

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order by President McGee at 7:06 PM

The Clerk called the roll. Absent members: 1 (Puello) Present Members 12 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Givner, Jourdain, Maldonado Velez, McGee, McGiverin, Murphy-Romboletti, I. Rivera, J. Rivera, Tallman, Vacon).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

FY 2023 Municipal Budget(Second reading)

---> Received and laid on the table.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betzaida Ventura, 67 Center Street, stated that the Fair Share amendment was a priority for SEIU 1999, the labor movement, and many in the community. She then stated that the amendment was a constitutional amendment that would be on the ballot that November. She stated it would add a 4% tax to the portion of a person's income over \$1 million, adding that it would generate between \$1 million and \$2 million a year to be spend on quality public education, affordable public higher education as well as repairs and maintenance of roads and other transportation infrastructure. She suggested that while the rich got richer during the pandemic, working family and small businesses continued to get hit hard. She stated that the Fair Share amendment would make taxes more fair and provide money for needed investments.

Lydia Wood, 77 Pleasant Street, Easthampton, stated she was the Executive Director for the Western Mass labor Federation. She then stated that they represented 67 unions with workers from many industries with thousands of workers across the area. She stated that the amendment would bring in around \$2 billion in sustainable revenue and investments annually, adding that the investments would go toward improving schools and roads. She noted that there were 600 structurally deficient bridges. She then suggested that this would be the fairest way to invest in communities and families, noting that .6% of Massachusetts households would see their taxes rise as a result of the amendment while everyone would share in the benefits.

Amy Calandrella, 75 Merrick Avenue, expressed her support for the Fair Share amendment. She stated that voters would decide through the ballot in November. She suggested that it would make a difference for the City Council to show its support. She noted that as a member of the area Labor Federation, she believed it was important to voice her support. She then emphasized that it would be only \$4 of every \$100 in income over \$1 million. She also stated that as a construction worker, more money in the public infrastructure budget would mean more work for her locally rather than needing to commute farther away for work.

Patrick Burke, 43 Pearl Street, stated that he was a member of the Labor Federation as well as the President of United Auto Workers Local 2322. He stated that the Fair Share amendment was specifically just 4% of income over \$1 million that would have to go specifically to public education and transportation. He suggested that the resources would benefit Holyoke Community College as well as the local public transit systems. He then stated that without investment in these things, fares and tuitions increase. He stated that members he represents were reliant on such public funds to do their work.

President McGee read from a public comment email:

Brianna Capen-Parizo, 192 West Franklin Street,

My name is Brianna Capen-Parizo. I live at 192 W Franklin Street in Holyoke.

As a constituent of Holyoke, I would like to voice my support and encourage you, our city council, to endorse the Fair Share Amendment.

As a public school teacher, I know the importance of proper funding, and education seems to always be on the chopping block at the state level.

“The Fair Share Amendment will allow Massachusetts to improve our transportation and public education systems by making the very rich pay their fair share. Only people who earn more than \$1 million annually will be impacted; 99% of us won’t pay a penny more. And we’ll all benefit from better schools, roads, bridges, and public transportation.”

The pandemic hit our communities and small businesses hard while wealthier people saw their profits and incomes soar. It’s time those at the top helped pay for the services we all desperately need. Properly funded schools raise our communities up out of poverty and crime. Properly funded schools can address the growing mental health pandemic among our students after years of defunding and Covid-related challenges.

Therefore, I implore you to endorse the FSA so that our communities can get the funding we need.

Thank you,

Brianna Capen-Parizo

President McGee read from a public comment email:

Linda Capan, 192 West Franklin Street,

Good evening,

My name is Linda Capen. I live at 190 W Franklin Street in Holyoke, Ma.

As a constituent of Holyoke, I would like to voice my support and encourage you, our city council, to endorse the Fair Share Amendment.

As a transportation supervisor, I know the importance of proper funding, and transportation seems to always be forgotten, including the state level.

“The Fair Share Amendment will allow Massachusetts to improve our transportation and public education systems by making the very rich pay their fair share. Only people who earn more than \$1 million annually will be impacted; 99% of us won’t pay a penny more. And we’ll all benefit from better schools, roads, bridges, and public transportation.”

The pandemic hit our communities and small businesses hard and it’s time those at the top helped pay for the services children desperately need. Properly funded transportation guarantees that those in the most disadvantaged parts of a school systems have a ride to school. That they are allowed the opportunity to receive the same education as everyone else. Many times no transportation means children miss school, are often late or don’t attend at all. Properly funded transportation can address the growing mental health pandemic among our students after years of defunding and Covid-related challenges including and most importantly social interaction.

Therefore, I implore you to endorse the FSA so that our communities can get the funding we need.

Thank you,

Linda Capen BA, Transportation Supervisor , Ma. State School Bus instructor

COMMUNICATIONS

(12:35)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 23A out of order.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order A resolution in Support of a Fair Share Amendment. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be referred to the City Council.

Committee Members:

Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
David K. Bartley
Joseph McGiverin
Jenny Rivera_J
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti described the committee discussion as lively. She expressed her support for the resolution. She noted that the discussion of the School Department budget included a need to find additional sources of revenue. She then suggested that this would be an opportunity to access more revenue without adding burden to most taxpayers and small businesses. She also emphasized that the order was a nonbinding resolution that would allow the Council to send an important message.

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that that the resolution was nonbinding. He then emphasized that with budget discussions underway, this amendment would address two major areas in need of investment. He then noted that a previous effort for an amendment had been a citizen petition whereas this amendment had been put forward by legislators. He then thanked members of the public for showing up to speak on the resolution. He then clarified that one of the whereas statements in the resolution should be amended to make clear that the 11 out of 11 bridges referred to city owned bridges as opposed to those owned and maintained by MassDOT.

President McGee stated that the language stating "Holyoke has 11 (out of 11) structurally deficient bridges and more than \$12.5 million in costs" appeared to be clear to him.

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated that it could remain if it was clear.

Councilor Vacon emphasized that voters had already voted twice in the last 15 years to cut income taxes, adding that taxes had been increased instead. She then suggested that this was overreach by an out of touch legislature to amend the state constitution for another money grab. She then stated that the state needed to be good stewards of public dollars and advocating for the funds already there rather than giving themselves more raises.

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

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, letter reappointing Mr. Francis Hoey, 90 Lexington Ave. to serve as a commissioner of the Gas & Electric for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Hoey will serve a six year term; said term will expire July 1, 2028.

Councilor Bartley stated that Mr. Hoey added intellectual heft as a WPI graduate, long-term veteran at Tighe & Bond. He stated it was a great appointment. He also encouraged other councilors to attend an HG&E meeting. He stated that the city was fortunate to have someone of his stature.

Councilor Jourdain stated that Mr. Hoey had been on the committee since the mid 90's, adding a level of gravitas to the board. He also stated that it was nice to have this level continuity.

Councilor Tallman stated he had known Mr. Hoey for many years and was a great asset to the committee.
---> Received and appointment confirmed.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 3 and 9 as a package.

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia letter appointing Nathan Chung, 9 Prew Ave Apt 4A, to serve as a Commissioner of the Planning Board for the City of Holyoke: Mr. Chung will replace Mr. John Kelly and will serve a three year term; said term will expire on June 30, 2025.
---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

From Jose Bayron Chairman Parks & Rec and Helene Busby Vice Chairman letter appointing Tom Reynolds as the new director.
---> Received and referred to the Public Service Committee.

From Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, appointment of Lisa Ball as City Solicitor

Councilor Bartley stated he was in favor of approval. He then asked if there was a contract or a term of appointment. He then asked to confirm that she had come in for an interview when she was first appointment.

President McGee confirmed that was accurate.

Councilor Bartley then asked if there was a term.

President McGee read from the appointment letter:
"Please be advised that Acting City Solicitor Lisa Ball has been appointed to the position of City Solicitor effective July 1, 2022. Attorney Ball's annual salary will be \$94,000 (GR13) and will be paid from G.L. account #11511-51101. Thank you for your attention to this matter."
He then stated that there was not set number of years.

Councilor Bartley asked if that was typical.

President McGee stated it was.

Councilor Jourdain stated his understanding was that the Charter stated that the Solicitor's term went with the mayor's term adding that was when the mayor's term was two. He then asked if the Solicitor's term had been extended.

President McGee suggested asking the City Solicitor.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow Atty Ball to address the Council.

Atty Ball stated that the service is at the pleasure of the mayor, adding that she would stay on as long as the mayor chose to retain her. She then stated that while she was not sure if the term was extended along with the mayor's term, but she would stay as long as he was there unless he decided to hire someone else.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that more research could be done, adding his understanding that there was a term specified in the Charter. He then spoke in favor of Atty Ball's appointment. He then expressed that it had been a tragedy that she was not retained ten years earlier, adding that she had faithfully served during the Pluta administration. He added that he had spoken on her behalf at that time.

President McGee read from the Charter language, section 34:

"The city solicitor shall be appointed by the mayor, and confirmed by the city council, for a term consistent with the appointing mayor."

Councilor Vacon expressed her support for the confirmation. She stated that Atty Ball has accomplished a huge amount of rebuilding and developed a level of professionalism in the office.

President McGee stated that in reaching out to Atty Ball while he served briefly as mayor, she had stepped up to help out the city. He then stated that while she intended to stay temporarily, he was glad she was staying on.

---> Received and appointment Confirmed.

From Brenna Murphy McGee, MMC and Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, Admin. Ass't. to City Council minutes of May 17, 2022.

---> Received and Adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 6 and 36 as a package.

Communication from Councilor Maldonado-Velez regarding 988 number: https://namimass.org/wp-content/uploads/MAMHNAMIMassFact_988ImplementationH2081S1274.pdf

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

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we fund the Public Safety line item with \$200,000 and create a Department of Public Care and Safety that is separate from police, fire department, and others currently being tasked with the job of public safety. The role will work on setting up a department that will provide multiple types of civilian responders to community needs, including peer response to mental health and substance use crises, as an alternative to police response. They will work with community partners to create spaces like the winter warming shelters and connecting all community partners and the public to their services. Regionally work with other communities that have instituted a similar department. Will also work on expanding the usage of the 988 number rolling out July 16th.

President McGee suggested that the discussion could take place in Public Safety and then the mayor would have to put forward an appropriation.

Councilor McGiverin added that the matter should go to the Finance Committee after the initial discussion in Public Safety.

Councilor Jourdain stated that there was a provision of state law that allowed for the Council to make a request for funds to be added to the budget where the mayor had not made any appropriation, adding that the Council can vote to add it if the mayor does not.

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

From Law Department, MOA from local 1459

Councilor McGiverin stated that there were funds in the budget earmarked for 9 contracts that were up and 2 still being negotiated, including this one. He stated that the funds were in the budget for this contract which could be better during the budget meeting.

---> Put on June 13, 2022 agenda.

From School Committee Member Rebecca Birks, resignation effective July 29, 2022.

---> Received.

Councilor Jourdain asked if it would be sent to Personnel to advertise for the position.

President McGee stated that there was an order to appoint to this position, adding that the mayor would call a special meeting for a joint session between the Mayor, City Council, and the School Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 8 and 42 as a package.

MCGEE -- That the City Council and School Committee hold a joint meeting to appoint a new Ward 3 School Committee Member following the resignation of Rebecca Birks.

President McGee stated that anyone can send in a resume to Personnel and they would be communicated to the Council.

---> Received and referred to the mayor. Copied to the Personnel Department.

Councilor Vacon asked if anyone named can be voted in or did potential candidates need to apply affirmatively.

President McGee stated they could vote for anyone they wanted.

Councilor Bartley stated that while anyone can be voted for, there were certain requirements for the position.

President McGee stated a legal opinion would be coming to clarify if someone did not live within the ward.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that the Charter section regarding prior residency should be followed, noting there was a two residency rule for certain city offices.

President McGee expressed his understanding that someone would have to be a resident of Ward 3, but he had not been comfortable giving a legal opinion without having the Law Department research it.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos was why there was not a concern about a two year residency when former councilor Nelson Roman ran for office.

President McGee stated the Law Department would be all the information that was needed.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he was bringing it up in order for the opinion to be comprehensive.

President McGee expressed his appreciation to Rebecca Birks and her husband Dennis for their commitment and service to the city.

Councilor Jourdain stated that she had been in the position for at least 20 years.

Councilor McGiverin noted Dennis had been appointed back in the 1990's.

Motion was made and accepted to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 10 and 20B as a package.

A resolution to file and accept a conservation grant with and from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of energy and environmental affairs for the acquisition of land for the Anniversary Hill Park aka Crafts Hill/Scott Tower project.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 "LWCF ANNIVERSARY HILL PARK LAND ACQUISITION, \$150,000, " 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

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:

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to allow Atty Degnan to address the Council.

President McGee asked if item 10 was the correct language for the resolution.

Atty Degnan stated that she believed there was a late file with revised language.

President McGee conferred with the Admin Asst and understood that revised language to be in accordance with state requirements had been inserted as a substitution for the original language.

City Clerk Murphy McGee stated that when the agenda had been started, the resolution had been placed as its own item but she believed that the actual revised version of the resolution may have been attached to the committee report.

President McGee clarified that the revised version had been put in the agenda packet as item 10.

Councilor McGiverin stated that the project had been ongoing for some time, going back to the acquisition of land by Kestral Land Trust, involving Conservation. He stated that the goal was to expand what was known to be Anniversary Hill. He stated that the grant added to the amount of money required for the land.

Councilor Bartley asked to confirm that there would be \$300,000 put into a fund to secure the property from Kestral Land Trust.

Councilor McGiverin confirmed that was accurate.

Councilor Bartley stated that there would ultimately be a property deed conveyed from Kestral to the City of Holyoke.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the CPA approved \$150,000 to go into that fund.

---> Report of committee passed two readings and recommendation Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

Mackenzie Stadium lease dated May 9, 2022.

Councilor Bartley stated that this would allow the lease to be approved before the Holyoke Blue Sox season starts. He then stated that the contract appeared to be the same as had been approved in the past. He added that the team was a credit to the city. He also stated that while it was play that the city was just breaking even on the contract, he suggested some future city leader could look into how it could be more beneficial to the city.

Councilor McGiverin noted that they learned Elms College had also been using the field. He added that he emphasized to them that they needed to make that contract available to the City Council.

Councilor I. Rivera echoed the thoughts of Councilor Bartley in that there could be more benefits to the city, noting it was attractive to the city and that a lot of money had been invested into such venues.

Councilor Bartley stated that the city had made improvements to the ball field, adding that the contract was for a private sector entity getting a good contract on a premier ballfield and earning ancillary revenue. He reiterated that there could be better benefit researched to the city in the future. He also emphasized that the City Council approves all leases, conveyances, and licenses. He suggested that they could be more lenient with entities such as Elms because they were an educational institution.

Councilor J. Rivera asked if Holyoke High School gets first access to the field before it was rented out.

President McGee confirmed that they did.

Councilor J. Rivera stated that the High School's summer league had not had access to it the previous year.

Councilor Bartley added that the Tri County League also used it.

Councilor I. Rivera stated the summer league, the Allies, was interleague play and not an actual high school team. He stated they would have to bid with the other private entities.

Councilor McGiverin recalled that when they bonded for the field with the track, it had been made clear that the high school had first use of the field. He stated that they lease the field to help pay back the bond.

Councilor J. Rivera asked if it made a difference that the players were high school students.

President McGee stated that it was because they were not a team from the high school.

Councilor McGiverin noted there was competition for baseball diamonds all over the city. He then stated that the Parks Department was careful to assure that Holyoke sports came first for use.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that if the Allies was a team out of the Parks Department, they may have precedence over the Blue Sox.

Councilor Tallman agreed that it was a great contract, adding that it was important to show support. He then stated that the games were a great family night out.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 12, 13, and 14 as a package.

From Holyoke Redevelopment Authority Executive meeting minutes for the following dates:

Aug.. 21, 2019

October 21, 2020

January 20, 2021

March 2, 2021

April 21, 2021

May 26, 2021

June 9, 2021

August 18, 2021

September 29, 2021.

Included also, regular meeting minutes of March 16 & March 30, 2022.

Councilor McGiverin noted the importance of understanding of the release of executive session minutes came after any of the matters discussed during the sessions came to a closure.

Councilor Jourdain asked if absent members should be mentioned in the minutes, noting that the minutes did not mention those absent.

President McGee stated that they could table to follow up with that question.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he would follow up with them.

---> Received.

From Holyoke Board of Health minutes of February 3 and March 1, 2022.

---> Received.

From Board of Fire Commission minutes of March 17 April 21, 2022.

---> Received.

PETITIONS

(59:15)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 15, 16, and 17 as a package.

Petition for a renewal of a Second Hand license at 250 Westfield Rd. (Dollar general)

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

Petition for a renewal of a Second hand license for ECOATM, LLC at 50 Holyoke St. (Holyoke Mall)

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

Petition of ECOATM. LLC for a renewal of a Second hand license at 2261 Northampton St. (inside Dollar General).

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

Petition of Ahava, LLC for a special permit for a Marijuana Facility for cultivation and product manufacturing at 333 Canal St.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(1:00:55)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up Late File I out of order.

BARTLEY -- Ordered, that we suspend our rules to waive our 3rd meeting in Sept. due to the Big E Parade.

Motion was made and seconded to take final action.

Councilor Bartley stated that the Holyoke Day parade at the Big E is always held on the third Tuesday of September, adding that it had been started eleven years ago. He stated that they could suspend the rules if the meeting needed to happen on another day. He noted that the event had gone 95 years without a Holyoke day. He then stated that they were seeking participants to join the trolley ride.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti noted that the state primary would be taking place on the first Tuesday in September. She then asked how that would be handled.

President McGee stated they would just have to vote to suspend the meeting, noting that the Clerk's office would be using the chambers.

Councilor I. Rivera asked if his children could ride in the trolley ride with him.

Councilor McGiverin asked for clarification of the time, noting there were usually two parades during the day.

Councilor Bartley stated that they learned the previous year that there was only one parade at 6pm rather than one at 5 and one at 8. He stated that he would get more information, adding that it would be at either 5 or 6.

---> Received and Adopted.

President McGee stated that the budget meeting would be held on June 13th. He thanked all of the department heads who attended the budget hearings. He added that they were well attended by most of the Council, He also thanked the mayor for attending them and being helpful in explaining his decisions. He then stated that the past Council's delayed Christmas party would be held that Friday at Wyckoff Country Club.

He then stated that the outgoing Fire Chief's retirement party had been held on May 31st. He thanked Chief Przekopowski for his service to the city and wished him well on his retirement.

He then stated that the flag raising for Pride month had been held the day before, adding that several councilors were in attendance.

He then stated that he attended the crowning of the king and queen for the Mont Marie Center's senior prom.

He then stated that there was a basketball game between city leaders and future city leaders.

He then stated that Google Drive links were available for the public to see the items in the various committee jackets by visiting the committee pages on the website.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his understanding that the mayor would be providing a supplemental budget. He then asked if it would be provided before the Council was to take its vote on the budget.

President McGee stated that he would have to.

Councilor Jourdain stated that the councilors should have a right to review it before taking their votes.

President McGee stated that the framed Council picture from the previous term should be received soon.

Councilor McGiverin stated that a supplemental budget can be filed any time up until the tax rate is set.

President McGee stated that the mayor planned to get it to the Council before the budget meeting.

Councilor McGiverin stated that he received an email from the Auditor stating that there would be a delay.

President McGee stated that he would follow up.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(1:09:45)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 19A and 19B as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City Solicitor research how other law departments are set up in Western Massachusetts. How many lawyers does each law department employ, are they full or part-time, do they hire outside counsel or handle all legal matters in their law department?

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 Atty Ball provided the requested information as part of the reorganization process.

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a handicap sign be placed in front of 439 Beech St. for Luis Figueroa, placard #PL4620943

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 Engineer and Disabilities and looked at the site and noted it was a travel lane and that it could not be located in the requested spot. She then stated it was complied with because it had been reviewed.

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The Holyoke zoning ordinances shall be amended to no longer allow day-care services in R-1 or R-2 district by right but only by a city council special permit.

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 many councilors learned that home day cares could be locally controlled as opposed to by right. She then stated that with the information that came in, the committee understood that this type of home business is already well regulated. She also stated that there had been a decrease in available facilities, adding that the expressed concerns about such locations related more to other matters of enforcement. She also stated that home day cares are licensed by the state and anyone with concerns can reach out to the state. She also stated that anyone operating who still needs a license can get into the proper path to become licensed. She then stated that the Planning Board had not recommended amending the ordinance.

Councilor Maldonado Velez noted that they all learned a great deal. He then stated that some concerns came up about illegal operations. He also stated that operators can call 413-788-8401 if they are still looking to get licensed. He emphasized that the goal was to get as many safe facilities as possible as available childcare continued to be a big issue.

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 11--Nays 1 (Bartley)--Absent 1 (Puello).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 19D and 19E as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order ORDERED: that a Capital Stabilization Account be established which must be created by the end of FY22 in order to be active for FY23 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 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order ORDERED: that a Sewer Enterprise Stabilization Account be established which must be created by the end of FY22 in order to be active for FY23.

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 expressed appreciation to the members of the committee for arriving early that evening to take up these items prior to the City Council's meeting. She then stated that the legal forms were a framework for establishing the stabilization funds so that the accounts existed for the mayor to transfer the funds into. She then stated that additional language could be added later to create more definition within the funds. She also noted it would require a supermajority vote of the Council to spend funds out of the accounts. She stated that the purpose of the Capital Asset Stabilization Fund was to expend funds for the acquisition, development, or maintenance of capital assets. She then stated that the purpose of the Sewer Enterprise Stabilization Fund was to expend funds in support of sewer and stormwater management and maintenance.

Councilor McGiverin thanked the committee for addressing these orders in a timely manner, emphasizing that such funds must be established in the fiscal year prior to when they begin to be used.

---> 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 12--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello).

(1:19:05)

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 "DCR URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT AWARD-PUBLIC TREE INVENTORY, \$30,000, 25% IN KIND MATCH," grant and authorizes the establishment of a Fund or other method appropriate for the accounting of the receipts and expenditures of all resources associated with the administration of said grant. have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Joseph McGiverin

Kevin A Jourdain

Will Puello

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Peter Tallman

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the grant would be a continuation of ongoing public tree inventory, noting the importance of such work in all communities. He then stated that the match would be managed through labor of city employees. He added that it would bring in an additional 7,000 tree to the community.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$8,600.00) as follows:

FROM:

14301-51103 LABORER-REFUSE \$8,600.00

TOTAL: \$8,600.00

TO:

14221-51300 OVERTIME-BUILDING MAINTENANCE \$800.00

14301-51300 OVERTIME REFUSE 7,800.00

TOTAL: \$8,600.00

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 the surplus was due to vacancies in many positions, adding that this had been a reoccurring theme in recent months with the DPW. He then stated that there had been miscommunications in the budget for the last year. He stated that the overtime was necessary due to vacancies, and refuse was due to moving people around various jobs within the department to collect trash and recycling.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20D through 20H as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order 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 PAY-OFFICE MANAGER \$5,000.00

TOTAL: \$5,000.00

TO:

14801-51105 PAY-PART TIME CLERK \$5,000.00

TOTAL: \$5,000.00

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 the office manager was the position held by the current Acting Superintendent, Amie Chrzanowski, and that it had not been backfilled. He stated she had been using clerical staff in the office to make up for the work that needed to get done.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 Dollars (\$410.00) as follows:

FROM:

14211-51103 OFFICE MANAGER \$410.00

TOTAL: \$410.00

TO:

60401-51300 OVERTIME-WWTP CLERKS \$410.00

TOTAL: \$410.00

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 transfer was for the same purpose as the previous order in that office staff was handling duties of the office with the vacancy due to the office manager filling the role of Acting Superintendent.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$4,195.00) as follows:

FROM:

16501-51106 PAY - HMEO \$4,195.00

TOTAL: \$4,195.00

TO:

16391-51101 PAY-SENIOR BUILDING CUSTODIAN \$760.00

16931-51102 PAY-BUILDING CUSTODIAN 3.00

16931-51300 PAY-OVERTIME 1,100.00

60401-51105 PAY-PRINCIPAL CLERK/STENO 2,332.00

TOTAL: \$4,195.00

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 there had not been enough employees to fill the positions of heavy motor equipment operator throughout the year, adding it had been becoming a serious issue. He noted that they believed the CDL requirement was a major obstacle.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 THOUSAND FIFTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$1,050.00) as follows:

FROM:

14211-51103 OFFICE MANAGER \$1,050.00

TOTAL: \$1,050.00

TO:

14211-51106 SUPERINTENDENT OF OUTDOOR WORKS \$1,050.00

TOTAL: \$1,050.00

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 due to the same vacancy and shuffling around of duties in the department as the previous orders.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR AND 00/100 Dollars (\$784.00) as follows

FROM:

14261-51102 PAY-MOTOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRMAN \$784.00

TOTAL: \$784.00
TO:
14261-51105 PAY-EVT MECHANIC \$700.00
14261-51106 PAY-POLICE FLEET MECHANIC 84.00
TOTAL: \$784.00

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 the surplus was being transferred as there was a brief vacancy and the funds were to be used for some extra work being done on equipment.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$17,500.00) as follows:

FROM:
14801-51101 PARKING CONTROL OFFICER \$17,500.00
TOTAL: \$17,500.00

TO:
14252-53100 SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES \$17,500.00
TOTAL: \$17,500.00

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 there was a vacancy in parking control officers, adding that the position had since been filled. Stated they were using the transferred funds to cover a deficit, noting that it is one of the few areas where deficit spending is allowed.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, SEVENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$70,000) as follows:

FROM:
15432-57700 VETERAN BENEFITS - DIRECT \$70,000
TOTAL: \$70,000

TO:
11512-53010 SPECIAL COUNSEL \$70,000
TOTAL: \$70,000

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 the Veteran Benefits surplus was due to the prior year budget having greater need and being budgeted at the same level for the current fiscal year with less need. He also noted that benefits to veterans get reimbursed by the federal government at 80%.

---> 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 (Puello).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20K through 20P as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THIRTY ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$31,000.00) as follows:

FROM:

16501-51106 HMEO-PARKS \$15,000.00
16501-51109 PARK MAINTENANCE MAN 16,000.00
TOTAL: \$31,000.00

TO:

14222-52509 R&M POLICE STATION \$31,000.00
TOTAL: \$31,000.00

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 the surpluses in all of the HMEO accounts were due to vacancies. He then stated that there were emergency repairs needed to the HVAC system at a police station.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWELVE THOUSAND ONE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$12,001.00) as follows:

FROM:

16501-51106 PAY-HMEO \$12,001.00
TOTAL: \$12,001.00

TO:

16501-51300 PAY -OVERTIME \$4,000.00
12941-51101 PAY-FORESTER 1.00
12941-51300 PAY-OVERTIME 8,000.00
TOTAL: \$12,001.00

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 the overtime was for the forestry department, noting that they had a long list of problem trees throughout the community.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWELVE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT AND 00/100 Dollars (\$12,338.00) as follows:

FROM:

14211-51108 PAY-SAFETY INSPECTOR \$10,988.00

14301-51103 PAY-LABORER 1,350.00

TOTAL: \$12,338.00

TO:

14301-51106 PAY-WASTE RECYCLING COORDINATOR \$12,338.00

TOTAL: \$12,338.00

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 the surpluses were due to an unpaid administrative leave in the department for the safety inspector position. He then stated that the waste recycling coordinator transfer was related to the budget mistake and reassignments within the departments.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$21,720.00) as follows:

FROM:

14251-51105 PAY-POWER SHOVEL OPERATOR \$21,720.00

TOTAL: \$21,720.00

TO:

14251-51101 PAY-PW FOREMAN/H&B \$840.00

14251-51300 PAY-OVERTIME 12,000.00

14251-51301 PAY-SNOW REMOVAL OVERTIME 8,880.00

TOTAL: \$21,720.00

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 the transfer was to cover deficit spending for snow removal without having it go from one fiscal year to the next.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000) as follows:

FROM:

15101-51109 SANITARIAN I \$20,000

TOTAL: \$20,000

TO:

15102-53100 PERMITTING SOFTWARE \$20,000

TOTAL: \$20,000

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 for professional services to pay for software that needed to be paid for. He then stated that they were still seeking more information on the cost of the software licenses.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$22,500.00) as follows:

FROM:

14221-51500 VACATION BUYBACK-BUILDING MAINT \$6,000.00

14251-51500 VACATION BUYBACK-HIGHWAY 9,500.00

14251-51830 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE - HIGHWAY 1,000.00

14261-51500 VACATION BUYBACK - AUTO 3,500.00

14801-51500 VACATION BUYBACK - PARKING 2,500.00

TOTAL: \$22,500.00

TO:

14252-53100 SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES \$22,500.00

TOTAL: \$22,500.00

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 the surpluses had been due to not having vacation buybacks to cover for the costs for. He then stated that the snow removal services were contracted out due to vacancies.

Councilor Bartley suggested that in regards to snow removal, he would prefer it to come from the stabilization account that these funds should go back into free cash.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 THIRTY ONE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$231,000.00) as follows:

FROM:

14101-51105 SENIOR CIVIL ENGINEER \$7,500.00
14211-51101 GENERAL SUPERINTENDANT 3,000.00
14211-51103 OFFICE MANAGER 20,000.00
14301-51102 HMEO-REFUSE 42,000.00
14301-51103 LABORER-REFUSE 4,200.00
14251-51104 HMEO-HIGHWAY 91,000.00
14251-51105 POWER SHOVEL OPERATOR-HIGHWAY 14,000.00
14251-51106 PROP MAINT & DEMO WORKER 1,300.00
14251-51107 LABORER-HIGHWAY 30,000.00
14261-51102 MOTOR EQUIPMENT REPAIRMAN 18,000.00

TOTAL: \$231,000.00

TO:

14252-53100 SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES \$231,000.00

TOTAL: \$231,000.00

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 there were vacancies in the department, leading to the surpluses in the various salary accounts. He then stated that snow removal was to clear up the deficit.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that this was a more fiscally conservative approach than using free cash, adding that it took two-thirds of a vote to remove funds from stabilization. He also added that it would put another \$231,000 into circulation, noting that it would then be certified as free cash, be defined as unappropriated funds, and would only require a simply majority vote. He expressed his preference that from within the department were being transferred and used.

Councilor Bartley stated that his suggestion was largely due to having negative free cash the previous few years. He then expressed his preference that taking a small fraction from the stabilization account for this one purpose, noting that the balance was at least \$18 million. He also noted that spending from stabilization would require a two-thirds vote.

Councilor McGiverin suggested that stabilization could be used for snow removal in the future. He stated that it would free up extra funds in the budget. He also noted that free cash had been negative in the last few years had been due to offsetting poorly managed grants.

---> 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 (Puello).

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 FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$2,575.00) as follows:

FROM:

14221-51104 LABORER-BUILDING MAINTENANCE \$2,575.00

TOTAL: \$2,575.00

TO:

14221-51105 BUILDING CUSTODIAN \$2,575.00

TOTAL: \$2,575.00

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 the surplus was due to a vacancy. He then stated that the transfer was to cover the difference for a contractual item.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$170,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 11512-53010 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES - OUTSIDE COUNSEL

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 had been different from normal protocol at the end of fiscal year. He then stated that the free cash certification had come in much later than normal, causing extra problems. He stated that this type of transfer, taking the current year's free cash for the following fiscal year was allowed according to the mayor and auditor. He then stated that the transfer was to help balance the following year's budget by supplementing for items that occur in the Solicitor's budget for a monthly contract.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$130,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 11212-53009 MAYOR'S CONTRACTED SERVICES

For consulting services for a police audit, parking management study, trash management and recycling study, and other special projects as needed

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 transfer was to cover services for a police audit, parking management study, as well as a trash and recycling management study. He stated that the committee recommended it but had personally voted against it in committee.

Councilor Jourdain stated that the majority in committee had been in support of the police audit, adding that the Police Chief had supported it. He then emphasized there were ongoing issues with the parking garages and meters, requiring resources and consultative services. He then added that trash and recycling services needed focus as well.

Councilor I. Rivera asked what type of audit the police department would undergo. He noted that audits could come in different forms such as financial, addressing efficiencies, as well as liability. He stated it would be good to understand the impacts to the community.

Councilor Vacon noted that the mayor presented an RFP showing the criteria for the audit.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that he couldn't get information for the purposes of voting that evening.

Councilor Vacon stated that it went into different aspects of the audit.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that the Law Department could help with acquiring information on the lawsuits against the Police Department, how many times they have been, what the results have been, and what the costs were. He then stated that this audit would be more focused on efficiency, fiscal reviews, and best practices.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the question did come up in committee and had been properly explained. He then stated that he was not supporting the transfer due to the police audit, noting that the scope of services went beyond a fiscal review and management review, opening the door for other areas that would not be fair to the department. He then stated that the police reform act had been difficult to adhere to. He then suggested that any audit was designed to be critical, adding that they needed to be careful about being critical until they can better understand how police work had changed due to the reform bill.

Councilor Maldonado Velez stated while he was in support of some sort of audit, noting that the studies were necessary. He then stated that his concern was that if this was not to be approved, he would wonder if there was another line item that could fund the studies. He also noted that as part of the parking advisory committee, he believed it was not enough to have just one study but that there needed to be more consistent studies annually.

Councilor Givner stated that the mayor and the police chief presented their ideas and reasoning behind wanting the audit on February 16th. She noted that much time was spend asking questions and recalled that the police chief was in support of the audit and that was a good reason to support the request. She also suggested that as the mayor sought to contract with consultants, it was not wise to expect him to look for contracts without having the funds to pay for them.

Councilor Vacon noted that the intent of the audits was as important as whether they happened. She then stated that the goal was to be looking for best practices and find out if there are arenas that needed strengthening or greater intensity of focus.

Councilor Jourdain stated that without approval, the only way to get it done would be to add it to the following year's fiscal budget coming from the same pot of money. He then stated that the study was asked for by the Council and the Council should fund what was asked for. He also emphasized that no changes resulting for the audit could be made without the approval of the City Council. He then noted that many conclusions and suggestions could come from the studies. He added that the studies relative to parking and trash were very important to the city's fiscal health and operations.

Councilor McGiverin stated that he found all the studies to be worthy focuses. He then reiterated his concern was specifically about the language of the scope of services. Reading from the language, it stated under Professional Standards and Accountability:

"the auditor is going to be tasked with examining impediments to true accountability within the Police Department, audit and review internal complaints received as a result of departmental interviews where individuals participating in such interviews alleged violations concerning the performance, demeanor, ethical conduct, or potential illegal behavior of police personnel, complete internal investigations concerning violations of department policy and criminal law that have reported by the police personnel, and investigate risk management issues regarding other department policies, police policies and functions."

He then stated that while the mayor and the chief may not be afraid of the audit, he was concerned about the auditor attempting to make headlines out of the audit.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--
Yeas 11--Nays 1 (McGiverin)--Absent 1 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$68,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 14102-53010 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

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 the free cash transfer would allow the engineering consulting services to go on during the transition period with a new City Engineer coming in.

Councilor Bartley stated that the work and focus the City Engineer and several councilors did at the top of West Glen had been well received to correct an issue with water flowing down the road.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20V and 20W as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 11122-53180 SYSTEMS HARDWARE - CITY COUNCIL

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 the transfer would be to cover new laptop devices for city councilors.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,500) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 11552-53010 COMPUTER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

For one time on boarding and onetime server back up costs

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 would cover one-time costs of onboard of the new IT company as well as the costs of server system backup.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$240,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: 11212-53009 MAYOR'S CONTRACTED SERVICES

For consulting services with ongoing municipal finance support to improve internal controls, systems, policies, and procedures of management of municipal finance specifically in the offices of the Treasurer, Auditor, and Assessor

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 the transfer would cover the costs of consulting services for municipal finance support to improve internal controls, including Treasurer, Auditor, Assessor, and Tax Collector, as well as the Mayor's office. He stated that the amount was an estimated figure at that time.

Councilor Vacon recalled that thousands had been spent in the past to clean up issues in the Treasurer's office with assurances that all policies would be in place to avoid the issues going forward. She then stated that she would support it in fairness to a new mayor and would take him at his word.

Councilor Tallman observed that there have been big transitions in the past several years leading to repeated issues. He emphasized that the fiscal health of the city depended on these areas. He expressed his hope that recent salary adjustments would lead to people staying in these positions for many years.

Councilor Jourdain expressed his support, noting that the new mayor was working hard to do the right thing. He then stated that he would hope the Tax Collector's office would be included. He noted a past IG report relative to that office. He then noted there was a sad commentary that taxpayers would have to pay \$240,000 to study how to run these departments.

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti noted that Department of Revenue had been offering suggestions on steps the city should take, adding that the city had not yet implemented those suggestions. She thanked those who are leading the discussion.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the mayor was able to share his vision but was also willing to listen. He also stated that historically, the city had been under the guidance of a finance control board.

---> 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 (Puello).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 Sewer Enterprise free cash a sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 SEWER ENTERPRISE FREE CASH

TO: 60402-53011 SEWER - PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

For consulting services to analyze sewer contract

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 emphasized that the city had not seen free cash in the sewer enterprise fund for several years. He then stated that the transfer was to hire consulting services to analyze the sewer contract.

Councilor Vacon emphasized the impotence of supporting this order. She noted that the DPW had experienced a lot of turnover. She then stated that as he was leaving, nobody in the department understood the contract and it was important to analyze the contract to determine how the city should move forward with management of this major infrastructure for the city.

Councilor Jourdain expressed great support for the order. He noted that with the wastewater treatment services contracts coming up soon, this would help determine if the city should stay with the current vendor, under current or better terms, pick another vendor, or go back to a city run service. He also noted that half of the cost of reviewing the contract was to be paid by the vendor, emphasizing that half of these funds should be recouped. He suggested that the contract was not in the best interest of the city but was pushed in the interest of privatization.

Councilor McGiverin noted that the contract was incredibly complex and that an independent look was important. He suggested that there was some benefit of the contract, adding that there were some savings to the city. He also emphasized the value of the CSO project on Berkshire Street had been incredible. He also noted the mandates faced by the Clean Water Act had to be addressed correctly. He also suggested that it was not privatization as the city still owned the wastewater treatment plant and the city still controlled the management company by contract.

Councilor Jourdain suggested that as the employees were no longer public employees, he defined that as privatization. He also emphasized that the city needed to learn if the city got the deal they were told they were getting. He also noted that when they city gets the bill, nobody explains how the bill was calculated. He added that had been the situation for 17 years. He also noted that the previous consultant had defined it as privatization. He then stated his interest was to assure the city got the best deal.

Councilor Vacon stated that at the time the city went into the contract, the city had no money and the plant was in dire need to capital investment. She suggested that this meant the company earned their keep early on. She then stated that as the contract had evolved, there had been a hand-off mayor and hands-off DPW Superintendent and that there had not been accountability to the contract. She also noted that they appeared to have little interest in putting any more investment into facility.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos noted that while the city helped save the city financially 17 years ago, it now seemed that the discussion was about allowing the company to invest in the plant then only to now take the facility back. He also stated that the city needed to look at how the community was benefitting from their services today, adding that they should be keeping up wit capital investments.

Councilor Tallman stated that while he had reservations about the cost of studying the contract, he could see some benefits. He also stated that he was glad to hear that the company should be paying for half the cost of the review.

---> 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 (Puello).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 20[out of order.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023 from fiscal year 2022 free cash a sum of ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,591,291) as follows:

FROM: FY2022 FREE CASH

TO: FUND 8815 CANNABIS IMPACT & INNOVATION STABILIZATION

This totals collected Cannabis Impact Fee revenue per Host Community Agreements that were credited to the City's general fund prior to the creation of a dedicated special revenue account for Impact Fees 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 the transfer was to cover what was needed to correct an error where the original impact fee funds had gone into the general fund. He stated DOR stated that the city must correct the issue.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023, FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) as follows:

FROM:

8815-10400 CANNABIS STABILIZATION \$45,000

TOTAL: \$45,000

TO:

19441-51109 CANNABIS PLANNER II \$45,000

TOTAL: \$45,000

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 the transfer was to cover the salary for an existing position to allow an employee to focus their work on the cannabis industry. He noted that the labeling of the position was due to that fact that use of the impact fee funds had to be for a direct impact of the cannabis industry.

Councilor Vacon noted that the impact fees may not be a permanent source of funds.

Councilor McGiverin added that the funds may dry up over the course of coming years.

Councilor Jourdain added that each individual applicant pays an impact fee for five years.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--
Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Murphy-Romboletti, Puello).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20\., 20], and 20^, and 38 as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the City Council agrees that they would like the MSBA to invite the district to use the MSBA's model school program to explore if this option would have some financial benefit to the Peck Middle School Project]
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

---> 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 (Puello, I. Rivera).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the City Council agrees to proceed with using the previously selected consultants in accordance with the letter of attorney general's office, letter dated, feb 10, 2021 unless a model school is selected 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

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--
Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello, I. Rivera).

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the City Council agrees to use the district's prior feasibility study conclusion to proceed with new construction for the Peck Middle School 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

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--
Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 1 (Puello, I. Rivera).

MCGEE -- Ordered, a resolution that the City Council of Holyoke, in accordance with its charter, by-laws and ordinances, has voted to authorize the following, in response to the April 27th letter from the Massachusetts School Building Authority regarding Feasibility Study and Schematic Design:

The City Council agrees to proceed based on its previously completed Feasibility Study submittal dated July 11, 2018, accepting the District's conclusion to proceed with new construction and not further pursue an addition/renovation option at the William R. Peck School. The City Council plans to proceed utilizing the consultants procured during the previous Statement of Interest in accordance with the letter from the Attorney General's office dated February 10, 2021, unless it selects a model school designer. The City Council agrees to request the MSBA to invite the District to use the MSBA's Model School Program.

This resolution was approved by the Holyoke City Council on (date).

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that MSBA had voted to put the city back into consideration for a middle school plan, with a handful of potential options. He then stated that the City Council needed to agree to three points: that we use the same consultant with some adjustments to the design, that we choose the Peck School location, and that we welcome the possibility of using a model school design if it works with the finances of the city. He added that the MSBA requested that the City Council adopted the language in item 38.

---> In City Council, on June 7, 2022, the Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays --Yeas 11--Nays 0--Absent 2 (Puello, I. Rivera).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20_ and 20` as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order ORDERED: that a Capital Stabilization Account be established which must be created by the end of FY22 in order to be active for FY23 have considered the same and Recommended that the order be referred to the Ordinance committee.

Committee Members:

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

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order ORDERED: that a Sewer Enterprise Stabilization Account be established which must be created by the end of FY22 in order to be active for FY23

have considered the same and Recommended that the 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 initial understanding was that the two funds could be created without an ordinance, adding that it was learned later that they did require ordinances. He then thanked the Ordinance Committee for taking them up prior to this meeting.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 20a, 20b, 20c, and 20e as a package.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the Mayor please provide funds from the Sewer Stabilization Funds to retain a consulting firm to do a prior 5 fiscal year review of the current Suez agreement and how are bill was calculated to ensure the city was charged properly. That they also evaluate Suez's renewal proposal (if any), to study a return to public operations, or to evaluate other options. The firm should help the city with the development of an RFP for this proposal and serve as our consultant from start to finish on the procurement and selection of the vendor or public operations of our city wastewater treatment operations. The selected firm will work under the direction of the mayor with input from the City Council and related departments. Public presentation(s) and written findings with the City Council will be expected at various benchmarks in the process.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the order had been complied with as a result of the transfer handled earlier in the evening.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From Atty Kathleen Degnan, Assistant City Solicitor, Legal opinion on expenditure of CPA funds for Girls Inc have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that there had been a lengthy discussion about the use of CPA funds, historic preservation, maintenance. He stated that the proposal had been a compromise as to what funds could be used.

Councilor Maldonado Velez asked how the procedure worked with the compromise of \$102,000 from the \$150,000 that had been requested, if a new vote was required or if the additional funds would be returned to the CPA fund.

Councilor McGiverin suggested that since the original vote was conditioned on the legality of use of the funds for the specific purposes of the project, the Law Department vetted the proper use and provided what the appropriate dollar amount would be. He added that the additional funds would go back to the CPA.

Councilor Vacon commended Atty Degnan for her work on the issue. She then noted it had been a good learning experience for all, adding that the applicant was able to further explain their use and that it was better understood the difference between maintenance and rehab. She then stated that applicants, the CPA Committee, and the City Council will better understand what the funds could be used for in the future.

President McGee emphasized that Atty Degnan has been asked by the City Council to look into the matter and study the rules to determine what was allowed. He then noted that several unkind emails had been sent belittling her for just doing her job, adding that it was not appropriate and not how the community should work.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From David M. Conti, Manager Holyoke Water Works letter informing that the Board of Water Commission approved to increase the Water rate effective July 1, 2022 have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that Dave Conti provided a great presentation, alongside the members of the Water Commission. He then stated that there would be a tour of the reservoir system with the Water Department. He encouraged his colleagues to take advantage of it. He then recognized the great knowledge of Mr. Conti as Manager of the Water Works.

Councilor Jourdain noted that the 600 Westfield Road facility was fascinating to visit, including how the water comes in and how it is treated. He noted that the city acquired the reservoir in 1938 but hadn't used it until 1999. He added that the reservoir could provide a daily load of over 15 million gallons, adding that the city only uses 6 million per day. He noted that water would become a greater issue of available resources in the future and that the city was in a good position.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the Council on Aging Director provide the City Council with a report for the period FY 2017 – FY 2022 (the current year) on the senior tax work off program established in Ordinance 82-4. Specifically, I would like to know how many seniors have signed up each year for the lottery?, how many were selected each yr?, what date annually is the lottery held and where and how conducted?, what departments did they work?, is a report made of their work?, how much in taxes were worked off in total?, is the program properly advertised?, is it functioning as intended?, should there be any modifications to the program (such as means testing the applicants, changing the \$750 annual limit, increasing/decreasing number of slots, etc) have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that there was a report provided by the Council on Aging at an earlier date on the tax work off program.

Councilor Jourdain expressed appreciation for the responsiveness off the department in providing the report.

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

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From Lisa Ball, Acting City Solicitor, letter re: Fire Chief's Contract

have considered the same and Recommended that the order is in compliance pending passage of the budget.

Committee Members:

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

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGiverin stated that the contract was negotiated by the mayor. He noted that questions of residency came up and the committee was assured he would be moving into the city soon. He also stated that the contract was more favorable to the city than the previous one. He then stated that the new chief, John Kadlewicz, would take over on June 19th.

Councilor Jourdain made a point of order, stating that he was unaware of any statutory authority to have a fire chief contract, adding that all salaries were to be set by ordinance according to the City Charter. He then stated that in 1994, there was an ordinance established to create the authority for the mayor to negotiate a Police Chief contract. He added that the same has not been done for the Fire Chief.

President McGee noted that the same question came up with the Chief Pond contract, adding that it was still provided by the Law Department and ended up being adopted.

Councilor Jourdain asked if there was a legal opinion provided.

President McGee stated that they said that is what they were doing.

Councilor Jourdain stated that would not be okay.

Councilor McGiverin stated that the City Solicitor offered to cite Mass General Law and provided the information to the Council. He then emphasized that they would need to learn about the legality of the contract. He then noted his recollection that while Chief Pond's contract had been voted on, there was not a vote on the contract for Chief Przekopowski.

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

President McGee stated that there were no reports from the Public Safety Committee or the Public Service Committee.

(3:05:45)

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order From Damian J. Cote, Building Commissioner, letter re: Property Preservation Group 5 year report have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
David K. Bartley
Joseph McGiverin
Jenny Rivera_J
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that much was learned about efforts of the group over the past 5 years. She stated that it had addressed many of the different silos that used to exist. She reiterated that they need to continue to fund in house demolition program. She noted that a high rate of turnover impacts the work being done. She also stated that having a dedicated housing court specialized attorney would be helpful.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 23C and 23D as a package.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order That OPED and legal identify the impact and possibility of adding the following two conditions as standard to the RFP process for city properties.

1. If a chosen proposal is projecting XX amount in building rehab costs, that the city be entitled to require proof showing that said amount was actually spent upon completion. If the actual cost is under the estimated amount, that the city be entitled to additional payment or conditions that value said amount.
 2. Chosen proposal property must require electric or natural gas HVAC systems
- have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
David K. Bartley
Joseph McGiverin
Jenny Rivera_J
Linda L. Vacon

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted.
The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order That OPEd be invited to discuss the RFP process for city properties offered to the public for bid beginning from the point of city acquisition to the end of the time period the city has to reclaim the property. This conversation will inform the public of steps they can take if they're interested in acquiring city properties and allow us to identify areas for procedural improvement
have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
David K. Bartley
Joseph McGiverin
Jenny Rivera_J
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:
Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that they were provided an overview of the RFP process. She noted that on adding conditions, Mayor Garcia was not planning on adding conditions as every proposal has unique circumstances and additional restrictions would limit the city's ability but that he would take them into consideration.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Petition of Michael Morin for a 6.4 Signs Special Permit at 938 Main Street
have considered the same and Recommended that the petition be referred to the Planning Board.

Committee Members:
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti
David K. Bartley
Joseph McGiverin
Jenny Rivera_J
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:
Councilor Murphy-Romboletti stated that the petition should have just gone to the Planning Board.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted.

President McGee stated that there were no reports from the Charter and Rules Committee.

(3:10:10)

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an 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.
have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:
Juan . Anderson-Burgos
Jenny Rivera_J

Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that they had been given a presentation showing that the city was below the national average. He then stated that 17% were meeting expectations in 2017, 48% were partially meeting expectations, and then 33% did not meet expectations. He noted a slight improvement in 2018, and then a substantial dip in 2019. He added that there was no data for 2020 due to the pandemic. He then stated that top priority and action steps were discussed, including implementing an early literacy plan.

Councilor I. Rivera stated that he filed the order to get a handle on the recent educational outcomes, noting there had been significant learning loss due to Covid. He then suggested that the city should get behind citywide reading initiatives.

Councilor McGiverin noted that many community partners were involved but that the city could do more to get the broader community involved to promote initiatives and partnerships throughout the city.
---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order That the School Receiver Mr Soto and his team be requested to develop a formal financial literacy curriculum for the schools as a measure to increase financial literacy of students and to end the cycle of poverty in the city.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order has been complied with.

Committee Members:

Juan . Anderson-Burgos

Jenny Rivera_J

Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that the Superintendent Soto explained financial literacy programs had been available at both high school campuses for the past 4 to 5 years. He also noted that Mr. Soto had offered to provide more information if any councilors wanted to reach out to him. He then stated that some of the approaches included learning about finance, the value of money, taxes, checking and savings accounts, how to balance accounts, and online banking.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he also met with Mr. Soto and had received a very good report. He also noted that Springfield had recently adopted a similar program that was trumpeted in the newspaper with a massive editorial while Holyoke got no such focus. He then stated that these types of classes were valuable for kids to get good real world knowledge for how finance works on daily practical matters. He also noted the value of investing early in life and the impact that would have on savings by retirement age.

Councilor Maldonado Velez noted that financial literacy programs can be a traumatic experience for those living in poverty when you're worried about just paying your next bill. He added that he appreciated this was taking place so that students getting jobs right out of school would benefit from the knowledge.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that he had been impressed by Mr. Soto's approach to financial literacy. He added that his own financial literacy had been instilled by his mother.

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

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

(3:21:30)

President McGee implored councilors to avoid debating items that would be going to committees.

JOURDAIN -- That an ordinance be created that requires a department head to report (with an incident report explaining the cause) of any loss in their department over \$250 in value to the City Council and Mayor within 30 days.

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

JOURDAIN, McGiverin, Maldonado Velez -- That an ordinance be created that requires that when notices need to be sent to abutters for public notices involving lots without buildings that the address closest to the subject property be listed as a reference point plus a plot plan/lot lines of the subject property be included so abutters can determine the exact location of the subject property they are being notified about.

Councilor McGiverin asked to be added to the order.

Councilor Maldonado Velez asked to be added to the order.

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

JOURDAIN, RIVERA_I -- That City Council create an ordinance that states that no department establishes user fees until those have been established by ordinance (unless governed under some other law). Additionally, that a pool pass system be established which allows all Holyoke residents to receive a free pool pass for city pool administered by the Parks & Recreation dept. A fee shall be established for non-Holyoke residents only at a rate to be determined by ordinance

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

JOURDAIN -- That the City Clerk enforce Ordinance 30-1(g) relative to broker of record semi-annual disclosure reports and please post them on the City Clerk's website for the period 1/15/2013 to current. Please notify the City Council when this has been complied with.

---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the City Clerk.

JOURDAIN -- That the Purchasing Director and/or City Auditor please provide the City Council with the current police car leasing agreement for our review. Please also provide us a financial summary on how many vehicles we have received for prior 3 years and total payments made under the agreement.

---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the Auditor, Purchasing Director, Police Chief.

JOURDAIN -- That Auditor please provide the City Council with a financial summary of how much revenue is generated by each department (not counting tax revenue) in FY 20 and FY 21 broken down by grant revenue and all other revenue. Please also exclude Sewer dept, Water dept, and G&E user fees. Goal is to understand how much revenue by dept is being generated excluding tax revenue.

---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the Auditor. Copy to Finance.

MALDONADO-VELEZ, Rivera_I -- That a handicap sign be placed in front of 563 So. Canal St. for William Vazquez, placard # PL2290306.

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

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. Copied to the Disabilities Commission.

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we add to our charter that if a councilor is absent from a full council meeting for more than 3 consecutive meetings without written notice, their seat is considered open.
---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that when a vacancy opens up in city council with more than 6 months left of the term, that a special election is required.
---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we have a "Public Hearing" section in our city website that will let the public know all of the public hearings that are currently open. In addition, a monthly message that goes out on social media and/or other forms of communication to let people know what hearings are open.
---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the Admin. Assistant

MALDONADO-VELEZ -- Order that we create a new role that would lead the Department of Public Care and Safety.
---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee.

MCGEE -- The city council issue a proclamation to Jose Garcia for serving as a Commissioner for the DPW, SEWER, and STORMWATER AUTHORITY for over 26 years.

All councilors asked to be added to the order.
---> Received and Adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 40 and 41 as a package.

MCGEE, JOURDAIN, Rivera_I, Tallman -- that the city declare West Cherry an official city street. The street is in terrible condition and needs to be replaced.

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

Councilor Tallman asked to be added to the order.
---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the DPW.

MCGEE, Jourdain, Rivera_I, Tallman -- Order the city repave west cherry asap.

Councilor Jourdain asked to be added to the order.\

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

Councilor Tallman asked to be added to the order.

Councilor McGiverin asked if the DPW needed to hold a hearing first.

President McGee stated it was in such bad shape but because it was not an official street, it needed to be declared first.

Councilor Jourdain stated that this was a bad precedent that the DPW would tell taxpayers who live on private ways that they would not maintain their streets. He noted that there were private ways all over the cities, with homeowners paying taxes, but being told they can't have their streets paved. He stated that there was a whole list of streets with this issue.

Councilor Vacon noted that there had been lengthy discussion with DPW the previous year regarding state regulations on the width of streets and the taking of land. She noted that making an official city street is a complicated matter.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 43, 44, and 45 as a package.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN AND 32/100 Dollars (\$15,527.32) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51104 LIEUTENANT \$3,883.22

12101-51105 SERGEANTS 6,723.80

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 4,920.30

TOTAL: \$15,527.32

TO:

12101-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$15,527.32

TOTAL: \$15,527.32

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

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 (Puello).

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 12/100 Dollars (\$4,480.12) as follows:

FROM:

12201-51105 FIREFIGHTERS \$4,480.12

TOTAL: \$4,480.12

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$4,480.12

TOTAL: \$4,480.12

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

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 (Puello).

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 12/100 Dollars (\$4,480.12) as follows:

FROM:
12201-51105 FIREFIGHTER \$4,480.12
TOTAL: \$4,480.12
TO:
12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$4,480.12
TOTAL: \$4,480.12

To the City Council:
I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:
Councilor McGiverin stated that the transfers were an accounting step to account for public safety employees receiving their salary while being out of work due to being injured on duty.

President McGee stated that the three transfers covered 5 employees, 2 employees, and 2 employees.
---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 12--Nays 0--
Absent 1 (Puella).

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 46 through 53 as a package.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWO HUNDRED SEVEN AND 64/100 Dollars (\$207.64) as follows:

FROM:
11751-51240 TEMP/SEASONAL \$207.64
TOTAL: \$207.64
TO:
11751-51300 OVERTIME \$207.64
TOTAL: \$207.64

To the City Council:
I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 66/100 Dollars (\$11,350.66) as follows:

FROM:
12201-51105 FIREFIGHTERS \$11,350.66
TOTAL: \$11,350.66
TO:
12201-51109 PAY-ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR - ALARMS \$11,350.66
TOTAL: \$11,350.66

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, THREE HUNDRED FOUR AND 71/100 Dollars (\$304.71) as follows:

FROM:

11382-53190 EDUCATION & TRAINING \$304.71

TOTAL: \$304.71

TO:

11381-51300 OVERTIME \$304.71

TOTAL: \$304.71

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000) as follows:

FROM:

15432-57700 VETERANS BENEFITS- DIRECT \$50,000

TOTAL: \$50,000

TO:

19412-57630 CLAIMS & DAMAGES \$50,000

TOTAL: \$50,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 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 "REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION GRANT PROGRAM, \$25,000, 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, June 7, 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 "FY23 SHARED STREETS AND SPACES, \$200,000, 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, June 7, 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 accepts the provisions of the "DIVERTING JUVENILES AND EMERGING ADULTS FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT, \$50,000, 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, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, ONE MILLION AND 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000,000) as follows:

FROM:

13002-57000 SCHOOL - OTHER EXPENSES \$1,000,000

TOTAL: \$1,000,000

TO:

8810-10400 STABILIZATION \$1,000,000

TOTAL: \$1,000,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

Councilor McGiverin stated that the Finance Committee would meet for its final meeting of the fiscal year on June 15th. He added that department heads were advised to have all financial requests in by June 7th in order for the committee and Council to be able to approve and adopt them by the June 21st Council meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 54, 55, and 56 as a package.

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the City Council establish a rule that requires any resident running to fill a vacant city council seat will need to obtain 50 signatures from eligible residents in order to be considered by the full City Council for appointment.

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

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the City Council amend its rules to create a Vice President position in the City Council.

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

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- Ordered that the City Council create a rule where any candidate or elected official must disclose with the City Clerk's office any federal or state litigation that may be pending related to the individual seeking or holding office. The candidate or official should have the opportunity to include a written explanation of the offense and any mitigating circumstances.

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

MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI -- That the Honorable City Council, in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 30B and the City ordinance for property disposition, vote that the City of Holyoke accept the proposal and sell 525 Pleasant Street for \$20,111.00 to Indra Harris. The property is described in the City Assessor Records as Map 091, Block 00, Parcel 073, consisting of approximately 7,841 square feet of land. The property is zoned as Multi-Family Residence (RM-20) and has an assessed value of \$40,000. Additional information is attached.

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

RIVERA_J -- Order to place speed bumps on Ely Street between Center and Bower Streets

President McGee asked if the intent was for temporary speed humps.

Councilor Jourdain stated that sometimes temporary speed humps get installed first to determine if the residents like them, a petition for two-thirds of the residents in the area can be filed to get permanent ones installed.

Councilor Vacon stated that the petition must come first to start the entire process. She then stated that this had been a point of confusion, noting that speed humps should not be installed unless the area meets the criteria to have speed humps. She added that it was not simple to install temporary speed humps, noting it digs up the road and is a project. She emphasized that the process would require a petition, the Engineer would determine if they were warranted, and then the temporaries would be installed if it made sense. She recognized the concerns of residents who file the petitions out of frustration.

Councilor Jourdain recalled that had not been the rule during his previous time on the Council.

President McGee stated that was not the rule.

Councilor Jourdain stated that the old way of handling these was that someone would reach out to their councilor, they should be encouraged to talk to their neighbors, and then the councilor would file an order to install temporary speed humps. He noted that there were only two sets of temporaries. He then stated that people would decide if they like the temporary speed humps before signing a petition. He suggested that Engineering should report back to the councilor if speed humps weren't warranted or could not be done.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 58 and 59 as a package.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the order to insert "temporary" before speed bumps.
---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the DPW.

RIVERA_J -- Order to place speed bumps on Samosett Street.

Motion was made and seconded to amend the order to insert "temporary" before speed bumps.
---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the DPW.

Councilor I. Rivera expressed frustration that certain areas of the city have more difficulty having traffic mitigation efforts implemented than other areas.

President McGee noted that certain state laws dictate what can be implemented.

Councilor McGiverin noted that raised sidewalks can be installed without petitions.

RIVERA_J -- Order to install new bleachers at McNally Field At Kelly School.

Councilor I. Rivera asked to be added to the order.
---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the DPW.

RIVERA_I -- Holyoke FY 2023 CPA Budget for City Council Approval. This budget is usually a projection of anticipated revenue from CPA collections as well as the anticipated state match (this years match from the DOR is estimated to be 35%, which is based on the previous years allocation).
---> Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

RIVERA_I -- Order that Public Health & DPW identify owners of property on the corner of Lyman and No. Summer St. as well as the property across the alley to it. Both Properties are overgrown with tall grass and are prone to illegal dumping.

Councilor J. Rivera asked to be added the order.
---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Copy to BOH, DPW and Legal.

RIVERA_J -- Order to put signs at the Lyman Terrace neighborhood stating "Resident Parking Only" and have residents apply for parking permits.
---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee.

VACON -- that our City Engineer recommend traffic calming measures for Whiting Farms Rd. and Tokeneke Rd. Constituents are reporting drivers operating their vehicles in an unsafe manner.

Councilor Tallman asked to be added to the order.
---> Received and Adopted. Copied to the City Engineer, and the Public Safety Committee

VACON, ANDERSON-BURGOS -- that any gates to our local parks be closed and secured at closing time to reduce unauthorized access and vandalism. A constituent reported vandalism at Community Field.

---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the Parks and Rec. Copy to Public Safety.

VACON -- Ordered that Section 2-34 (b) Hours of Municipal Offices and Employees be amended to include the office of the City Solicitor as exempted from having the hours of 8:30 to 4:30.

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

VACON -- Amend the speed hump ordinance (section b) that when a city engineer evaluation and report determines eligibility for speed hump/s on a city street, then temporary speed humps may be installed.

Councilor Vacon stated that the idea of the temporary speed humps was to see if they have the desired effect in the neighborhood. She then stated that when people ask about it, she tells them they have to get a petition of the neighborhood. She stated that the purpose is to see if they have the desired effect. She suggested that it would create confusion to put in a request for temporary speed humps installed and then ask residents to file a petition.

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

ANDERSON-BURGOS, MCGEE, Jourdain -- Order the park & Rec dept install new cameras around the community field area to address the increase in vandalism taking place at the park.

Councilor Jourdain asked to be added to the order.

---> Received and Adopted. Copied to the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Public Safety Committee.

GIVNER -- Order/Request to DPW regarding Tree stump removal because of tripping hazard as well as destruction to sidewalk in front of 10 O'Connor Ave as requested by constituent.

To Public Safety

---> Received and Adopted. Referred to the Forestry/DPW..

GIVNER -- Order/Request with public support to have speed humps, temp or regular, in the middle of each side of both O'Connor Ave, and Clinton Ave.

To Public Safety

---> Received and Adopted. Copied to the Department of Public Works.

GIVNER -- With community support, Willmer Puello, being unable to serve his community and fulfill his obligation as a member of the Holyoke City Council, provide a letter of resignation to the Mayor, City Council, and Personnel department by July 1st.

To City Solicitor

Councilor Bartley asked to understand the motion from the maker.

President McGee stated that it should not be debated because it was a personnel matter.

Councilor Bartley made a motion to give the order a leave to withdraw, with prejudice. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion.

Councilor Givner stated that she looked at how other cities handled situations with councilors not available to serve. She stated that many cities have similar provisions in their charters that after missing three meetings, unless there is a health issue of other reason. She stated it was worth looking into.

Motion failed on a show of hands vote.

---> Received and referred to the Law Department, and the Personnel Department.

GIVNER -- With community support, the City of Holyoke request a PVTA bus stop be added on Appleton between Linden and Locusts streets.
To Public Safety

Councilor McGiverin stated that bus stops are established by ordinance.

Councilor Jourdain stated that they have to agree to a stop once an ordinance is established.

Councilor Givner expressed her understanding that there was a bus stop at this location but it was removed.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. Copied to the Pioneer Valley Planning Authority.

GIVNER -- With community support, Pouloit Pool will be free to Holyoke residents with a target market of students and seniors. A Holyoke pool pass should be easily obtainable at the Parks and Rec office with proof of Holyoke residency including but not limited to a Holyoke school ID, Holyoke Library card, State ID, Mail, etc. A daily fee of no more than \$3 shall be charged for adult residents and no more than \$5 for adult non-residents, along with a \$2 fee for non-resident students and seniors.

To Ordinance

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

GIVNER -- Order that the handicap spot in the ordinances located on the east side of Pleasant St 200 feet south of Lincoln St be removed. The Engineer has stated that the entry does not match anything currently installed.

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

LATE FILED ORDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(3:55:45)

Petition of Jesús Feliciano, for a street vendor license to be located at 130 Race St.

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

JOURDAIN -- Ordered, That the School Receiver Soto and Police Chief Pratt (and members of their teams as needed) please appear before the Public Safety Committee to discuss and review school safety and active shooter protocols and training in our public schools.

---> Received and referred to the Public Safety Committee. Copied to the School Receiver and Police Chief.

MCGEE -- order the city council give a proclamation for Barbara Bernard who will be turning a young 95 years old on July 13th. Contributing writer and columnist for the Springfield Republican, civic leader, Citizenship Award Winner by the Holyoke Parade Committee, awards from the Italian Progressive Society, and Pynchon Award winner...

Motion was made and seconded to take final action.

---> Received and Adopted.

MCGEE -- ORDERED that Sec 2-40 and Sec 2-41 of the City Ordinances regarding Vacation Leave be amended to add language that the City may credit a new employee with additional paid vacation time based on relative prior employment experience.

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

MCGEE -- Ordered that the City Council invite the HHS PURPLE KNIGHTS Volleyball team who captured the South Division title with a record of 8-0 defeated Southwick 3-0. Overall record is 15-1

Motion was made and seconded to take final action.

---> Received and Adopted.

RIVERA_I -- Ordered, Resident on 326 Elm St. would like handicap sign on the side of his house removed as it is no longer needed.

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

From Robert Peirent, City Engineer, report on possible hump request for Bray Park Drive

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

MCGIVERIN -- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2022, TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$2,865.00) as follows:

FROM:

15432-57700	VETERANS BENEFITS - DIRECT	\$2,865.00
	TOTAL: \$2,865.00	

TO:

11571-51101	ADMIN ASST TO CITY COUNCIL	\$2,865.00
	TOTAL: \$2,865.00	

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

Adjourned at 11:05 PM.