

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
March 1,2022

The meeting was called to order by President McGee at 07:05 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 name of Councilor Anderson-Burgos was drawn to head the roll call voting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public expressed an interest in speaking.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter appointing Stephen C. Fay, 218 Pleasant St. to serve as a commissioner to the Local Historic District Commission (Fairfield Ave): Mr. Fay will serve a three year term; said term will expire on July 1, 2025.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules take up items 2 and 3 as a package.

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter re-appointing Michael J. Falcetti, 11 Taylor St. as a commissioner to Holyoke Housing Authority for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Falcetti will serve a five year term; said term will expire on April 5, 2027.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter re-appointing Rosemary Arnold, 30 Mountain Rd. to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission for the City of Holyoke: Ms. Arnold will serve a three year term; said term will expire on February 1, 2025.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC & Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, Admin. Ass't to City Council minutes of February 15, 2022.

---> Received and adopted.

From Amy Landau, Administrator CPA , Communication regarding Recommendation for FY22 CPA Projects and list of projects.

Councilor McGiverin made a motion to receive and adopt the recommendations.

Councilor McGiverin stated that the projects had been well scrutinized by the CPA, adding that his motion had been due to time constraints of two of the projects.

Councilor Jourdain asked for more information on the Scott's Tower Kestral Land Trust project, specifically the decision to turn over city lands to Kestral.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the city had collaborated with Kestral the previous year on purchasing the land from its previous owner. He then stated his understanding that Kestral had held the deed and planned to transfer it back to the city for development for the benefit of the public's use. He then stated

that Conservation Director, Yoni Glogower, could provide more information.

Councilor Bartley expressed concern about having committee discussion at the full Council level. He then suggested referred to committee to have a full discussion.

Councilor McGiverin stated that he could take it up in the next Finance Committee meeting, adding that the next agenda already had a full agenda.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed an interest in at least allowing Mr. Glogower to speak to try to address a few of the questions.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow Yoni Glogower to address the Council.

Y. Glogower stated that they had an opportunity to add 14.1 acres to the park in late 2020 with the intent of a full revitalization of Scott's Tower and the Surrounding Anniversary Hill Park. He then stated that they lacked enough time to acquire grant funding, and worked with Kestral Land Trust who pre-acquired the land, adding that they were able to acquire \$150,000 from CPA with the remaining \$150,000 acquired from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. He then stated they used CPA funding for a design process. He also stated that they were currently applying for additional grants for improvements to the park. He then clarified that the current \$30,000 request was for a site survey and preliminary designs to keep the process moving. He further clarified that the most time sensitive project was the Gloutak Woods as an open space project. He stated the \$47,000 would provide for trail improvements, kiosk construction, and relocating some of the trails.

Councilor Jourdain asked to clarify that no city land was being turned over to anyone else but that the city would be getting an additional 14 acres. He also asked who had been the owner before Kestral acquired it.

Y. Glogower stated Anniversary Hill Development had previously owned it, had planned to build condo units, but had been unable to get a zone change. He further clarified that Kestral acquired it because if the city had owned it, they would not have been eligible to apply for grant funding to acquire it. He added that there would be a conservation restriction as a requirement of the land and conservation fund.

Councilor Jourdain asked the restrictions would only apply to the 14 acres.

Y. Glogower confirmed that was accurate.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the goal was to rehabilitate Scott's Tower.

Y. Glogower confirmed that was accurate, adding that they were looking at options for other improvements to make it more accessible such as parking areas and other trails.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to take final action to approve the Gloutak Woods project while referring the rest to the Finance Committee. Councilor McGiverin seconded the motion.

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

Notice of Community Outreach Meeting for a proposed Marijuana establishment for Ahava, LLC for Monday, March 7, 2022.

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

From Parks & Recreation Minutes of December 2, 2021.

---> Received.

(14:20)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President McGee stated that there was an update for the March 15th meeting.

Councilor Bartley stated that the Irish flag raising had taken place at City Hall that day. He then stated that the Caledonian Band would be at the March 15th meeting, as well as members of the St. Patrick's Parade Committee, along with award winners and Colleens.

President McGee offered thanks to Councilor McGiverin for attending Mayor's Ball on his behalf, noting he had been quarantined with Covid. He then stated that interpreters were providing their services via Zoom. He also stated that Sean Gonsalves from the Board of Health had provided an update that the city's mask mandate had been rescinded effective immediately. He then stated that it was still recommended for those with weakened immune systems.

Councilor Bartley offered thanks to Deb Haslam who has been retiring after 50 years of service to the City of Holyoke. He noted there had been a retirement party for her in the Treasurer's Office.

Councilor McGiverin noted that Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos had become a member of the Parade Committee and could be looked to for answers to questions about events. He then noted that there would be an event the coming Saturday. He observed that the former Yankee Pedlar had a horse statue displayed with the name of Dobbin which had not been included with the sale of the property, adding that the Parade Committee had taken it over and contracted with the Holyoke Merry-go-Round which included an annual party in honor of the horse. He added that there would be tartan products available. He then stated that Marshall Mania event that same evening had already sold out. He then stated that the Ambassador Breakfast taking place on the morning of the March 20th parade would honor former Boston mayor, Martin Walsh, who had since become U.S. Secretary of Labor. He added that Ireland was sending many of their top dignitaries for the event. He then compelled his colleagues to get their tickets soon as it would be selling out fast.

President McGee asked for the time of the Dobbin event.

Councilor McGiverin stated it would be 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the legal update would take place prior to the next meeting.

President McGee stated that there would be an executive session at 6 p.m. on March 15th.

Councilor Jourdain asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine. He then emphasized the atrocities taking place against the Ukraine by Russia.

A moment of silence was observed for the people of Ukraine.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos asked if the executive session would have an option over Zoom.

President McGee stated that there would be that option but it would not be recorded for broadcast.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a handicap sign be placed in front of 76 Chapin St. #1L for America Rivera, placard # PL4780829 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 Disabilities Commission reviewed the application and recommended its approval.

---> 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.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 8B and 8D as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that That the Ordinance Committee meet with the Water Department Superintendent and commissioners to amend the ordinance restricting activities such as fishing and dog walking etc., both to increase the fines and to authorize either State Police or Environmental Police as well as Holyoke Police to issue citations. 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 laid on the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the Ordinance Committee review and recommend ordinance language changes pertaining to our reservoirs including but not limited to: a) increase the fines/penalties from the current amount of not more than \$50 for any offense to a minimum of \$250 for subsequent offenses. b) expand the language in the ordinance to include Massachusetts Environmental Police (MEP) and State Police for issuing citations and fines. c) consider revising Section 90-53 to enforce that fines will be paid to the Holyoke Water Works. d) consider other revisions to ensure safety of the water supply, including uses and activities at the reservoir. 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 while the legal language had been provided prior to the Ordinance Committee meeting, the signed legal form had not been provided preventing action on it.
---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the DPW Commissioners appear before the ordinance committee to discuss proposed language changes to Sec. 2-201 of the city ordinances.
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 committee made several amendments had been made in committee following good discussion in committee. She then stated that due to illness in the legal department, the legal form had not been ready for the meeting.
---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City amend its zoning ordinances to allow for front yard pools by special permit of the City Council and to make any other necessary changes to the Swimming Pool ordinance. Refer to Ordinance Committee and copy to Building commissioner said special permit would be reviewed as part of a public hearing process. The current zoning for Swimming Pools (sec 4.5.2) as currently written, states:
The wall of a swimming pool shall not be located less than eight (8) feet to any dwelling or accessory structure, six (6) feet from any rear or side lot line, and ten (10) feet from the street line. A pool shall not encroach into any front or side yard of a parcel. In the case of corner lots, pools shall not be constructed within the front yards of the lot.
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 committee did recommend approval to allow for City Council special permits on this matter.
Councilor Murphy-Romboletti asked if questions should be that evening or when the vote take places. Councilor Vacon suggesting having questions come up when the language is ready.
---> Report of Committee received and laid on the table.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 8F and 8G as a package.
The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order 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.
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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order "Pursuant to the authority granted them under section 3 of chapter 556 of the Acts of 1948, the city council declares the duties and qualifications of the general superintendent of the department of public works under qualifications and duties."
The code in question is Sec. 2-201 Duties and Qualifications
This was a request from DPW Commissioner, Patti Devine. They'll explain more when it's taken up in committee.
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 orders were supporting documents to the order being acted upon.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 8H through 8V as a package.
The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City of Holyoke amend Zoning Ordinance section 4.3(A)(8) to require a special permit prior to granting permission for this use in all residential districts in the City of Holyoke and no longer allow the use as of right; the special permit is to be issued by one of the following boards and only after a public hearing: city council or the planning board or the board of appeals
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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the CPC ordinance be amended to require that the CPC come before the city council to present on the decisions that were made to fund/not to fund the applicants who applied for CPA funding
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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a resident only/permit parking area be created in front on 45-52 Canal St. (from Center St. to North East St.). Residents have a hard time dealing with parking bans as both odd and even numbers occupy the same side of the street
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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order Effective March 26, 2021, for the remainder of 2021 or sooner if allowed by the MA General Court, any Acting Mayor, if accepting the Mayor’s salary, shall be paid on a prorated basis if performing the duties part time 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City of Holyoke amend Zoning Ordinance section 4.3(A)(8) and 9.3 and any other ordinance or regulation so as to require a special permit prior to granting permission for residential care or rehabilitation (also known as group homes) in all residential districts in the City of Holyoke and no longer allow the use as of right; the special permit is to be issued by one of the following boards and only after a public hearing: city council or the planning board or the board of appeals 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City of Holyoke amend Zoning Ordinance section 4.3(A)(8) and 9.3 and any other ordinance or regulation so as to require a special permit prior to granting permission for residential care or rehabilitation (also known as group homes) in all residential districts in the City of Holyoke and no longer allow the use as of right; the special permit is to be issued by one of the following boards and only after a public hearing: city council or the planning board or the board of appeals 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The city council amend its zoning ordinances to no longer allow by automatic right a “residential care or rehab center” in RA, R1, R1A, R2

zones and to require city council special permit for such a facility to be located in any other zone. This would be exactly what the city uses for "boarding houses with 4 or more boarders" and very similar to what is used for Independent Living, Retirement, and Assisted Living. Refer to ordinance and law 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The city amend its ordinances to limit parking during business hours in front of 548 South St as this is a new restaurant in W-3. 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the ordinance committee meet with the planning board & the solicitor, to discuss potential zone changes which could create more appropriate requirements to host facilities similar to that proposed at 11 Yale Street, and meet any state required mandates. Whenever possible, the city should be empowered to reject proposals which might negatively impact the neighborhoods and lead to deteriorating property values and property taxes. The goal should be to provide excellent facilities for people in recovery while not negatively impacting others 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the handicapped parking sign which is for 24 Hampden Street, be moved to the parking spot in front of that doorway, and be placed nearer the roadway. Currently, the sign is blocked by leaves as you approach, and it is difficult to determine which parking spot it covers 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke rezone the following

parcels to Retail Center (RC) in an effort to create a cohesive regional destination district of mixed commercial / retail which all property owners will share the same regulations: 12 Holyoke St (117-00-005), 229-241 Whiting Farms Rd (174-00-013), 227 Whiting Farms Rd (174-00-013A), Lower Westfield Rd (174-00-013B), 95 Lower Westfield Rd (174-00-016), 250 Whiting Farms Rd (174-00-017), 225 Whiting Farms Rd (174-00-018), 7 Holyoke St (174-00-020), 98 Lower Westfield Rd (174-00-021), 94 Lower Westfield Rd (174-00-022), 86 Lower Westfield Rd (174-00-024), Whitney Ave (176-00-010B), 50 Holyoke St (176-00-010C), 400 Whitney Ave (176-00-013), Whitney Ave (176-00-014), 489 Whitney Ave (176-00-014.1), 494 Whitney Ave (176-00-027), 496 Whitney Ave (176-00-028), Whitney Ave (176-00-029) 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the City Council remove the Enterprise Fund status of the Waste Water Treatment Plant 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That the City Council look into creating a parking authority 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that a Finance Department be created, under the leadership of a Finance Director, with details of each to be added to our code of ordinances 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

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that Order that the city of Holyoke bar large vehicles from the following public ways:

- a. Hillside Avenue
- b. Queen Street
- c. Hitchcock Street
- d. Michigan Avenue
- e. Edbert Drive
- f. Memorial Drive
- g. Moss Avenue
- h. Sheehan Drive
- i. Arden Street
- j. Lorraine Street
- k. Fenton Street
- l. Nichols Drive
- m. Fairmont Street
- n. Fairview Street

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 orders were a continued effort to clean out the jacket. She then emphasized that it can often be difficult to take things up in a short amount of time regardless of who chairs a committee. She then stated that items related to zoning for group homes and rehabilitation centers remained a matter of importance in the city and would expect it would come up again. She then stated that item 8R had come up several times over a number of years and she believed it was an overreach of government that would impose zone changes on property owners. She noted that at least two property owners expressed a desire t not be included and no other property owners participated.

Councilor Bartley suggested that items 8O could be complied with, noting the signs had already been posted.

President McGee stated it had been a duplicate.

Councilor Bartley then stated that 8V could be complied with. He then commended former Acting Mayor Murphy for meeting with neighbors and getting signs posted. He noted it hasn't cured the issue but had been a mitigating factor. He then stated his intent to refile some orders, noting some had been repetitive due to frustration of not seeing orders taken up.

Councilor McGiverin expressed agreement that 8R would go too far, adding that property owners should go through the proper process of requesting a zone change. He then noted that there had been another order had been to change zoning language to help business in the retail districts such as the mall continue to attract people by providing more flexibility as shopping center districts. He then asked if the order could be given a leave to withdraw without prejudice to allow an owner to still request the zone change.

Councilor Vacon stated that she had been given legal advice that giving the order a leave to withdraw would not prevent an owner from seeking their own zone change.

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

Atty Bissonnette stated that the rule requiring a two year wait would not apply to this situation, adding that any property would be free ot apply for a zone change that would only affect their property.

Councilor McGiverin asked if there was any hard in a leave to withdraw without prejudice.

Atty Bissonnette stated that it would automatically go with the leave to withdraw unless there was a "with prejudice" added.

Councilor McGiverin noted the practice had been with add a without prejudice if they wanted to make it clear there was no prejudice.

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

(40:20)

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order CPA Projects - 2 Year Extension request to city council have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the projects had already been adopted by the City Council. He then stated that proposals occasionally have delays and have to request an extension from the CPA. He also stated that they were working on adjusting the process to potentially allow the CPA to approve extensions with only a notification to the Council. He then stated that the Wisteriahurst project was seeking an extension to May, 2021, Chestnut Street improvement to December 31, 2025, the War Memorial project to July 31, 2024, and Armour and Company to May 30, 2022, Wayfinders to February 1, 2023, and Mayer Field to June 30, 2022. He then stated most of the requests were due to RFP's not coming in, and one with a prevailing wage issue with the contract.

Councilor Vacon emphasized the importance of these matters going to committee and then back to the Council to assure there is a public record of what is encumbered in the CPA fund and for how long.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From Megan Seiler, Director Wistariahurst Museum regarding Office Assistant Position reclassification from W-2 to W-7 have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the matter was initially referred to the Finance Committee to have a discussion about affordability. He stated that the reclassification would change the salary range to recognize that the job's responsibilities were not entry level and that Ms. Seiler had made a good case for the change. He then stated that the Ordinance Committee would have to take up the classification change.

Councilor Vacon asked if the Finance Committee received any legal input relative to the classification rating.

Councilor McGiverin stated that they had not, adding that it would be a good question to explore going forward.

Councilor Vacon suggested that the HR attorney provide this input when the item comes up for discussion in the Ordinance Committee.

--->Report of Committee received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 9D and 9E as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the chief of police come before the finance committee to discuss the staffing issues it is having with the department and the budgeting concerns have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

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

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the legal department, chief of police, auditor and mayor come before the finance committee to address the 4th captain position have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that Chief Pratt provided good information on the manpower needs of the department, along with a good overview of the three shifts of the department. He then stated that during the last budget discussion, the previous mayor discussed the reasons for the 4th captain with Chief Pratt, emphasizing the importance of having a captain on the second shift as it was their busiest shift. He stated that they agreed to it but the funding had been eliminated by the City Council.

Councilor Jourdain emphasized that there had been a struggle for years to get a captain on all four of the department's shifts. He then commended Chief Pratt for recognizing the importance of having senior leadership during the 4-12 shift, noting the value to the public of having someone at that level to speak to during those hours.

Councilor Vacon commended Chief Pratt for explaining his vision for use of a 4th captain, adding that it made her warmed to supporting the funding for that position.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order 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

have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

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

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the surplus had been due to an employee retirement. He then emphasized that ,any different projects had been placed under the umbrella of the department such as the Historical Commission, Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, among others, adding that the development specialist and the project manager provide important management of the various entities within the department.

Councilor Vacon asked if there was input from the HR attorney relative to the adjustment of the salary scale.

Councilor McGiverin clarified that there was no change, noting that they were two separate positions. He then noted that the two salaries were identical at \$52,500.

Councilor Jourdain noted that the \$7,000 transfer was just for the remainder of the current fiscal year, and there would be an additional cost of \$33,500 for an entire year. He then stated that they would need to demonstrate a return on investment for the extra cost, adding that Planning Department Director, Aaron Vega, planned to provide a full description of the job descriptions of the relevant staff members. He then emphasized the need to do more marketing of the city to promote Holyoke, to highlight available development space in Holyoke in order to bring in more business.

Councilor Tallman emphasized the value of marketing the city. He then expressed how vital the positions were for the office with so much workload. He then stated their intent to assure that the department shows that the positions prove their value in bringing business into the city from the outside, adding emphasis on the impact to the city's growth.

---> 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 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00) as follows:

FROM:

11381-51104 HEAD ADMIN. CLERK \$2,000.00

TOTAL: \$2,000.00

TO:

11381-51300 OVERTIME \$2,000.00

TOTAL: \$2,000.00

have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the surplus and the need for overtime was due to the unexpected passing of one of the clerks. He added that they were seeking to add 5-6 hours of overtime per week to keep up with the needs of the department.

Councilor Vacon commended the staff of the department for picking up the extra work, noting the difficulty of hiring people in the current environment.

---> 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 The DPW and Mayor consider repairing the sidewalk and tree belt proximate to 548 South St. Send copy to Finance. Request appropriation from Mayor if the Order makes sense
have considered the same and Awaiting disposition.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

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

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

(1:03:50)

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that “cross street does not stop” signs be placed on the stop signs where Locust meets Hampshire. There have been many near misses from drivers on Hampshire likely expecting drivers on Locust to stop at the intersection. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
 Israel Rivera_I
 Kocayne Givner
 Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the committee was bringing up several orders to clear out work in the jacket. He then stated that the order was straightforward, adding that the City Engineer believed that the order was appropriate.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 10B through 10E as a package.

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that in an Effort to obtain neutral, fact-based data and statistics, the City contract an independent assessment of Holyoke Police Department's structure, policies, and practices. have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with and be referred to the Mayor.

Committee Members:
 Israel Rivera_I
 Kocayne Givner
 Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the conversation took place and was referred to the mayor.

Councilor Jourdain noted that the recommendation had been that it was complied with. He then suggested that would indicate the assessment had been done. He then asked if the assessment had been done as the order suggested.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the intent was to refer it to the mayor.

President McGee clarified that the mayor was working to have the assessment done.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to amend the recommendation that it be adopted, noting that the mayor agreed to do it.

Councilor McGiverin recalled asking the mayor about the cost and where the funds would come from, adding concern for adopting an order without knowing the cost. He also expressed an open question on what the score of the assessment would be. He noted audits are done of all departments every year while an assessment could be broader.

Councilor Jourdain clarified that the adoption would suggest to the mayor that he seek someone to handle the assessment, adding that a request for funds would come back to the Council later.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos expressed his agreement that the order should be adopted, adding that the cost would come back for approval.

Councilor Givner noted that the mayor was soliciting proposals for a scope of funding plan and strategy, as well as different ways to do a study.

Councilor Vacon expressed support for generally analyzing for how various departments are run. She then emphasized that the water and sewer treatment contract was coming up soon that was not well understood. She suggested that funds be prioritized for something that required major structural decisions.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that he believed the assessment was appropriate in order to find ways to make things more efficient given the size of the department's budget.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke equally and equitably investigate air quality concerns relating to commercial uses in and around the IG zone, regardless of whether the commercial use is a cannabis business or non-cannabis business. have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
Israel Rivera_I
Kocayne Givner
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the conversation included Sarita Hudson from Public Health Institute as well as Ryan from the Health Department who explained air quality monitors in the area. He then stated that the monitors did not measure THC rating currently but could work on that in the future. He then noted that PSI ratings provided by the monitors offer guidance for those with breathing issues.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order The City Forester report to city council's public safety committee an update on requests for tree remediation proximate to 54 Lawler St. and 219 Suffolk St. have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
Israel Rivera_I
Kocayne Givner
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that there was a discussion, and it was complied with.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that the public safety committee meet with the director of the board of health and representatives from Holyoke Health Center, including Darren Beek, as well as Jose Bou as a representative from the school department, to discuss any ideas to improve the environment within the four lower neighborhoods where statistics indicate the highest levels and most severe cases of asthma. Asthma has also negatively impacted school attendance. Ideas to be discussed could include planting many more trees in each neighborhood; getting real-time air tests throughout the city by seeking volunteers who would use asthma inhalers embedded with GPS trackers to identify the most polluted neighborhoods.

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

Committee Members:
Israel Rivera_I
Kocayne Givner
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that as many of the named participants for the order were no longer in their positions, it was appropriate to give it a leave to withdraw, and have it refiled to restart the conversation. Councilor McGiverin recalled great conversations about asthma that had been spearheaded by former acting mayor, Terry Murphy, when he had been chair of the committee.

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

(1:16:30)

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order City Council amend its rule #34 to add " naming and renaming". Refer to Charter and rules. Here is the current rule:

RULE 34:

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

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the rule change was a short, straightforward discussion to clarify the role of the City Council.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that the City Council Administrative Assistant appointment be a two year appoint that coincides with the City Council terms
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:
Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the intent was to have the Administrative Assistant terms coincide with City Council terms.

Councilor Jourdain asked if there was legal form for the Charter change.

President McGee stated there was not.

Councilor McGiverin clarified that the Charter had referred to the City Messenger, adding that the Administrative Assistant may have only been by ordinance.

Councilor Jourdain stated that it should require a Charter change.

Councilor McGiverin stated that they had eliminated the City Messenger.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his understanding that they changed the title but left the one year term in the Charter.

Councilor McGiverin stated that it had been an ordinance change as well.

---> Laid on the table. Referred to the Law Department.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order add rule to require a set monthly meeting time of all City Council committees have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated the intent was to assure that committees meet regularly and have a clear schedule. He noted another order remained tabled in committee to further review the roles and responsibilities of committees. He then stated that committees who may only meet twice per term may not be necessary or utilizing time well.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that Rule 61 be amended by inserting "or at the next meeting of the committee, whichever comes later," after the words "30 days." Also amend this Rule by adding a new section: "Orders laid on the table in a committee shall be acted on with a vote with or without recommendation within six months of the committee receiving them. If not acted on, they shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular City Council meeting for action, referral, or disposal. Orders may be acted on up to the end of the term following the one in which they are filed. Such orders that remain in committee following the end of the term after the one in which they were filed shall be placed on the agenda for the next regular City Council meeting for disposal."

This is to make sure that orders are handled in a timely manner when councilors file them for consideration and to establish a step to be taken if they are not taken up. It also clarifies a time period before orders go stale and can no longer be acted on have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

Jose Maldonado-Velez
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that there had been a similar order and the committee was watching to see if that order's adoption had the intended effect.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order That the City Council consider changing rule 44A to reflect the following:

-All Council and Sub Committee agendas, and legal forms shall be distributed to Council Members by 1:00 pm 7 calendar days prior to the scheduled meeting or by Monday the previous business day at 1:00 pm in the event that 7 days prior falls on a legal holiday. AND that late files are in fact necessary have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
 Jose Maldonado-Velez
 Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
 Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the order was to consider the change. He then stated that through the discussion, they recognized that the change was not practicable. He added that the understood intent was to assure that councilors get the information in enough time to do their homework on what they'll be voting on. He noted one example of an issue would be that a committee meeting shorter than 7 days before the next meeting would not be able to get their items onto an agenda.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order That the City Council limit debate of items covered in committee to 60 second clarifications, in the form of question/inquiry only, with a limit of 3 questions/inquiries per counselor. AND that responses be no more than 60 seconds each as well. have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
 Jose Maldonado-Velez
 Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
 Todd A McGee

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the intent was to compel councilors to be more aware of the time they're using during a meeting. He then added that one obstacle they recognized was that such a change would be unenforceable. He also stated that people have a right to get their point across in a democracy. He also noted one Council rule does require a vote if someone wants to speak for a third time during debate.

Councilor Givner expressed that the discussion had been productive and helped to make councilors more aware of the time and space they take up and pay more attention to restating points already made.

Councilor McGiverin observed that his Finance Committee reports had been shorter that evening.

Councilor Vacon noted Councilor McGiverin had been keeping track of the time people spoke during debate of that item.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 13G, 13H, and 13I as a package.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that the City Council vote to place the following question on the ballot as a binding referendum: "Should the City Treasurer be changed from an elected position to an appointed position that combines the duties of Treasurer and Tax Collector?" have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the order was a duplicate of another order still in committee.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that the DPW commissioners &

sewer commissioners meet with the council to discuss merger of elimination of sewer commissioner and the sewer deficit
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that the Law Department advised that such a change be refiled after the hiring of a new DPW Director.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that Ordered that the City Council consider merging the Holyoke Historical Commission and the Historic District Commissions
have considered the same and Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.

Committee Members:

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that both commissions had open questions before consideration of a merger should take place.

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

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

(1:28:45)

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI Ordered, that Ordered that the Development & Government Relations Committee invite the development team from Wayfinders to provide an update on the Library Commons project and other upcoming projects within the City

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

PUELLO Ordered, that That the city engineer draft the costs and feasibility of installing two raised crosswalks on Main Street adjacent to Springdale Park.

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

PUELLO Ordered, that That the city engineer, parks department and OPED provide an update on the improvements to Springdale Park and the Main Street/Route 5 corridor via the "MassTrails" grant feasibility study and Springdale Park Master Plan.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the Engineer, Parks and Rec, and OPED. Please report back within 30 days.

RIVERA_I Ordered, that Order that the council invite the DPW director of Chicopee to speak on their refuse pickup system that was developed several years ago and what the cost benefits are to their community.

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

RIVERA_I Ordered, that Order that the school committee along with HPS present 3rd grade literacy outcomes of the past 5 years (including COVID year) along with steps taken to address said outcomes.

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

TALLMAN Ordered, that Ordered, that our Administrative Assistant be invited to provide a quick tutorial during a Public Service meeting on councilor use of Google Drive folders for better understanding of use of electronic files of orders and meeting folders. This will also be an opportunity to provide public understanding of access to folders that will be made available for their access in the near future.
---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

BARTLEY Ordered, that An Act be approved Amending the Charter of the City of Holyoke regarding certain Mayoral Appointments.

Councilor Vacon stated that the home rule portion had been passed by the Council, adding that Mayor Murphy approved by had not had an opportunity to sign it prior to the transition when Mayor Garcia took office. She then stated that the legal form provided that evening was the document to be sent to the state. She then noted the timeframe following the previous election had created a unique situation.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to receive and adopt and refer to the mayor. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion.

Councilor Jourdain stated that it would require a roll call vote as a Charter change.

Councilor I. Rivera asked to clarify that a vote was for recommendation to the mayor.

Councilor Jourdain clarified that it was a vote to adopt, adding that the mayor would have to approve. He then reiterated that the previous Council had already approved it.

Councilor McGiverin noted that such a charter change would require a two-thirds vote of the Council, the mayor's signature, passage by the state legislature, and the governor's signature. He then stated that he would not sign it if he were mayor.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos expressed that while he would support it, he believed that new councilors should be given an opportunity to ask questions if they were unclear.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti expressed discomfort with voting that evening. She then stated that while she understood it was an action of the previous Council, she had concerns with asking this Council to take a vote based on the opinions of the previous one. She then asked for an opportunity to participate in more discussion.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his support for the change. He then stated that giving then City Council approval authority would prevent the mayor from being able to remove commissioners without City Council approval. He then expressed openness to tabling it if other new councilors desired more time.

Councilor Vacon reiterated that the situation was unique, noting a lack of recollection of another situation when both the City Council and the Mayor approved of a change, but paperwork did not get finalized before the term ended. She then suggested it was a matter of respecting the integrity of the legislative actions of the former Council.

Councilor Bartley stated that he would support tabling if that was the desire of his colleagues. He then expressed concern for opposition to supporting it without consideration. He noted that councilors rarely have a chance to meet City Hall employees, emphasizing that the change would create an opportunity for the Council to meet every single nominee to be appointed to a committee. He also noted that the Council had always approved a mayor's appointments even if there were some votes of opposition. He then noted that Mayor Garcia expressed being warm to the idea. He then emphasized that the change was not about taking power from the mayor but more about giving the City Council a chance to get to know nominees for appointment.

Councilor Givner stated that she had not had an opportunity to read the language and would not be able to support it without doing so.
---> Received and laid on the table.

GIVNER, Jourdain Ordered, that That a handicap sign be placed in front of 56 Linden St. for Hedy S. Jaundoo, Placard # PL4980420.

Councilor Givner stated that she had not filed the order but would be in support.

Motion was made and seconded to allow City Clerk Murphy President McGee to address the Council.

City Clerk Murphy President McGee stated that when handicap sign applications get filed, they are submitted in the name of the councilor whose ward the applicants lives in.

Councilor Jourdain asked to be added to the order, noting that he had received a call about the request.

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

JOURDAIN Ordered, that That the Finance Committee review the status of (reportedly tabled currently) the second hand license of Mimi Mai at 324 Appleton Street in light of her recent indictment on numerous federal criminal charges in connection with this business named EZ Exchange. The City Council should review this license and all other licenses this individual may hold with the city.

Councilor Jourdain stated that through follow up and research done by the Administrative Assistant, he understood that the business was closed, used for another purpose, and the owner did not have any other licenses in the city.

---> Given leave to withdraw by maker.

JOURDAIN Ordered, that That the Police Chief, Fire Chief and a representative of the Holyoke Medical Center be invited to appear at the Public Safety Committee to discuss and review the Baby Safe Haven law as it relates to the City of Holyoke. Please provide any statistics on how many infants have been received since the law took effect if available.

---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Copy to Police Chief and Fire Chief .

JOURDAIN, Vacon Ordered, that That the Police Chief and Fire Chief have Baby Safe Haven signage at all manned police and fire stations and ensure effective procedures are in place to comply with Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2004.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Copy to Public Safety.

JOURDAIN, Puello, Rivera_I Ordered, that The Mayor's office please provide the City Council with a list of all current host community agreements from marijuana companies in our city. Please also provide us a list of how much revenue we are generating annually from each of these agreements.

Councilor I. Rivera asked to be added to the order.

Councilor Jourdain expressed an interest in finding out exactly how much money is coming in from the agreements.

---> Received and adopted. Referred to the Finance Committee.

JOURDAIN, Puello, Vacon Ordered, that That the Finance Committee review the FY 22 budget impact, as well as, school building financial analysis impact of the Assessors' decision to lower the Holyoke Mall's assessment by an additional \$36 million (for a \$1.46 million annual revenue drop) the day after the Council's February 15 vote to approve spending \$475,000 on a feasibility study for a new middle school.

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

MCGEE Ordered, that That the City Council appoint Anthony Dulude as the third Board Member to the Board of Assessors.

Councilor Jourdain asked the if Law Department needed to create a special employee status for Mr. Dulude.

President McGee noted the Board of Assessors had a vacancy that Mr. Dulude had been filling voluntarily without pay.

Councilor Jourdain stated he was willing to do it for free, adding that the technicalities should be addressed as Mr. Dulude was a city employee.

President McGee suggested tabling to allow the Law Department to follow up.

Councilor Jourdain noted that Mr. Dulude was experienced in the role as the former Chief Assessor, also noting they only meet once per year.

Councilor Vacon asked if the motion could be to approve pending legal review.

President McGee noted it could be tabled as it was not a dire need.

Councilor I. Rivera asked if the questions were coming up because he was already a city employee applying for another city position.

President McGee confirmed that was accurate.

Councilor McGiverin stated that there had been two assessors for many years until the state required that they needed an odd number when they vote. He then recognized that some councilors may not know Mr. Dulude and would like an opportunity to speak to him in committee.

Councilor Jourdain clarified that there was not conflict as he was not a city councilor, adding that classifying him as a special employee would clear the state ethics concerns even without a second salary issue.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the position never had a salary.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed his support for Mr. Dulude.

---> Received and laid on the table.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 29 through 40 and 42 as a package.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000.00) as follows:

FROM:		
15432-57700	VETERANS BENEFITS - DIRECT	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,000.00
TO:		
19202-57200	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$3,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$3,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$4,440.00) as follows:

FROM:		
15432-57700	VETERANS BENEFITS-DIRECT	\$4,440.00
	TOTAL:	\$4,440.00
TO:		
11522-53009	CONTRACTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$4,440.00
	TOTAL:	\$4,440.00

To the City Council:

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

March 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) as follows:

FROM:			
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$30,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$30,000.00
TO:			
19442-58400	CANNABIS-SITE IMPROVEMENTS		\$30,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	REPLACING SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	73 SERGEANT ST FROM RACE ST TO		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	MAIN ST		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$30,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) as follows:

FROM:			
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$40,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$40,000.00
TO:			
19442-58400	CANNABIS-SITE IMPROVEMENTS		\$40,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	REPAVING RACE ST FROM CABOT ST		XXXXX
XXXX-XXXXX	TO SERGEANT ST		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$40,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$40,000.00) as follows:

FROM:			
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$40,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$40,000.00
TO:			
19442-58400	CANNABIS - SITE IMPROVEMENTS		\$40,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	CROSSWALK, LIGHTING & PARKING		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	STRIPING ALONG DWIGHT ST BETWEEN		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	MAIN & HIGH		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$40,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000.00) as follows:

FROM:		
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION	\$30,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$30,000.00
TO:		
19442-58400	CANNABIS - SITE IMPROVEMENTS	\$30,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	MUNICIPAL LOT AT 63 CANAL ST.	XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	GENERAL BEAUTIFICATION & FENCING	XXXXX
	TOTAL:	\$30,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$300,000.00) as follows:

FROM:		
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION	\$300,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$300,000.00
TO:		
19442-58400	CANNABIS-SITE IMPROVEMENTS	\$300,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL LOT	XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	AT 63 CANAL ST INCLUDING NEW PAVING ,	XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	GENERAL BEAUTIFICATION & NEW FENCING	XXXXX
	TOTAL:	\$300,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

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

FROM:		
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION	\$100,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$100,000.00
TO:		
19442-58400	CANNABIS - SITE IMPROVEMENTS	\$100,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENTRANCE OF	XXXXX

XXXXX-XXXXX	HADLEY MILLS RD		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$100,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000.00) as follows:

FROM:			
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$75,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$75,000.00
TO:			
19442-53009	CANNABIS - CONTRACTED PROF SERVICES		\$75,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	TO STUDY PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	TO NORTH CANAL ST FROM THE SOUTH		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	HADLEY BRIDGE TO THE WILLIMANSETT		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	BRIDGE		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$75,000.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWELVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$12,690.00) as follows:

FROM:			
8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$12,690.00
		TOTAL:	\$12,690.00
TO:			
19441-51101	CANNABIS LIAISON		\$12,690.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	SUPPORT OPEP STAFF COORDINATING		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	INTERNAL OPERATIONS, TRACK CURRENT		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	STATE LAW & MONITOR SPECIAL LICENSE		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	HOLDERS 3/28/2022 TO END OF FY2022		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$12,690.00

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000.00) as follows:

FROM:

8815-59710	CANNABIS STABILIZATION		\$150,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$150,000.00
TO:			
19442-57805	CANNABIS SCHOLARSHIPS		\$150,000.00
XXXXX-XXXXX	HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	HOLYOKE RESIDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	TO THE CANNABIS EDUCATION PROGRAM		XXXXX
XXXXX-XXXXX	& UP TO 15% FOR MARKETING		XXXXX
		TOTAL:	\$150,000.00

To the City Council:

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A CANNABIS LIAISON TO COORDINATE INTERNAL OPERATIONS BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY OF HOLYOKE'S CANNABIS INDUSTRY.

To the City Council:

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) as follows:

FROM:

12402-53010	OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$5,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$5,000.00
TO:			
11552-53100	SOFTWARE LICENSE/USAGE FEES		\$2,500.00
11552-53180	SYSTEMS HARDWARE/MAINTENANCE		2,500.00
		TOTAL:	\$5,000.00

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

Councilor Vacon asked if the cannabis stabilization was the cannabis mitigation fees.

President McGee stated that could be a part of the discussion in committee.

Councilor Vacon stated that she had not heard of this fund before.

Councilor Jourdain asked for a legal opinion on using the money to give out scholarship funds. He expressed concern about using city funds for scholarships.

Councilor McGiverin noted he had the same questions, adding that it would be a part of the committee discussion. He then noted the committee would be meeting on March 7th.

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 27/100 Dollars (\$21,645.27) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51104	LIEUTENANT		\$6,213.15
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12101-51105	SERGEANT	6,723.80
12101-51107	PATROLMEN	8,708.32
	TOTAL:	\$21,645.27
TO:		
12101-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$21,645.27
	TOTAL:	\$21,645.27

To the City Council:

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY ONE AND 34/100 Dollars (\$461.34) as follows:

FROM:		
12201-51103	CAPTAIN	\$461.34
	TOTAL:	\$461.34
TO:		
12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$461.34
	TOTAL:	\$461.34

To the City Council:

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

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin recalled that Councilor I. Rivera has asked about an assessment of claims during the previous committee meeting. He then stated that the departments refer claims to have an independent assessment, as well as internal assessment on length of time, often leading to an initial light duty when they return to work. He then stated that the transfer are part of an accounting of hours lost with public safety employees receiving their salary while out of work do to being injured on duty.

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$1,135.00) as follows:

FROM:		
11211-51103	AIDE TO MAYOR	\$1,135.00
	TOTAL:	\$1,135.00
TO:		
11571-51101	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST. TO CITY COUNCIL	\$1,135.00
	TOTAL:	\$1,135.00

To the City Council:

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the transfer that coincided with new duties added to the job description for the Administrative Assistant. He then stated that the Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos had been handling the

duties for several months already, adding that proper compensation had been a part of the discussion. He stated that the transfer was to cover the remainder of the fiscal year. He then asked if there could retroactive pay be done if the Council was in favor. He also asked if the transfer could be approved that night, noting the salary change would start upon passage. Councilor Jourdain expressed support for the transfer. He then stated that retroactive pay could go back to the beginning of the fiscal year. He then asked what the \$4,000 a year adjustment meant for the salary. President McGee stated it went from \$41,000 to \$45,000. Councilor Jourdain reiterated his support for the transfer, adding that the change was well deserved. ---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Bartley). Councilor Anderson-Burgos did not vote or participate in discussion on this item.

LATE FILED ORDERS & COMMUNICATIONS

(2:05:25)

From Aaron Vega, OPED Project Manager description
---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

From Alicia Zoeller, Comm Development Block Grant Proposal Materials
---> Received and referred to the Development and Governmental Relations Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that That the City Council give the Holyoke Public Schools permission to file an MSBA statement of interest for 80% reimbursement of a Dean School boiler replacement and new windows and doors at McMahan, Donahue, and Lawrence.
---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FIFTY THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$50,600.00) as follows:

FROM:		
14251-51104	HEAVY MOTOR EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	\$50,600.00
	TOTAL:	\$50,600.00
TO:		
14251-51480	CDL CLASS A DIFFERENTIAL	\$600.00
14251-51301	SNOW REMOVAL OVERTIME	50,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$50,600.00

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Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000.00) as follows:

FROM:		
14211-51103	OFFICE MANAGER	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$5,000.00
TO:		
14801-51105	PART- TIME CLERK	\$5,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$5,000.00

To the City Council:

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March 1, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

Councilor McGiverin asked what department the transfer was for.

President McGee stated it was for the Department of Public Works.

Councilor Jourdain asked if department heads understood that late files were for emergencies.

President McGee confirmed that they did.

Councilor McGiverin stated that he works with the Auditor to avoid late transfers. He noted that the agenda had been done early because of a snowstorm the previous Friday, leading to some transfers coming in late.

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

Adjourn at 09:13 PM.

A true record

ATTEST:


City Clerk