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Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday June 16, 2020 at 6:55 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

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Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Galecki, Lucjan J.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input-None

--Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to accept the minutes of June 2, 2020 regular meeting & June 2, 2020 combined City Council/School Committee meeting. Motion passed.

MO-1 Mayors appropriation of Eleven thousand seven hundred one and 39/100 dollars (\$11,701.39) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Indemnification of Police & Fire from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and pass. Councilor McAuliffe stated contractually obligated. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of Thirty two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$32,000.00) to the following named account: Planning Special Account for Multifamily Housing Initiative from available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Roy to receive and pass. Councilor Roy stated money to fund a multi-family housing initiative. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-3 Order that the City Council accept the donation of 250 N-95 masks and 500 face shields to the Chicopee Fire Department from Ondricks Natural Earth. Said donation has an estimated value of Two thousand two hundred fifty seven and 50/100 dollars (\$2,257.50) and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Krampits to receive and pass. Councilor Krampits stated a generous donation from Ondrick's to the Fire Department. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-4 Order that the City Council accept the donation of 250 N-95 masks and 500 face shields to the Chicopee Police Department from Ondricks Natural Earth. Said donation has an estimated

value of Two thousand two hundred fifty seven and 50/100 dollars (\$2,257.50) and it is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2.

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive, pass and the donation accepted. Councilor Walczak stated similar to Order #3 from Ondrick's. Councilor Zygarowski stated letter of thanks for both. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-5 Mayors appropriation of Twelve thousand four hundred ninety one and 62/100 dollars (\$12,491.62) to the following named Collector's Salary Accounts:

Sick Buy Back	\$ 6,910.62
Clerk	4,981.00
Longevity	<u>600.00</u>
Total	\$12,491.62

From available funds in the Undesignated Fund Balance "Free Cash" Account.

--Motion made by Councilor Galecki to receive and pass. Councilor Brooks stated contractual obligation for a retiring employee. Thank you for your years of service. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-6 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Quinn Lonczak, 29 Laura Lane, Holyoke, Massachusetts as Project Supervisor to serve in such office effectively immediately upon confirmation for the term of 5 years expiring on the 30th day of June, 2025. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the appointment passed this evening. Councilor Labrie stated worked with Quinn a lot, always accessible, very helpful. This is a no-brainer. Councilor Krampits stated CSO work in his ward, worked with Quinn. Very helpful always willing to work toward a resolution. Motion passed.

MO-7 To the City Council:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Jeanette Montanez, 1340 Memorial Drive 7B, Chicopee, Massachusetts as a member of the Housing Authority to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 1st day of February, 2022. To which appointment I ask the confirmation of your honorable council.

Re-appointment

--Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and approved this evening. Motion amended by Councilor Laflamme to refer to the Human Resources Committee. Motion passed, referred.

MO-8 Order that the City Council accept the donations in the amount of Five thousand two hundred eighty nine and 85/100 dollars (\$5,289.85) to the Chicopee Council on Aging, said donations

are to be used for senior meals and are accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A.

--Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive, pass and the donation accepted with a 2nd by Councilor Laflamme as acting chair. Councilor Balakier stated in the month of May donations for the senior meals. Great cause. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 9 Be it ordered that the City Council under the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, and of any and every power and authority it thereunto enabling under its Charter, hereby accepts Chapter 59 Section 5 Clause 56 of the Massachusetts General Laws authorizing the City through its Board of Assessors to grant real and personal property tax abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard and to Reservists on active duty in foreign countries for the fiscal year they perform such services subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors.

Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and granted for two years. Councilor Tillotson stated need to renew every two years, benefit to some, good thing to have. Motion passed.

- 10 Be it Ordered that Chapter 16 – Article XIX entitled Police Commission be revived, members appointed and specific powers, rules and regulations be further defined.

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive and refer to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor McAuliffe stated important order given the state of the country. Two items asked municipalities to adopt. Work with Councilor Zygarowski to have a meeting. Councilor Tillotson stated changes need to be made, kind of obsolete at this point. Major issues need to be looked at and discussed. Councilor Dobosz stated need some kind of change, nothing against the Police Department, have the Council on civil commission to review incidents, glad its going to committee. Motion passed, referred.

- 11 **Resolution declaring racism a public health crisis**

--Motion made by Councilor McAuliffe to receive, read and adopted. Councilor McAuliffe thanked the Council for giving the platform to speak. Meeting with a pandemic and national racism, coming together seems impossible, black lives matter, attended protests with hundreds of people. Council can tell communities of color we stand with them. Laws on the books that can ensure accountability. Police Department is moving forward with change. Chicopee residents can be heard. Create a culture of trust. Councilor Courchesne asked if he could make a motion to refer to Public Safety. Councilor McAuliffe does not support that amendment. Councilor Tillotson stated a city wide resolution should apply to every department. Rehash history, blacks and minorities have always had issues. Agree with we recommit. Every once in a while you need to change the oil in your car to make it run better. If passed, each department should get a copy. Councilor Laflamme commented resolve the City Council recommit, Council all think that way. That line is very important. Councilor Walczak stated no objection to major tenants, asked if the legal department looked at this? Any input? Attorney Garvey helped put this together. Councilor McAuliffe stated language was lifted from Springfield resolution and a state woman from the Eastern part of the state. Passing would send a very strong message. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

12 Junk Collector Renewal for 2020:

Kanes Scrap Metal and Iron	Patrick Kane	184 East Meadow Street
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--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with restrictions. Motion passed.

13-16 Junk Dealer's License Renewals for 2020:

Nu-Da-U	Sammy Rodriguez	922 Chicopee Street
AJW Realty, LLC	Anthony Furnari	766 Memorial Drive
Furnari Jewelers	Anthony Furnari	1189 Memorial Drive
Hollister Jewelry & Coins	Archie Moe	1260 Memorial Drive

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with restrictions. Motion passed.

17-19 Home Occupation License Renewals for 2020:

Stan & Ann's Ceramics	Stanley Ogorzalek	93 Melvin Street
Talbot Message	Roger Talbot	408 Front Street
Loyalty Tax Service, LLC	Lena Alekseyenko	222 McCarthy Avenue

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and granted with restrictions. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Keith W. Rattell
City Clerk