to replace Robert Griffin, not Robert Gentile.

Councilor Vacon asked if Mr. Griffin had continued serving in the role.

Councilor Tallman confirmed he had continued and would do so until he was replaced.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to remove the corresponding item from the DGR Committee and refer to the Public Service Committee. Councilor Tallman seconded the motion.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti noted that as the previous letter had been signed by former Mayor Morse, it may more sense for DGR to give it a leave to withdraw.

From Mayor Alex B. Morse letter appointing Mr. Marcos A. Marrero, 34 Pinehurst Rd. to serve as a Commissioner of the Gas & Electric for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Marrero will replace Robert Griffin, who's term expired July 1, 2020. Mr. Marrero will serve a six year term; said term will expire July 1, 2026.
--->Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

From Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Local Election Districts Review Commission, informing that this division meets the requirements of MGL Chapter 54, Section 1 and is otherwise consistent with law and has thus been approved by the Commission. Effective date of new ward and precincts was December 31, 2021.
--->Received. Copied to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

From Holyoke Redevelopment Authority Annual report summarizing activities from November 2020 through October 2021.
--->Received.

From Alicia M. Zoeller, Administrator Office for Community Development letter re: Activities of the Office for Community Development.
--->Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

Proposed language changes to Ordinance Sec 2-201 and 2-221 regarding Duties and Qualifications.
--->Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

From Board of Fire Commission minutes of December 29, 2021.
--->Received.

From Councilor Maldonado-Velez, City Council Rules examples with titles and sections. Send to Charter & Rules
Amherst (<https://www.amherstma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/46001/Amherst-Town-Council-Rules-and-Procedures?bidId=>)
Boston (<https://www.boston.gov/departments/city-council/city-council-rules>)
---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

From Councilor Maldonado-Velez Communication regarding Holyoke Food Economy Coalition Bylaws.
see attachment
---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

PETITIONS

(16:45)

Petition of Raquel Fasoli Figueroa, for a renewal of a home occupation at 145 Mountain View Dr. for a Painting Business.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to assure that previous conditions remained. Councilor Tallman seconded the motion.
--->Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays. Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Petition of Joseph Charles Mazzola (Paper City Fabrics) for a new second hand license Section 66-39, at 332 Pleasant St.
---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(18:20)

President McGee stated that the Mayor was looking for volunteers to serve on a committee to study locations for the School Department. He noted there had been several options discussed in the past. He asked councilors to inform him of their intent to volunteer. He then stated that ARPA funds may be a possible source of funds for acquiring or renovating a location for use, potentially in the City Hall Annex.

Councilor I. Rivera stated he would be willing to serve if no others were interested.

Councilor Jourdain nominated Councilor Puello to serve on the committee.

President McGee stated that the Parade Committee was planning their annual Ambassador Breakfast on March 20th and was encouraging people to sign up earlier, noting an expectation that they would sell out fast.

Councilor Tallman noted hearing from Sister Judy about sometimes struggling to hear everyone during meetings.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(21:40)

President McGee entertained a trivia question, asking councilors if they knew the name of one of the punctuations listed in the agenda item numbers for the lengthy Ordinance Committee reports. He stated the symbol, ^, is called a circumflex. He then asked Councilor Vacon how she planned to proceed with the committee reports.

Councilor Vacon stated that items 15A through 15G along with 15O would be taken up individually under regular business. She then stated that items 15J through the end of the committee's reports at 15p would be taken up as a package. She noted most had been from 2018 and 2019 and would all be taken up in order to be given a leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Zone Change Application from R1 to RM20 for Cherry Hill Estates Condominium Trust at 1 Maplecrest Circle (151-00-006.1C) to change the back 6.7 acres from R1 to RM20 to form one contiguous zoning. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that the initial hearings took place with the prior Council, noting this final hearing had been a bit of a redo for new councilors to ask questions. She stated that the Planning Board had a unanimous recommendation to make it consistent with the rest of the parcel.

Councilor Bartley noted that there had been three public and no opposition. He then stated that few things raise more controversy than zone changes, emphasizing that there had been no opposition. He also noted that the applicants have good reputation in the community. He then stated that there could be one or two buildings new budlings, adding that the zone change needed to happen before the owners could proceed with studying the potential. He also emphasized that the city would benefit from additional condominium units in the area.

Councilor Vacon stated that as the Ward 5 councilor, she was in support of the change. She stated it would be good for the neighborhood and the city as a whole.

---> In City Council, on February 1, 2022 the 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 Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City remove the No Parking signs proximate to 274 South St. & 2 Brown Avenue. The signs affect two homeowners and the W-3 councilor met with both 11/20/21 and both wanted the signs removed. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez

Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated it had been a straightforward order, adding that City Engineer offered caution that there would be no parking during snow removal.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the 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 Ordinance to whom was referred an order The city amend its ordinances to limit parking in front of the business at 548 South St. The new restaurant seeks to cap parking during its business hours to one hour.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon emphasized that specific hours were being recommended of 11 AM - 10 PM.

President McGee confirmed the legal language dd specify that language.

---> In City council February 1, 2022 the 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 15D and 15E as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a handicap sign be placed in front of 70 Walnut St. for Angel Lopez, Placard #PL3940078.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> 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.

Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a handicap sign be removed from the front of 130 Cabot St.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that 15D was to add a sign, noting there had been recommendation from the Disabilities Commission. She then stated that the 15E was to remove, expressing her understanding that the person had moved.

---> 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.

Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that additional speed limit signs be posted on Homestead Ave, north and south of 202, locations to be determined by our City Engineer.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that the engineer reviewed the area, recommending locations where signs could be placed.

President McGee stated that there had been no attachment of legal form siting locations.

Councilor Vacon suggested that the order could be adopted for the signs to be placed. She then asked if placement of signs required an ordinance.

President McGee suggested that follow up could be done to assure an ordinance wasn't needed.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 15G and 15O as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that an ordinance establishing municipal fines for illegal operation of dirt bikes and OHV's be established at the highest possible level allowed. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

--> In City Council February 1, 2022 the 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.

Councilor Vacon stated that the order had begun discussion with the prior Council, which had been a collaboration with Springfield and Chicopee initiated by former Acting Mayor, Terry Murphy.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that an ordinance be established prohibiting gas stations from selling gas to illegal dirt bikers/OHV's. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be denied.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that the order had been a part of the larger discussion to address dirt bikers swarming other drivers, adding that the intent was to limit and deter the activity. She stated that Springfield and Chicopee had adopted the ordinance with some success. She then noted that some members of the committee believed it would not be enforceable or unfairly enforced. She then stated, for the purposes of a minority report, that the measure would be a deterrent to use of off-road vehicles.

Councilor Jourdain stated that they wanted something that would be enforceable. He suggested that the just adopted order in 15G would address needs and concerns presented in the community. He noted that would provide for stiff penalties and fines to those violating the rules, noting it would far exceed state law. He then stated that 15O would go too far, noting that while it was well intentioned, it would put gas station attendants in the position of determining who is legal or preventing law abiding citizens from purchasing gas. He then suggested that there would be easy ways around the law such as filling red gas cans.

Councilor Puello stated that he would have been in favor of the ordinance change in 15O, suggested there could have been ways to make it work. He then expressed he would vote against the recommendation to deny it. He then questioned those would were willing to fine dirt bike operators but not gas stations.

Councilor Maldonado Velez expressed concern with voting to fine illegal dirt bike riders. He suggested there should be efforts to find alternatives to punishing people. He then questioned changes that give the overworked Police Department more enforcement work. He then asked his colleagues to consider ways to work with people in the community as an alternative to telling people what they can't do.

Councilor I. Rivera suggested that one solution would be to work with other communities to find space for dirt bikers to ride them. He noted that the bikes continue to be sold in the stores but then the owners have no place to use them. He suggested he may file an order to work with others to build spaces for legal use. He echoed Councilor Maldonado Velez on his concern about creating punitive actions.

Councilor Tallman recalled a similar issue being addressed in the past with skateboarders creating hazards on public ways, noting that a park had been built. He then stated that while he thought it was a good idea, he expressed concern that gas station attendants could be forced into conflicts by asking them to enforce an ordinance.

Councilor Vacon clarified that the intent of the ordinance was not to prevent someone from putting gas into a gas container or a vehicle on a trailer. She added the intent was to prevent fuel sales to those driving up to a gas station on a dirt bike.

President McGee stated that there had been issues with the interpretation audio, adding assurances that the video online would have the interpretation.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays that it be denied--Yeas 8--Nays 5 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Puello, Tallman, Vacon)--Absent 0.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the city of Holyoke look to adopt an ordinance similar to Springfield regarding recreation and off highway vehicles - see chapter 385- recreation & off-highway vehicles city of Springfield.

> <ORD-2019-11 Chapter 385-Recreation & Off-Highway Vehicles - City of Springfield, Massachusetts have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that the order had been a partner order to a home rule petition already passed by the City Council previously.

--->Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the ordinance committee meet to discuss downtown parking meters in terms of the amount of time allowed & the price charged, as well as how we might increase the number of payment options available.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be referred to the Mayor for the purposes of appointing a Parking Advisory Board to make recommendations to the Ordinance Committee.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon

Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that a parking advisory group had been developed but not yet activated. She then stated that Mayor Garcia expressed his intent to get the group started right away. She then stated that the group could consider their recommendations in committee.

Councilor McGiverin noted that parking issues in the downtown area had been ongoing for a number of years. He recalled that the City Council and Chamber of Commerce had been engaged in a comprehensive plan in the past to assure enough parking for business and allow residents to have options for parking. He emphasized the value of a commission to analyze what was needed, noting that parking needs had changed substantially due to Covid. He also noted issues with the use of parking structures, broken meters, and machines with time limits that only take quarters.

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted. Copy to Mayor.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 15J through 15N and 15P through 15p as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Petition from residents of Elmwood Ave. for speed humps have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Petition of Gomoto, LLC - Charles A. Theocles for a street vendor license for a mobile food truck have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a handicap sign be placed in front of 370 Maple St. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez

Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a residents only parking signs be place on Columbus Avenue. Residents have expressed concerns that parking for area businesses are parking along street, including driveways in some instances have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a sign be placed on both ends of Monroe Street prohibiting large trucks from using it as a pass through. Residents have expressed that this creates a danger for children, and that one truck also damaged a power line leading up to a resident's house. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That ARTICLE II section 42-41 Organization: compensation be changed to allow for a stipend for fire commissioners.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That City Council establish a school building study committee to review options and recommend steps for improvements within our city budget.

Membership to include but not be limited to:

Mayor, Receiver, one school committee member, one CC member, one small business owner, one large business owner, a parent with children in the public schools, a renter, a senior citizen, one teacher.

Membership should represent all wards of the city to the greatest extent possible

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that City Ordinance Chapter 2, Article II, Division 5, Section 2-152 and Chapter 2, Article II Division 1, Section 2-67 be examined and updated to remove the residency requirement for City Solicitor

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that in order to allow for development and redevelopment of properties in South Holyoke in alignment with existing City plans; more properly define two gateways to the City; and to properly align the overlying zoning to what is presently in place, bringing those parcels further into conformity while in turn reducing the possibility of future incompatible uses, the following parcels be zone changed to BC - Downtown Business as shown in the following table:

MBP Number Address

028-03-007 398 MAIN ST, 028-03-009 370 MAIN ST, 028-03-010 358 MAIN ST

028-03-011 MAIN ST, 028-03-012 74 CABOT ST, 028-04-009 MAIN ST

028-04-010 MAIN ST, 028-04-011 454 MAIN ST, 028-04-012 452 MAIN ST

028-04-013 416 MAIN ST, 028-04-014 MAIN ST, 028-04-015 412 MAIN ST

028-04-016 60 HAMILTON ST, 028-06-001 MAIN ST, 028-06-002 341 MAIN ST
 028-06-003 345 MAIN ST, 028-06-004 349 MAIN ST, 028-06-005 MAIN ST
 028-06-006 363 MAIN ST, 028-06-007 365 MAIN ST, 028-06-008 369 MAIN ST
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 028-06-012 385 MAIN ST, 028-06-013 389 MAIN ST, 028-06-014 MAIN ST
 028-06-015 393 MAIN ST, 028-07-001 401 MAIN ST, 028-07-002 405 MAIN ST
 028-07-003 409 MAIN ST, 028-07-004 415 MAIN ST, 028-07-005 MAIN ST
 028-07-006 427 MAIN ST, 028-07-007 433 MAIN ST, 028-07-008 435 MAIN ST
 028-07-009 437 MAIN ST, 028-07-010 447 MAIN ST, 028-07-011 449 MAIN ST
 028-07-012 71 SARGEANT ST, 029-01-001 2 CABOT ST, 029-01-007 16 CABOT ST
 029-01-008 14 CABOT ST, 029-04-001 20 CABOT ST, 029-04-001.1 18 CABOT ST
 029-04-002 525 SOUTH SUMMER ST, 029-04-014 32 CABOT ST, 029-04-015 28 CABOT ST
 030-03-004 CABOT ST, 030-03-005 CABOT ST, 030-03-006 57 CABOT ST
 030-03-007 CABOT ST, 030-03-008 61 CABOT ST, 030-03-009 84 CLEMENTE ST
 030-04-001 200 MAIN ST, 030-04-002 CRESCENT ST, 030-04-003 CLEMENTE ST
 030-04-004 15 CLEMENTE ST, 030-04-005 CLEMENTE ST, 030-04-006 23 CLEMENTE ST
 030-04-007 268 MAIN ST, 030-04-008 MAIN ST, 030-04-009 254 MAIN ST
 030-04-010 MAIN ST, 030-05-006 330 MAIN ST, 030-05-015 MAIN ST
 030-07-001 166 APPLETON ST, 030-07-002 MAIN ST, 030-07-003 MAIN ST
 030-07-005 MAIN ST, 030-07-006 235 MAIN ST, 030-07-007 241 MAIN ST
 030-07-008 251 MAIN ST, 030-07-009 MAIN ST, 030-07-010 267 MAIN ST
 030-08-001 273 MAIN ST, 030-08-002 277 MAIN ST, 030-08-003 281 MAIN ST
 030-08-004 285 MAIN ST, 030-08-005 289 MAIN ST, 030-08-006 293 MAIN ST
 030-08-007 305 MAIN ST, 030-08-008 309 MAIN ST, 030-08-009 317 MAIN ST
 030-08-010 321 MAIN ST, 030-08-011 325 MAIN ST, 030-08-012 329 MAIN ST
 031-01-014 510 SOUTH BRIDGE ST, 031-01-017 SOUTH BRIDGE ST
 031-01-018 31 CABOT ST, 031-01-019 37 CABOT ST, 031-01-020 41 CABOT ST
 031-01-021 SOUTH EAST ST, 032-01-015 13 CABOT ST, 032-01-016 7 CABOT ST
 have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
 Jose Maldonado-Velez
 Kocayne Givner
 Kevin A Jourdain
 Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that in order to allow for development and redevelopment of properties in the area in alignment with existing City plans; provide cohesiveness to the area and bring those parcels further into conformity, the following parcels be zone changed as shown in the following table:

PARCEL ID	OWNER	PROPOSED	CURRENT USE
011-07-008	N.E. Telephone	RO to BC	parking lot
011-07-009	N.E. Telephone	RO to BC	parking lot
011-07-010	N.E. Telephone	RO to BC	telephone exchange station
011-10-002	2nd Cong. Church	RO to BC	religious
011-10-003	Foley Property	RO to BC	educational property
011-10-005	Foley Property	RO to DR	parking lot
011-10-006	Alecto Realty Trust	RO to DR	Two-Family
011-10-007	LC2 Holyoke LLC	RO to DR	developable land
011-10-008	LC2 Holyoke LLC	RO to DR	developable land

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that no change in pay for any elected official shall take effect during the current term of office. Individuals know the pay for the position at the time they run for office have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that permanent speed bumps be installed on Bemis Road, attached is the petition by residents requesting the speed bumps. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That speed humps be installed on Lower Westfield Rd, Richard Eger Dr, Whitney Ave and Lynn Ann Dr. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the Chapter 2, Section 2-336 (c) be amended to include the words, "with the exception of food vendors with the appropriate permits from the state, Board of Health and Department of Public Works." Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City Council adopt an ordinance that phases out and prohibits the use of plastic bags in the city (plastics bags are one of the greatest contributors to the trash and debris problems we have throughout the city and many neighboring city's have passed language that we can emulate).
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City Council, in accordance with MGL Chapter 43, Section 43, submit the following question to the voters at the next biennial state election: " Shall this City allow the sale of marijuana products, as those terms are defined in G.L. c.94G, 1, for consumption on the premises where sold, a summary of which appears below?" Passage of this order shall be contingent on the state legislature's approval of House Bill 4284 or other legislative/interpretive change to M.G.L. c. 94G, sec 3(b) deemed acceptable by the Secretary of the Commonwealth
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the city develop a comprehensive sign ordinance that allows for the possibility of billboards and/or off site signage.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke create a Retail Center (RC) zone taking into account both present tenancies and desired future development of such

properties, with appropriate criteria to ensure proper cohesive uses and promote continued mixed commercial / retail in Holyoke
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke draft and adopt a Small Cell Tower Installation ordinance said ordinance would limit equipment must not extend further than 50 inches from the top of the pole/roof. Once installed, all rooftop poles/roofs would be subject to inspection by the city every other year at a fee of \$500 apiece to said wireless company
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke remove from its Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, Section 8.3 "Shopping Center Districts" and any other references to said zone and replace with Retail Center (RC).
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the City of Holyoke remove the loud speaker permit authority from the Police Department and include any loud speaker / outdoor permitting in special permits issued by the licensing board, this will improve efficiency, transparency and equity when issuing permits for loud speaker permits.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke through ordinance create "gentrification mitigation zones." "Gentrification Mitigation Zones," or GMZ will be areas with large working class and highest concentration of poverty according to the US Census Data tracts, above-average increases in property values and signs of resident displacement. The districts would be subject to stronger protections for tenants whose housing may be at risk as developers and people with higher incomes move into a neighborhood. In a gentrification mitigation zone, tenants of a building that's put up for sale would have the first chance to buy it, with the possible assistance of local (i.e. CPA), state and federal funds. If renters opted not to buy their building, the sale would be subject to a tax of 1 percent or less to assist tenants who face displacement locally.

Developers in these proposed zones would also have to create community impact statements to address how they would affect the neighborhood's character, existing affordable housing, schools and other resources. They would be required to meet with any Ward Councilor in which a zone lies and the local neighborhood councils to present their plans.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the contract with Zip Cars be reviewed to determine why the city is not receiving any revenue from this enterprise and what can be changed to make sure the city receives an appropriate payment for allowing this company special parking privileges downtown

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the DG&R committee meet with the appropriate city departments to review the events leading up to the problems at 62-64 Commercial Street. Have there been previous concerns about the heating system within those buildings? Also, please review what went well in terms of providing solutions for the tenants, and what did not go well, so that we can improve the process in the future

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the DPW install truck exclusion signs at both ends of Bemis Rd have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the DPW Superintendent reviews parking options on Hampden and Beacon and offer suggestions that may alleviate delivery issues for Eddie's Furniture. Request from business owner. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the following changes be made to the classification and compensation plans of chapter 2 proposed ordinance changes have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the most recent changes to the sign ordinance be rescinded have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the ordinance committee amend ordinance 2-467, related to the Community Preservation Committee, by removing the position

requirement of city council member to the CPC.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the ordinance committee meet with the director of planning and development and other appropriate parties to discuss the current zoning in South Holyoke. The goal of this meeting would be to amend designated zoning to promote economic development and also enhance the residential redevelopment planned for the area. As is, current zoning is preventing several areas which have been vacated either by fire or demolition from being used effectively

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the PR Salary Schedule of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances be amended to increase the salary of all PR 14 positions to PR 19
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the Supervisors Union please provide a list of all employees in the union and how long they have been part of the union for.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:
Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that we review and amend the noise and any other applicable ordinances to reduce the increased amount of unnecessary vehicle noise in our city have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City council amend city ordinances to require property owners to:

- a. Clear snow away from fire hydrants
- b. Clear leaves from catch basins

Refer to Ordinance committee |

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City council amend its ordinances to create a committee to study the costs and benefits of involved with the City of Holyoke establishing its own animal control facility. The expectation is that the committee, once created, will produce a report to be reviewed by the Board of Health, City Council, Mayor and other relevant departments

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order the City Council ordinance committee do a comprehensive review of the City's sign ordinance alongside technical support and feedback from the planning board and legal department

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City of Holyoke consider remaining the portion of Chapin St. that is south of South St. As a suggestion, it should be re-named South Chapin St have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

---> Given leave to withdraw.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order the Holyoke City Council pass a wage theft ordinance to ensure that all contractors and developers who receive public funds (city contracts, tax breaks, housing development breaks) would need to comply with state laws governing the payment of wage and hour laws as well as any other obligations that would otherwise be required by the municipality to meet. If possible, the ordinance should also include advantages for Holyoke residents to obtain this work and ensure women, people of color, and Veterans are hired on the construction projects have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Linda L. Vacon
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Kocayne Givner
Kevin A Jourdain
Israel Rivera_I

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that the committee jacket had many orders that were old or had newer refiled versions. She then asked for an abbreviated reading.

Councilor Maldonado Velez asked about an order in the package regarding adopting a wage theft ordinance.

Councilor Vacon stated that this was an older version of the current order still under committee review.

Councilor Maldonado Velez asked about the orders relative RC district.

Councilor Vacon stated that those had been defeated by the City Council.

Councilor Maldonado Velez asked the Admin Asst if the jacket in the online Drive was updated to be able to see what was current.

Admin Asst Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that he would delete them from the Drive after the leave to withdraw recommendations were approved.

---> Given leave to withdraw.

(1:05:20)

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From Historical Commission, letter regarding the demolition of historical buildings.
have considered the same and Recommend order be referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Committee Members:
Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the letter would go along with a discussion in the Ordinance Committee.
--->Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted. Referred to the Ordinance Committee.

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 PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP, \$42,000, MATCH \$21,000," 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
(Recommended by the Mayor)
have considered the same and Recommend be adopted.

Committee Members:
Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin expressed that it had been a benefit that Mayor Garcia had attended every Finance Committee meeting so far. He stated that the grant would buy 35 vests for the department. He then stated that the vests have a 5 year warranty, adding that they are worn regularly. He also noted that they have to be fitted to each individual. He then stated that the \$21,000 match would be a part of a transfer within an order to be taken up later on the agenda.
--->In City Council, February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Bartley).

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 SENATOR CHARLES E. SHANNON, JR. COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE (SHANNON CSI), \$556,355.26, 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.
(Recommended by the Mayor)
have considered the same and Recommend it be adopted.

Committee Members:
Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated this had been an annual grant. He then stated that the grant gets broken down through several local organizations and agencies for gang prevention to help youth engage in positive activities and get jobs. He then stated that recipients include the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club, the Holyoke High School, Holyoke Community College, and the Sheriff's Department. He added that the city acts as the funneling agent to bring the funds to the agencies. He then stated that the Auditor assured the committee that the grant reporting had been up to date.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Bartley).

Councilor McGiverin stated that items 16D, 16E, 16F, and 16G remained in committee. He also stated that much of the meeting had been devoted to discussion of an order to bond for a middle school feasibility study, adding that the discussion would continue at their next meeting to include a conversation with the city's bond counsel, Cinder McNerney.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, EIGHTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE AND 72/100 Dollars (\$18,881.72) as follows:

FROM:

15431-51103 PAY-INVESTIGATOR \$18,881.72

TOTAL: \$18,881.72

TO:

15431-51105 PAY- NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER \$18,881.72

TOTAL: \$18,881.72

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be returned to the Auditor.

Committee Members:
Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the order should be returned to the Auditor for account purposes, noting there had been an error on the amount for transfer.

--->Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted. Returned to the Auditor.

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 EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$185,500.00) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51510 SICK BUYBACK \$100,000.00

12101-51505 TIME OWED 45,000.00

12101-51500 VACATION BUYBACK 40,500.00

TOTAL: \$185,500.00
TO:
12102-55860 PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT \$21,000.00
12102-54221 SUPPLIES-AMMO 14,500.00
12102-53010 DATA MAINTENANCE 36,000.00
12102-52410 R&M M/V 20,000.00
12102-53190 EDUCATION & TRAINING 30,000.00
12102-54830 M/V SUPPLIES 14,000.00
12102-54800 M/V FUEL 30,000.00
12102-54200 OFFICE SUPPLIES 20,000.00
TOTAL: \$185,500.00
(Recommended by the Mayor)

have considered the same and recommended that the order be Adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated it was explained by the Chief of Police that the department annually notes individuals within the department that have reached retirement age and their retirement packages have reached a level where they would not get back additional payments into their retirement accounts. He then stated that when these employees choose not to retire, it leads to a surplus in the sick buyback, time owed, and vacation buyback budget lines. He then stated that the line requiring additional funds were due in part to changes related to the police reform act. These changes included additional certifications for ammunition use, education, and training. He then stated that as police vehicles run around the clock, they require increased maintenance, an expense exacerbated by delays in getting new vehicles due to shortage of computer chips. He also noted that fuel costs as well as the costs of office supplies had increased recently. He also stated that vehicles that reach then end of their usage are held onto for parts rather than being traded in.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed his intent to oppose the transfer. He then stated that \$20,000 was a lot for 4 months of office supplies. He then emphasized that teachers lack funds for supplies, often paying for them out of their own pockets. He then questioned that the costs of what they needed was the exact amount available in the accounts being transferred from. He then asked to clarify that surpluses go into the general fund at the end of the year. He then noted he was in support of some of the requests, but not al of it.

Councilor McGiverin noted that many of the lines had been cut by the former mayor and the City Council during the last budget approval. He then emphasized that police officers required more training due to new requirements of the police reform act, adding that many of those changes had been made after the budget had been approved. He also noted that transfer orders cannot be amended. He then stated that the budget lines being transferred out of may have additional surpluses remaining.

Councilor I. Rivera reiterated that he would prefer some of the requests to be lower so that more could go into the general fund at the end of the year. He also stated that he had been a beneficiary of the SHANNON grant, allowing him to grow as an individual. He then asked that the department consider the city's larger budget needs when making their request.

Councilor Vacon noted that by finding the funds within their own budget, they were not exceeding what they were budgeted.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he could see an argument for lower requests among a few of the lines. He then stated that he did not have an issue with where the funds were coming from. He then noted that three of the lines slated to receive additional funds went over their previous run rate. He then noted there had been assurance that they would only spend what was needed.

Councilor Tallman emphasized that there had been cuts to the department's requested budget. He then suggested that departments could consider pooling supplies to save money. He then stated that the budget cuts create an opportunity for departments to explain their needs when they come to the City Council to request additional funds.

Councilor McGiverin stated that with M/V supplies was to purchase extended warranties to avoid additional costs for repairs in the future. He then stated that Mayor Garcia was in favor of the transfers. He also noted that the mayor understood that municipal finance is often a moving target.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 12--Nays 1 (Rivera_I)--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, 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

(Recommended by the Mayor)

have considered the same and recommended that the order be Adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that this was the replacement order for the previous item being returned to the Auditor. He stated that it would not be a new position, noting it was not always funded. He stated that a main responsibility of the position was to assist veterans with accessing federal benefits, including assistance with and investigation of applications.

--->In City Council February, 2022 the 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, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$205,000.00)

as follows:

FROM:

12101-51104 LIEUTENANT \$30,000.00

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 105,000.00

12101-51117 E911 DISPATCHER 70,000.00

TOTAL: \$205,000.00

TO:

12101-51109 RESERVES \$30,000.00

12101-51300 OVERTIME 175,000.00

TOTAL: \$205,000.00

(Recommended by the Mayor)

have considered the same and recommended that the order be Adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that it had been explained during the committee meeting that those salaries paid for through grants have to be fully funded when the budgets are approved, adding that the grants provide reimbursement throughout the year. He stated that the surpluses in the Lieutenant and E911 Dispatchers lines had been due to these reimbursements. He added that the surpluses in the Patrolmen line had been due to fewer officers hired than had been budgeted for. He then stated that the lines receiving funds had been due to having more available reserve officers than had been expected. He also stated that Overtime had not received the requested amount during the budget votes. He stated this was by design to allow the Council to monitor use of overtime.

Councilor Jourdain expressed he understood that the salary lines have to be fully funded. He then suggested that the salaries are being split paid between grant funding and city funds, leading to large salary surpluses in the lines. He then emphasized a need to examine how the grant funds come into the city. He suggested that the salaries could be paid out of the salary line and have the reimbursements from the grants go directly into the general fund to become free cash at the end of the year. He stated that leaving the grant funding in the salary line creates artificial surpluses which are then used to transfer into expense lines.

Councilor Vacon stated that while she understood the point, the accounting of the grant needs to assure that the funds are used for their intended purposes. She then expressed she had been encouraged by the possibility that the department may be able to hire closer to their full allowed complement. She then encouraged her colleagues to find time to meet with Chief Pratt, noting her meeting had been productive.

Councilor Bartley suggested there could be a mechanism that would empower the Auditor to make financial transfers from the department's budget to the general fund once a grant is received. He noted millions of dollars in free cash had been lost in recent years due to grant accounting issues. He also strongly emphasized that it was not proper protocol for transfers to be requested between personnel and expense line items, and he would not support such requests in the future.

Councilor Jourdain stated that another alternative to the funds going into free cash would be to go to the stabilization fund or to interest on short term debt. He emphasized that the surpluses are funds the department does not need due to grants. He then expressed his intent to file an order.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed that while he understood the positions have to be fully funded, he questioned why the department was allowed to reallocate the funds after receiving grants that cover the salaries. He then suggested that the department do more to consider the broader financial needs of the city.

Councilor Bartley emphasized that this topic illustrated the importance of having a free cash balance, adding that it allows the Mayor to request transfers into departmental budgets when the need is there.

Councilor Vacon stated that if department are to be held to what they are budgeted, the Council would need to assure budgets are fully funded. She noted that the Council knows that the Police Department will regularly request additional funds for overtime when not fully funded.

Councilor McGiverin commended the former and the current Mayor's intentions and efforts to work with the department to address budget shortfalls and constraints. He then noted with concern that when the Council reviews the recalculation sheets and the Mayor's budget, grants are not counted as part of the budget.

--->Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays -- Yeas 12--Nays 1 (Rivera_I)--Absent 0.
Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order to accept the recent in-kind gift contribution from Ceaco to the Veteran's Services Office of 1 pallet of various games/puzzles valued at \$2,821.50 have considered the same and recommended that the order be Adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin
Kevin A Jourdain
Will Puello
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin offered thanks to members of the Finance Committee and the Council broadly for strong attendance during the previous evening's committee meeting. He then noted that the order had been properly handled as departments cannot accept gifts without City Council and mayoral approval.
--->In City Council February 1, 2022 the 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.

(2:07:50)

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that the city engineer review and determine if a four way stop sign(s) can be placed at Fairfield and Nonotuck. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be referred to the Ordinance Committee, following the recommendations of the City Engineer.

Committee Members:

Israel Rivera_I

Kocayne Givner
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera expressed his intent to work on clearing out the committee's jacket in the coming weeks. He then stated that the committee spoke with the City Engineer who recommended that the order be referred to the Ordinance Committee to draft an ordinance to establish the four way stop.
--->Report of Committee received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

(2:10:00)

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Franchesca Nunez, Cover letter and resume for interest in the Community Preservation Committee.
have considered the same and Recommended that the candidate be appointed.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Tallman stated Ms. Nunez had been a youth advocate, had attended several CPC meetings already, and was familiar with many of the projects the CPC had supported. He emphasized the value of having people volunteer from all parts of the city, noting she was bilingual.

Councilor McGiverin asked to clarify if this was the City Council's appointment or a confirmation of a mayoral appointment.

President McGee stated that when the committee was originally set, the City Council had three appointments.

Councilor McGiverin suggested that the appointment should be voted on by ballot.

President McGee recalled the initial appointments had been 3, 2, and 1 year appointments.

Councilor Jourdain asked to clarify if these were mayoral appointments.

President McGee stated they were City Council appointments. He then suggested they should look into the terms of these appointments.

Councilor Jourdain suggested it should be tabled. He then asked who they were replacing.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed that he understood they should be tabled, but that they should be confirmed soon as the committee was having difficulties getting a quorum for meetings.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the openings had been advertised.

President McGee confirmed that there had been an advertisement.

Councilor Jourdain asked if Ms. Nunez and Ms. Ortiz had been the applicants.

President McGee stated that had been his understanding.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he wanted to assure that no other members of the public were left out if there was a desire to be considered.

Councilor McGiverin stated that he believed the two were well vetted, adding that he just wanted to assure the details of their terms were clear.

Motion was made and seconded to lay on the table.
--->Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Maribel Ortiz, Cover letter and resume for interest in the Community Preservation Committee have considered the same and Recommended that the candidate be appointed.
---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia letter appointing Mr. Morris M. Partee, 127 St. Kolbe Dr. to serve as a member of the Board of Appeals for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Partee will serve a two year term; said term will expire July 1, 2023. have considered the same and Recommended that the appointee be confirmed.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Tallman stated that Mr. Partee had attended several meetings and had already served as an associate member of the Board of Appeals. He then stated that Mr. Partee discussed the process of variances ebbing sought. He noted that Mr. Partee wanted to remain involved with the city and would make a great addition to the Board.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed appreciation that Ward 1 residents were getting involved.

Councilor McGiverin noted that Mr. Partee understood the need for appeal petitioners to explain a hardship.

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

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter re-appointing Ms. Miriam Panitch, 134 Madison Ave. to serve as a Commissioner of the Planning Board for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Panitch will serve a five-year term; said term will expire on June 30, 2024.. have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be referred back to the City Council.

Committee Members:
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Jenny Rivera _J
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Tallman stated that Ms. Panitch had been involved with the Planning Board for 12-13 years. He noted her knowledge with zoning ordinances, setbacks and buffers, technical details. He then noted her

understanding that the Planning Board gives recommendations but the City Council has final vote on changes made in the city.

Councilor Bartley expressed his intent to oppose the appointment. He then expressed concern that she had caused the city to face two lawsuits. He then suggested that there had been a lack of clarity on direction from the mayor's office to city boards for several years. He then stated that Ms. Panitch that her opposition to projects at the Log Cabin, the former Lynch School property, and Gary Rome had been of concern. He then stated he had heard from many attorneys appearing before the Planning Board that they struggle to get things done in the city due to a lack of direction from members, and that personal agendas had been a part of their decisions.

Councilor I. Rivera stated he found Ms. Panitch to be knowledgeable and polite while working with her on the CPC, adding that he learned a lot from her. He then

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that while she may not have always agreed with Ms. Panitch, the city was fortunate to have someone who volunteers their time and is always prepared and puts in a lot of effort.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he has supported her in the past and found her to be bright, thoughtful, and articulate, adding that he had been an admirer. He then observed that he had noticed she displayed a negative disposition to those she disagrees with and would often speak about such people on social media. He then stated that she is often presented as an example of the difficulty in working with the Planning Board. He then suggested that it was time for someone new with a fresh perspective, not entrenched in their approach, and would have a more open mind on projects. He also expressed concern that the city had a reputation of not being pro-business while continuing to reappoint the same people.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos questioned pointing out lawsuits with the city, adding that the list of others who have caused lawsuits for the city could include many others. He then questioned bringing up how people represent themselves on social media, adding that people bringing passion and seeking to educate the public should be appreciated. He also questioned bringing up the topic of people sitting in their seats for a long time, noting many others could be on that list. He stated he would support her appointment because she was a good fit for the city.

Councilor Givner stated that the request by the mayor to put forward this appointment held weight with her.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted. Appointment confirmed.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the letter from Mayor Garcia stated that the term would be five years but was described as expiring in 2024. He asked to get confirmation of the correct date.

President McGee stated that the date may be correct, adding that the original appointment from former Mayor Morse had been filed before the term was up. He stated there would be follow up.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 18E and Late File C as a package.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter of appointment for new Personnel Director Kelly Curran have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Tallman stated that Ms. Curran had been with the Human Resources at Holyoke Public Schools (HPS), noting she had 25 years of experience. He stated she had been asked about her familiarity with Munis and data entry. He then expressed he had been impressed with her understanding of the value of an employee assistance program. He then noted her intent to bring ideas from HPS to improve the department's service to city employees.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his support for Ms. Curran. He noted she was going to bring energy and experience to the position. He also expressed interest in working with her to improve the health insurance offerings to city employees and save taxpayer money. He emphasized that the cost to employees had become unfair and staggering.

Councilor Vacon stated that she had been impressed with Mr. Curran's intent to use the Munis system for payroll. She expressed there needed to be more tracking of time and better updating of records for greater accountability. She then asked for clarification on the two variations of Ms. Curran's resume.

Councilor Tallman stated that the original resume showed Ms. Curran received a Master's degree in Public Administration in May of 2018. He then clarified that while she did graduate and received a diploma, the updated resume reflected that the degree was still considered pending due to a grant or loan that still needed to be paid to the school. He noted that the degree had not been a requirement of the job. He stated it would be communicated to the Council when it is received.

Councilor Bartley noted that the department had been a revolving door for years with several heads quitting. He then emphasized that the job was high pressure with great time commitments. He then expressed his hope that Ms. Curran would understand the legal knowledge required to do the job well. He then expressed that she was a great candidate that he looked forward to work with.

Councilor McGiverin noted her move from HPS was a lateral move within the city, after having reached the peak of what she could do with HPS. He then expressed he understood the minor error with the resume.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted. Appointment confirmed

From Kelly Curran, Acting Personnel Director, updated resume

--->Received.

President McGee stated that there were no reports from the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

(2:46:25)

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order Amend city council rules by adding: Legal form for Ordinance changes shall be provided 48 hours prior to a City Council meeting. If legal form is not provided 48 hours prior to the meeting, upon objection of any member of the City Council, the matter will be tabled until the next meeting. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that each

Councilor has time to read proposed changes prior to voting on the matter.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as an amendment to Rule 58.

Committee Members:

Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the order was to assure legal form gets received by councilors at least 48 hours before a meeting, noting there have been instances when councilors received language at the meeting to be voted on without an opportunity to review it.

Councilor Vacon noted that the rule change would not prohibit voting on straightforward ordinance changes with simple language but would allow for picking up on errors or unintentional changes before taking a vote. She recognized that the Solicitor's office had been busy and working through a lot of old work.

Councilor Jourdain asked to clarify that the entirety wording being added to rule 58 would be "Legal form for Ordinance changes shall be provided 48 hours prior to a City Council meeting. If legal form is not provided 48 hours prior to the meeting, upon objection of any member of the City Council, the matter will be tabled until the next meeting."

Councilor Vacon confirmed that was accurate.

President McGee reiterated that it would not cover all instances when receiving language late but would allow for someone to make an objection if they needed more time.

--->In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order Ordered that the City Council amend or clarify enforcement of Rule 61 so that a committee must act on an order within 30 days of City Council referral. Any order not acted on within 30 days shall be deemed tabled
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended, changing 30 days to 45 days.

Committee Members:

Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated the next committee meeting would take place on February 23rd at 6:30 PM. He also stated that ongoing discussion would take place to address a set of rules that were a mess and could be better organized and made more user friendly. He then stated this order was to assure that orders are taken up in a timely manner, adding that it was changed to 45 days to recognize that some committees may not meet within 30 days.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that Rule 32 be amended to add “and Marijuana Establishments” after “except for Home Occupation” to the description of the D&GR Committee. This needs to be updated to reflect that the Ordinance Committee handles those petitions have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the order added language to clarify the rule describing which special permits are not taken up by the D&GR Committee.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20D, 20E, 20F, and 20G as a package.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that we degender the language of rule
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended to instruct that the language of all City Council rules be degendered.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that we degender the language of rule 37 have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended to instruct that the language of all City Council rules be degendered.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that we degender the language of rule 4
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended to instruct that the language of all City Council rules be degendered.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that we degender the language of rule 62 have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted as amended to instruct that the language of all City Council rules be degendered.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the orders were to assure that the rules do not use gendering language. He noted that even language using "he or she" would not include those who do not identify as either. He then noted recognition that there were additional rule with gendering language, prompting the amendment to make a blanket change to the entire set of rules.

Councilor Vacon suggested an amendment to insert the name of the position instead of using gendering language.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that would be the best and most neutral approach.

President McGee suggested an amendment to degender and to further state the titles in their place.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to amend the recommendations, degendering as well as replacing gendered terms with the position titles. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed that while he did not have a preference, using the terms "they" or "them" would still be neutral.

President McGee suggested that as additional rule changes may be coming to reorganize the rules, a final version for a vote could reflect those changes if desired.

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

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

(2:57:25)

MCGEE -- Order that the city council present a proclamation to Gail LaRose for her dedicated service to the children at EN White school.

President McGee stated that Ms. LaRose was a crossing guard at EN White School, adding that the proclamation had been at the suggestion of the school's principal and teachers. He then stated that they described her as being great with kids, would often bring her own sand and salt for ice, and was well respected.

--->Received and Adopted.

Approved by the Mayor.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FOUR AND 20/100 Dollars (\$7,444.20) as follows:

FROM:			
11611-51103	PAY-PRINCIPAL CLERK		\$7,444.20
		TOTAL:	\$7,444.20
TO:			
11612-53030	PRINT/BIND/MICROFILM		\$5,066.10
11612-53100	OTHER SERVICES		2,378.10
		TOTAL:	\$7,444.20

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

Councilor McGiverin stated that the transfer was to pay bills from the costs incurred by the City Clerk's office during the previous year's elections. He also stated that the surplus in the Principal Clerk line was due to a vacancy. He noted the bills were about to become overdue. He also observed that the expense lines had been cut after the Clerk had explained that the funds would be needed for election costs.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the 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 24, 27, 28, and 29 as a package.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$7,000.00) as follows:

FROM:			
11751-51223	DEVELOPMENTAL SPECIALIST		\$7,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$7,000.00
TO:			
11751-51105	SR. PROJECT MANAGER		\$7,000.00

TOTAL: \$7,000.00

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "VETERAN'S HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM, \$15,000, 50% 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, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FY22 FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT GRANT, \$23,063, 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, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "GREEN COMMUNITIES MUNICIPAL ENERGY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (META), \$15,000, 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.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 25 and 26 as a package.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 93/100 Dollars (\$3,208.93) as follows:

FROM:			
12201-51103	CAPTAIN		\$3,208.93
		TOTAL:	\$3,208.93

TO:			
12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY		\$3,208.93
		TOTAL:	\$3,208.93

To the City Council:
I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

---> In City Council February 1, 2022, the 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.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY NINE AND 38/100 Dollars (\$3,229.38) as follows:

FROM:			
12201-51103	CAPTAIN		\$3,229.38
		TOTAL:	\$3,229.38

TO:			
12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY		\$3,229.38
		TOTAL:	\$3,229.38

To the City Council:
I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the transfers were for the purposes of accounting for public safety employees receiving their salary while out of work due to being injured on duty.

---> In City Council February 1, 2022 the 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.

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the D&GR Committee invite Lynn Gray, new General Manager of the Holyoke Mall, to allow for an introduction to the Holyoke City Council.
--->Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

PUELLO -- That the school Receiver Mr. Anthony Soto and his team be requested to explore the steps, costs and federal reimbursements associated with re-establishing the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps or similar sister service program in the public schools. It is additionally requested that interest be measured to determine student body support for such a program.

Councilor Puello clarified that as he was employed by Mass Air Guard, he checked with the State Ethics Commission to assure he could file the order and was told he could.

The entire council asked to be added to the order.

--->Received and referred to the Joint Committee of the City Council and School Committee.

RIVERA_J, PUELLO -- Order that the city council review and approve the PR cultural district resolution.

Councilor Maldonado Velez, Councilor I. Rivera, Councilor Anderson-Burgos, and President McGee asked to be added to the order.
--->Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 33 and 34 as a package.

RIVERA_J -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a three way stop sign at the corner of Mosher and Center Streets.

Councilor I. Rivera asked to be added to the order.
--->Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

RIVERA_J -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a three way stop sign at the corner of Mosher and North Bridge Streets

Councilor I. Rivera asked to be added to the order.
--->Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

VACON -- Per request of Commissioner Patti Devine that Section 2-201.1 Duties and Qualifications of the general superintendent of the department of public works be reviewed to consider/propose amending the language.

Councilor Bartley asked what was being proposed with this order.

Councilor Vacon clarified that there had been a communication from the DPW Commission seeking to modify the duties and qualifications of the Superintendent of Public Works. She added that she filed an order to further clarify a previous order which had made a statement without stating what would be done.

Councilor Bartley suggested that this order did not specific a change.

Councilor Vacon noted that the proposed changes had been received as a communication that evening. She then added that the proposal would eliminate the engineer requirement in the qualifications.

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

ANDERSON-BURGOS -- That the DPW Commissioners appear before the ordinance committee to discuss proposed language changes to Sec. 2-201 of the city ordinances.

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

BARTLEY, PUELLO -- City council invite Sarah Greenleaf, Urban Forester, of DCR's Urban & Community Forestry, to a future DGR meeting to discuss DCR's ongoing free tree-planting program for Holyoke. DCR staff and its volunteers have planted hundreds of trees in designated areas of the city. Sarah and DCR have planted trees on both public and private property and are looking to plant more in 2022. Refer to DGR. Copy to Conservation.

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

BARTLEY, PUELLO -- The city engineer review the signaling at the Maple St / South St. / Parenteau Dr intersection. Multiple accidents and near-accidents have occurred there over the years as motorists from Maple St turn Left against oncoming traffic on South St (heading downtown). The intersection is proximate to the former Whole Donut and the Fitzpatrick Ice Rink. Refer to Public Safety with copy to City Engineer.

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

BARTLEY -- That until residents are offered an opportunity to meet IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD with public officials and public board members, who are making decisions with little to zero neighborhood input, the City shall not spend any funds or incur any costs for any new buildings including any school.

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

BARTLEY -- The Holyoke zoning ordinances shall be amended to no longer allow daycare services in R-1 or R-2 district by right but only by a city council special permit. Refer to Ordinance. Copy to Legal.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his understanding that daycare facilities are allowed by right according to state law.

Councilor Bartley clarified that he would seek clarification from the Law Department.

--->Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. Copied to the Law Department.

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Request to the mayor for an annual state of Holyoke address. Refer to Public Service.

Councilor Jourdain stated this has been done before with previous mayors and suggested speaking with the mayor to gauge his intent. He also suggested it would be a good tradition to establish an annual address.

---> Received and adopted. Copy to Mayor.

Approved by the Mayor.

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Institute a quarterly Town Hall where residents are able to come in and express their concerns, with more time allotted than the public comment section. Refer to Public Service.

Councilor Jourdain noted that the city charter has a provision for holding such meetings, possibly section 8.

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

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- relook at committee responsibilities and restructure. Refer to Charter & Rules.

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

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- add rule to require a set monthly meeting time of all City Council committees. Refer to Charter & Rules.

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

LATE FILED ORDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(3:12:50)

RIVERA_J -- Order that the City of Holyoke establish a four way stop at the corners of Race and Appleton Streets.

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

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC & Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, Admin. to City council minutes of January 18, 2022.

--->Laid on the table.

From Cinder McNerney, Hilltop Securities, Middle school debt schedule

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

From Atty Mike Bissonnette, Assistant City Solicitor - Legal opinion regarding Zoning ordinance for solar storage batteries

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

From Holyoke Gas & Electric, letter of support for META Grant

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

Adjourn at 10:25 PM.

A true record

ATTEST:

City Clerk