**Public Service Committee**

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Abbreviated minutes and vote counts

Video of meeting can be found at: https://youtu.be/tY\_D1rVhp5Y

Narrative to follow

Members present: Chairman Peter Tallman, Vice Chairman Will Puello, David Bartley

Other councilors present: Joseph McGiverin, Kevin Jourdain, Jenny Rivera, Kocayne Givner, Jose Maldonado Velez

Tallman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Councilor Puello made a motion to remove item 1 from the table. Councilor Bartley seconded the motion.

Item 1: 1-18-22 From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Cheryl Figueroa, 223 Pine St. to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Figueroa will replace Anthony Soto and will finish his term; said term will expire on December 31, 2022.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to recommended appointment. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

--->Approved, 3-0.

(4:35)

Councilor Bartley made a motion to remove item 2 from the table. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

Item 2: 1-18-22 From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Jacqueline Watson, 20 Easthampton Rd. #F6 to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Watson will replace Kate Preissler and will finish her term; said term will expire on December 31, 2023.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to recommended appointment. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

--->Approved, 3-0.

(14:30)

Councilor Bartley made a motion to remove item 3 from the table. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

Item 3: 2-1-22 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.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to refer the appointment to the City Council. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

--->Referred to City Council, 3-0.

(52:10)

Councilor Bartley made a motion to remove item 4 from the table. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

Item 4: 8-3-21 LEAHY -- Ordered, a committee be formed called "The Tourism advisory committee."  
The scope of the Committee is to:  
1. Create and market a new brand for Holyoke,  
2. Initiate permit reform for events, public gatherings, beautification, and public art.  
3. Annually monitor and report the progress of tourism initiatives to Mayor and City Council.  
4. Review infrastructure maintenance program.  
5. Coordinate business communications and Holyoke tourism opportunities into one marketing effort.  
6. Establish and support signature destinations and districts such as a Puerto Rican Cultural District on Main Street and The Canal District.  
7. Promote ecotourism and outdoor recreation.  
8. Make recommendations for a financial and human resources plan.  
9. Recommend annual updates to the Holyoke Tourism Strategic Plan.  
The Committee will utilize the Holyoke Tourism Strategic Plan. The Committee will, from time to time, update and revise the plan as they find necessary.  
The Committee should comprise one representative appointed by each of the following agencies: Holyoke Local Cultural Council, Greater Holyoke Chamber of Commerce, Greater Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau, Holyoke Office of Planning & Economic Development, Holyoke City Council, Holyoke Historical Commission, and Wistariahurst Museum. A minimum of five (5) and up to eight (8) at-large members will be nominated and recommended by the Committee and appointed by the Mayor for a three-year term.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to refer the order to the Office of Planning and Economic Development and the Law Department to draft a proposed ordinance. Councilor Puello seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to lay item 4 on the table. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

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

(1:17:50)

Councilor Bartley made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove items 5 through 27 from the table as a package. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

Item 5: 5-5-15 BRESNAHAN -- Whereas the City of Holyoke has received The recommendation for the second time from the Massachusetts Dept of Revenue and to be in compliance with Mass General Law chapter 41 section 24 as well as City Ordinance 82-36, Order that the City Council appoint a third member to the board of Assessors

--->Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 6: 12-15-15 BRESNAHAN -- Whereas the City of Holyoke has received The recommendation for the second time from the Massachusetts Dept of Revenue and to be in compliance with Mass General Law chapter 41 section 24 as well as City Ordinance 82-36, Order that the City Council appoint a third member to the board of Assessors

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 7: 6-5-18 LISI -- that given the recent FCC rulings on net neutrality, the City Council invite in representatives from HG&E to discuss public access to broadband, fiber, and the G&E's ability to provide free, city-wide WiFi

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 8: 6-19-18 MCGEE -- that the city council invite in the newly hired web company to address the problems the city is having with the system, time line to fixing, etc.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 9: 6-19-18 MCGEE -- that the Crocker communication system/phone system address the phone issues where Verizon user constituents couldn’t call into the city for services.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 10: 4-2-19 BARTLEY, SULLIVAN -- That the public service committee conduct interviews for the new whiting reservoir committee.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 11: 5-7-19 LISI -- that the City Council invite in the CPAC to discuss their reflections on their first round of fund disbursement; reflections could include thoughts on their process and some of the reasoning that went to this year's award selections.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 12: 5-21-19 MURPHY -- Ordered that the public service committee meet with the director of the senior center, the superintendent of the DPW, the city engineer, and the director of planning and development, to discuss the parking needs at the senior center and the potential solutions to those problems, including a discussion on the status of the Armory property.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 13: 3-10-20 MCGEE -- Order that the mayors office provide the contractual agreement between the city and Mass DOT for the use of city hall space. Please send to city council in 2 weeks.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 14: 3-10-20 MCGEE -- Order that the mayors office and personnel department please provide the city council with the approval notice from the council with regard to the moving of the office.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 15: 3-10-20 MCGEE -- Order that the mayors office provide the contract between the city and the coffee shop located in city hall.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 16: 3-16-21 LISI -- that the City Council develop a public process by which councilors can submit recommendations for how the $29 Million in COVID stimulus funding will be spent locally.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 17: 3-16-21 From Mayor Alex B, Morse letter appointing Mr Bellamy H. Schmidt, 10 Windpath East, West Springfield, MA to serve as a member of the Retirement Board for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Schmidt will serve a three year term; said tern will expire on January 1, 2024.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 18: 4-6-21 From Mayor Alex B. Morse letter reappointing 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.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 19: 4-6-21 From Mayor Alex B. Morse letter reappointing 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 on July 1, 2023.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 20: 4-6-21 From Mayor Alex B. Morse letter reappointing Mr. Jeffrey A. Trask, 28 Central Park Dr. to serve as the Emergency Management Director for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Trask will serve a one-year term; said term will expire on May 2022.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 21: 4-6-21 From Acting Mayor Todd McGee letter appointing Marc Hickey, 16 Oakwood Ave. to serve as the Republican Member for the Board of Registrar of Voters for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Hickey will replace Mr. Preston Macy and will serve a three-year term; said term will expire on March 31, 2024.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 22: 9-7-21 From Acting Mayor Terence Murphy, letter to nominate Mr. Terry Gibson 20 Oakwood Ave. to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Office of Community Development for the City of Holyoke: If you approve this nomination, Mr. Gibson will serve a one-year term: said term will expire on June 30, 2022.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 23: 9-7-21 From Acting Mayor Terence Murphy letter nominating Victor Machado, 40 Suffolk St. to Serve on the citizens advisory Committee (CAC) for the Office of Community Development for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Machado will serve a one year term: said term will expire June 30, 2022.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 24: 9-7-21 From Acting Mayor Terence Murphy letter nominating Willie Spradley, 8 Ross Road. to serve on the citizens advisory Committee (CAC) for the Office of Community Development for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Spradley will serve a one year term: said term will expire June 30, 2022.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 25: 10-5-21 From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter to nominate Mr. Russell J. McNiff, Jr. 275 West Franklin St. to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Office of Community Development for the City of Holyoke: Mr. McNiff will serve a one year term; said term will expire on June 30, 2022.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 26: 10-5-21 From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter appointing Ms. Jacqueline Watson, 20 Easthampton Rd. #F6 to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Watson will replace Kate Preissler and will finish her term; said term will expire on December 31, 2023.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Item 27: 10-5-21 From Terence Murphy, Acting Mayor letter appointing Ms. Cheryl Figueroa, 223 Pine St. to serve as a Board Member for the Valley Opportunity Council for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Figueroa will replace Anthony Soto and will finish his term; said term will expire on December 31, 2022.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to give a leave to withdraw to items 5 through 27. Councilor Puello seconded the motion.

---> Given Leave to Withdraw, 3-0.

Adjourned at 7:22 PM