**City Council
Holyoke Massachusetts**

**Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25,
and Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022,
notice is hereby given of a meeting of the committee on
Finance**

Wednesday, December 28, 2022
6:30 PM

Meeting to take place at
Holyoke City Hall, 536 Dwight St
and can be accessed remotely on Zoom Meetings
Per order of the Chair: Joseph McGiverin

Remote access via www.zoom.us
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83855940184?pwd=eHExLzZWTzhlMm1hWTZSaGJvbkFodz09
Meeting ID: 838 5594 0184 Meeting Passcode: 990241 or by call in at 1 (646) 558-8656 with
the same Meeting ID and Passcode.

Agenda

Item 1: 12-20-22 MCGIVERIN — that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the “EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-FY2023 URBAN AGENDA 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.

Item 2: 12-20-20 MCGIVERIN — that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the “NEW ENGLAND FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS-2023 MAKING IT PUBLIC FOR MA MUNICIPALITIES, $15,000, NO MATCH” grant and authorizes the establishment of a Fund or other method appropriate for the accounting of the receipts and expenditures of all resources associated with the administration of said grant.

Item 3: 12-20-22 MCGIVERIN — that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023, ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars ($1,000.00) as follows:
FROM:
15101-51111 BOARD OF HEALTH FLOATING CLERK $1,000.00
TOTAL: $1,000.00
TO:
15101-51300 BOARD OF HEALTH OVERTIME $1,000.00
TOTAL: $1,000.00

Item 4: 12-20-22 MCGIVERIN — that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023, FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars ($50,000.00) as follows:
FROM:
14251-51104 HIGHWAY-HMEO $50,000.00
TOTAL: $50,000.00
TO:
14302-52902 TRASH-RECYCLING CONTRACT $50,000.00
TOTAL: $50,000.00

Item 5: 11-1-22 MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023, TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars ($2,000.00) as follows:
FROM:
14211-51108 SAFETY INSPECTOR $2,000.00
TOTAL: $2,000.00
TO:
14301-51106 WASTE/RECYCLING COORDINATOR $2,000.00
TOTAL: $2,000.00
\*Tabled 12-14-22

Item 6: 11-1-22 MCGIVERIN -- that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2023, TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 Dollars ($10,000.00) as follows:
FROM:
16501-51109 PARKS MAINTENANCE MEN $10,000.00
TOTAL: $10,000.00
TO:
12941-51300 OVERTIME-FORESTRY $10,000.00
TOTAL: $10,000.00
\*Tabled 12-14-22

Item 7: 12-20-22 From Kathleen E. Degnan, Assistant City Solicitor, letter of Acceptance of anonymous Donation to the School Department.

Item 8: 11-15-22 (Referred on 12-20-22) MCGIVERIN -- Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the “HOLYOKE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, $1,066,548, ANONYMOUS DONATION” 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 donation.

Item 9: 12-20-22 MCGIVERIN — that the amount of ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars ($1,445.00) be authorized from the BUILDING CODES & INSPECTIONS Department’s OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES (12402-53010) appropriation in fiscal year 2023 for services rendered in fiscal year 2022 which were unencumbered at the 2022 fiscal year end.

Item 10: 12-20-22 RIVERA\_I — Order that the honorable city council accept the revised FY21 CPA MIFA Victory Theatre Murals Project. See attached document.

Item 11: 12-20-22 RIVERA\_I — Order that the honorable city council approve an increased funding request in the amount of $3,000 to the Wisteriahurst museum for their painting restoration project. Originally Wisteriahurst applied for and was granted 125K via CPA to complete the project, but due to rising costs in building and materials across the nation they now need another 3K.

Item 12: 12-20-22 VACON, PUELLO — that our City Solicitor draft a ballot question for the next eligible election for voters to decide if the CPA tax should be reduced from 1.5% to 0.5% in light of the current financial hardship of our taxpayers.
Taxes will increase by over $200.00 per year for a house valued at $236,262 due to repeated inability to achieve 7 votes of the City Council for lower taxes for homeowners. This increase is taking place along with significant increases in sewer, gas, electricity, food & heating prices. Voters should have the right to decide the rate. City Council initiated the CPA tax here originally, so needs to vote to place it on the ballot again for voters to decide.

Administrative Assistant: Jeffery Anderson-Burgos

The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law. Also one or two items may require the committee to enter into executive session at this meeting. Agenda subject to change up to two business days (48 hours) prior to posted meeting time.