

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

REGULAR AND PENDING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

1. -- November 1, 2022, December 5, 2023, February 6, 2024, and June 11, 2024
Executive Session Minutes - Reviewed and partially released as of April 15, 2025
2. -- January 22, 2024, September, 4, 2024 Executive Session and December 9, 2024
Finance Committee Executive Session Minutes - Reviewed and withheld in entirety as
of April 15, 2025
3. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos,
meeting minutes from April 15, 2025

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4. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that Hampden Street
Streetscape Improvements from Waldo St to Nonotuck St block are made based on the
recommendations of the city engineer, with necessary changes made in Ordinance to
support necessary upgrades.
Recommended that the order be adopted.
5. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos,
minutes of February 18, 2025 meeting.
6. The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order With community
support, order that the following section of our Codes of Ordinances and charter be
updated to reflect use of email as sufficient for special meeting notice:
Sec. 12. – Special meetings of city council.
The Mayor or City Council President may at any time call a special meeting of the city
council by public posting through the city website along with written notifications thereof,
together with a statement of the subjects to be considered thereat, to be deposited in
the post office, postpaid and addressed to the persons to be notified, at least forty-eight
hours before the time appointed for such meeting, or to be left at the usual place of
residence of each member of the council, by email at least forty-eight hours before the
time appointed for such meeting. (Acts 1965, c. 187; Acts 1992, c. 189)
Awaiting disposition
7. -- The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that if someone is
putting in an RFP through the city for a property that is up for sale and the applicant has
outstanding issues with the Board of Health, Building Department, or any other city
department having to do with other properties they own, that they are not eligible to win
the bid for the RFP.
Recommended that the order be adopted.

8. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City accept Lynn Ann Drive and Richard Eger Drive as public ways.
Recommended that Richard Eger be accepted as a public way and Lynn Ann Drive be accepted as a public way, pending recommendation of the Board of Public Works.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Laddy Rua of 15 Portland St. to serve as the Interim Director of Veterans Services. Effective date April 28, 2025.
10. From Treasurer Rory Casey-reports on top 100 salaries, top 100 salaries for the schools and salaries of elected officials
11. From DESE Interim Commissioner Patrick Tutwiler- Final Cover Memo for HPS Exit Assurances - Eng Sp
12. From DESE- Final Exit Assurances Holyoke - updated post-mtg
13. From Leiha Maldonado- Sick & Dead Cats in Holyoke
14. From Adam Mulcahy and Christina Guesk-Notification of Intent to sell under MGL
15. From Residents of Elm St-Speed Hump Petition
16. From Board of Fire Commissioners- 2024 Holyoke Fire Department Annual Report
17. From City of Holyoke Health Benefit Meeting, meeting minutes from March 24, 2025
18. From Board of Fire Commission-meeting minutes from March 19, 2025

PETITIONS

19. Petition of Peter Hannoush of 1769 Riverdale St. West Springfield for a renewal of a Second Hand License at 50 Holyoke St.
20. Petition of Game Stop for a renewal of a Second Hand License at 50 Holyoke St.
21. Petition of David Greenberg of Pawn Depot at 448 Appleton St. for a renewal of a Pawn Broker License
22. Petition of The Mass Cannabis Growers Cooperative LLC of 1 Cabot St. for Marijuana Manufacturing Establishment
23. Petition of Holyoke Retail LLC for a Drive-Through Facility (7.1.6.5) at 1504 Northampton St.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

24. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the DPW install a Handicap sign for Susana Morales at 361 Chestnut St

Recommended that the order be adopted, amending Ana Rodriguez to Susana Morales at the request of the Disabilities Commission.

25. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM

11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

TO:

11612-53420 POSTAGE – REG OF VOTERS	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

26. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM

11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

TO:

11612-52700 EQUIPMENT	\$2,000
11612-54200 OFFICE & PROF SUPPLIES	1,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

27. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM

11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

TO:

11612-53030 PRINTING/BINDING	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$3,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

28. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,800) as follows:

FROM

13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$3,800
TOTAL	\$3,800

TO:

14222-52519 R&M PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$3,800
TOTAL	\$3,800

Recommended that the order be adopted.

29. 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 "2024 MASSDEP RECYCLING DIVIDENDS/SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS RECOVERY PROGRAM, \$7,800, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

30. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the amount of NINE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$945.00) be authorized from the DPW-PROPERTY Department's R&M SENIOR CENTER (14222-52505) appropriation in fiscal year 2025 for services rendered in fiscal year 2024 which were unencumbered at the 2024 fiscal year end.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

31. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 89/100 Dollars (\$847.89) as follows:

FROM

12101-51510 SICK LEAVE BUYBACK	\$847.89
TOTAL	\$847.89

TO:

12101-51323 SNOW/OTHER OVERTIME	\$197.89
12102-55860 PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT	650.00
TOTAL	\$847.89

Recommended that the order be adopted.

32. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$145,000) as follows:

FROM

12101-51107 PATROLMEN	\$125,000
12101-51105 SERGEANTS	20,000
TOTAL	\$145,000

TO:

12103-58000 CAP OUTLAY-MOTOR VEHICLES	\$145,000
TOTAL	\$145,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

33. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000) as follows:
FROM

12101-51915 EDUCATION PLAN	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$30,000

TO:

12102-55860 PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT	\$30,000
TOTAL	\$30,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

34. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 FIFTY TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$52,000) as follows:
FROM

12101-51103 CAPTAINS	\$52,000
TOTAL	\$52,000

TO:

12102-52420 R&M OTHER	\$52,000
TOTAL	\$52,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

35. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000) as follows:
FROM

12101-51920 QUINN INCENTIVE	\$14,000
12101-51900 IN SERVICE TRAINING	6,000
TOTAL	\$20,000

TO:

12102-54221 SUPPLIES- AMMUNITION	\$20,000
TOTAL	\$20,000

Recommended that the order be adopted.

36. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that the HR Director and Interim Police Chief come into Council to discuss the positive and negative impacts of our policy of swearing in police officers prior to their finishing the Police Academy. We request that the HR Director provide a regional comparison to other towns and cities to see if we are following best practice.

Recommended that the order has been complied with.

37. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that the Police Chief, Board of Health Director, Mayor and Law Dept meet with the City Council to discuss improving numerous quality of life issues that we have seen or citizens have expressed concerns with us. We would like to look at current strategies and see if they are effective or what we need to change including the potential need for additional resources. We also request leadership develop a comprehensive plan including a map

that they can present containing all the resources currently provided, those planned and needed to achieve both short and long term objectives.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.

38. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order HPD enforce the STOP sign at Brown Ave and Laurel St.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
39. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order Have the HPD advise on the status of formation of a traffic bureau and a code enforcement.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
40. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order With community support, order that speed trailers be moved regularly to collect speed data from rotating locations throughout the city. Trailer priority shall be given to most dangerous streets and intersection areas as listed in state, Triple A, and other professional traffic data reports. A 2-4 week period per location shall be determined ongoing. Speed data reports shall be submitted to Public safety monthly for review.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
41. -- The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order that HPD create a publicly visible calendar of speed trailers so that communities know when they can expect to see requested actions in their neighborhoods.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
42. The Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred an order With community support, that the chief of police supply a written or in person update on what steps have been taken to address traffic concerns in Holyoke, especially in wards 1,2,3,4, & 6, as REQUIRED by to our city's Ordinance:Sec. 50-42. - Traffic squad—Designation and training of members.
The chief of police shall designate six members and such additional members as may from time to time be required to act as traffic officers. Such members shall receive and be given thorough and adequate training in the regulation and direction of traffic, in accordance with a uniform and recognized standard.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

43. Rivera J- Ordered that a Handicap sign be placed 50 North Bridge St. for Nelson Vega
44. Vacon, Magrath-Smith- ORDER: That the ordinance for battery storage be reviewed, and revised language be considered for small & large scale battery storage projects, due to new information documenting safety concerns.
45. Anderson-Burgos- Ordered that a Handicap sign be placed at 330 Jarvis Ave for Keri Padua.
46. Bartley-The city council issues a proclamation to encourage all of us to support the advocates of mental health and those in need of their support. Further, the Holyoke City council congratulates The Support Network on its 30th anniversary in supporting

individuals in such need. (See attached flyer.)

47. Bartley- This is a follow-up to the Feb 3, 2025 letter late-filed communication from Atty Jane Mantolesky. (See attached letter). Ordered that the city council implores the Office of Planning & Economic Development to put this city-owned parcel (known as the St. Vicent St. lots) out to bid for the purpose of developing between one and three residential properties. The City council ORDERS that OPED put these out to bid right away but with a date no later than June 17, 2025.
48. Bartley- Holyoke ordinance chapter 14 be amended to protect the welfare of felines. The ordinance chapter can be provided by our Admin. Asst. upon request (its approx 30 pages) or you may email me and I'll send it along. The issue arose a result my communication with the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) and its Director of the Division of Animal Health who advised, "Breeding of dogs and cats is an unregulated activity in Massachusetts." Per the Director, there are regulations that, in fact, do pertain to canines. However, he states, "There are no such regulatory requirements for cats." Holyoke, unlike the state, can and should protect animal health and the welfare of cats and ordain regulatory powers as needed. Refer to Ordinance, Animal Control Officer, Board of Health.
49. Bartley, Greaney, Vacon, Jourdain, Occasio, Sullivan- In honor of his induction to the Western Massachusetts Baseball Hall of fame, class of 2025, the Holyoke City Council issue a proclamation to our colleague from Ward 2 and the City's former mayor, Terrence Murphy. FYI: induction is 6/5/25, 6 pm, Wyckoff CC banquet hall.
50. Devine- ORDERED: That the DPW create a street sign at the corner of Appleton and Crescent Streets for Rev.Miguel A. Cruz Way
51. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$35,000) as follows:
FROM
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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY | \$35,000 |
| TOTAL | \$35,000 |
- TO:
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|------------------------------|----------|
| 15412-52500 COA R&M BUILDING | \$35,000 |
| TOTAL | \$35,000 |
52. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY TWO AND 60/100 Dollars (\$5,652.60) as follows:
FROM
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY | \$5,652.60 |
| TOTAL | \$5,652.60 |
- TO:
- | | |
|---------------------------|------------|
| 14222-52502 R&M CITY HALL | \$5,652.60 |
| TOTAL | \$5,652.60 |

53. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$29,425.00) as follows:

FROM

13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$27,546.90
8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION	1,878.10
TOTAL	\$29,425.00

TO:

14222-52502 R&M CITY HALL	\$29,425.00
TOTAL	\$29,425.00

54. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE 00/100 Dollars (\$6,335) as follows:

FROM

14301-51102 PAY-REFUSE HME0	\$6,335
TOTAL	\$6,335

TO:

14301-51300 REFUSE OVERTIME	\$6,335
TOTAL	\$6,335

55. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THREE THOUSAND SIXTY SIX AND 54/100 Dollars (\$3,066.54) as follows:

FROM

12941-51104 TREE CLIMBER	\$3,066.54
TOTAL	\$3,066.54

TO:

12941-51300 FORESTRY OVERTIME	\$3,066.54
TOTAL	\$3,066.54

56. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FORTY FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE AND 58/100 Dollars (\$45,525.58) as follows:

FROM

12941-51104 TREE CLIMBER	\$45,525.58
TOTAL	\$45,525.58

TO:

12942-53010 CONTRACTED FORESTRY SERVICES	\$45,525.58
TOTAL	\$45,525.58

57. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$27,000) as follows:

12201-51105 FIREFIGHTERS	\$27,000
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TOTAL \$27,000

TO:

12201-51300 OVERTIME	\$20,000
12201-51301 ARSON OVERTIME	1,000
12201-51302 HAZ MAT OVERTIME	6,000
TOTAL	\$27,000

58. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 TEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY SIX AND 34/100 Dollars (\$10,946.34) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 FIRE CAPTAIN	\$10,946.34
TOTAL	\$10,946.34

TO:

12201-51102 DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF	\$ 2,214.95
12201-51104 FIRE LIEUTENANT	8,476.42
12201-51109 ASST SUPER OF FIRE ALARMS	254.97
TOTAL	\$10,946.34

59. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$45,000) as follows:

FROM

12201-51105 FIREFIGHTER	\$45,000
TOTAL	\$45,000

TO:

12201-52410 R&M VEHICLES	\$25,000
12202-54800 MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL	20,000
TOTAL	\$45,000

60. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX AND 64/100 Dollars (\$6,806.64) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN	\$3,663.90
12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	3,142.74
TOTAL	\$6,806.64

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY PP#21	\$6,806.64
TOTAL	\$6,806.64

61. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX AND 64/100 Dollars (\$6,806.64) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN	\$3,663.90
12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	3,142.74
	TOTAL \$6,806.64

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY	\$6,806.64
PP#22	TOTAL \$6,806.64

62. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

FROM

11211-51104 CAFO	\$5,000
	TOTAL \$5,000

TO:

19202-57200 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$5,000
	TOTAL \$5,000

63. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000) as follows:

FROM

14101-51105 SR	\$20,000
CIVIL ENGINEER	
	TOTAL \$20,000

TO:

14102-53010	\$20,000
PROFESSIONAL	
ENGINEERING	
SERVICES	
	TOTAL \$20,000

64. Devine-Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FY2025 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (ROUND 2), \$11,660, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

65. Givner- For earmarked funding, order that the Councilors review and approve attached updates to City Council chambers.
66. Jourdain- Rule 8 be amended by adding a new Rule 8P:
In case of the failure of the mayor to transmit to the city council a written recommendation for an appropriation for any purpose not included in the annual budget, which is deemed necessary by the council, after having been so requested by vote thereof, said council, after the expiration of seven days from such vote, upon its own initiative may make such appropriation by a vote of at least two thirds of its members, and shall in all cases clearly specify the amount to be expended for each particular purpose, but no appropriation may be voted hereunder so as to fix specific salaries of employees under the direction of boards elected by the people, other than the city council. [Reference: MG.L. c. 44 § 33]

The annual budget shall include sums sufficient to pay the salaries of officers and employees fixed by law or by ordinance. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of any city charter, no ordinance providing for an increase in the salaries or wages of municipal officers or employees shall be enacted except by a two thirds vote of the city council, nor unless it is to be operative for more than three months during the calendar year in which it is passed. No new position shall be created or increase in rate made by ordinance, vote or appointment during the financial year subsequent to the submission of the annual budget unless provision therefor has been made by means of a supplemental appropriation. No ordinance, vote or appointment creating a new position in any year in which a municipal election is held shall be valid and effective unless said ordinance, vote or appointment is operative for more than three months during said municipal election year. [Reference: MG.L. c. 44 § 33A]

67. Jourdain- Personnel Director please provide the City Council with a list of all residency required positions and certification that all applicable employees are in compliance with our Charter and ordinance residency requirements.
68. Jourdain- That the Mayor, City Clerk and Auditor please come to the Finance Committee to discuss the city's compliance with MGL Ch. 41 Section 17 and Holyoke City Charter Section 52. MGL Ch. 41 Section 17 requires the following: "Every officer of a city who makes or executes a contract on behalf of the city shall furnish said contract or a copy thereof to the city clerk and the city auditor within one week after its execution; and the city clerk shall keep such contract or copy on file, open to public inspection during business hours. Such contracts or copies shall be kept in a book by themselves or in several books, arranged according to the subject of the contract, or in other convenient form, and an index to the subject matter of the contracts and to the names of the contractors shall be made semi-annually, and shall also be open to public inspection in some convenient form. All allowances under and additions to such contracts, or copies thereof, shall be filed with the city clerk and the city auditor, together with a sworn statement of the officer making such allowances or additions that the same are correct and in accordance with the contract. A city clerk or other city officer failing to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars."
- Moreover, Holyoke City Charter Section 52 requires, "All contracts made by any

department of the city shall, when the amount involved is five hundred dollars or more, be in writing, and no such contract shall be deemed to have been made or executed until the approval of the mayor is affixed thereto. All such contracts shall be accompanied by a bond, with sureties satisfactory to the board or committee having the matter in charge, or by a deposit of money or other security for the faithful performance of such contracts; and such bonds or other security shall be deposited with the city auditor until the contract has been carried out in all respects; and no such contract shall be altered except by a written agreement of the contractor, the sureties on his or their bond, and the officer making the contract, with the approval of the mayor affixed thereto."

Can the City Clerk's office create an on-line database in pdf format for the public inspection of all city contracts exceeding \$500 in value? City Auditor please advise if the holders of all said contracts are providing a bond and if it is only being released in accordance with the Charter?

69. Jourdain- Rule 8 be amended by adding a New Rule 8O as follows:
No sum appropriated for a specific purpose shall be expended for any other purpose, and no expenditure shall be made nor liabilities incurred by or in behalf of the city until an appropriation has been fully voted by the city council, sufficient to meet such expenditure or liability, together with all prior unpaid liabilities which are payable out of such appropriation, except in accordance with the recommendation of the mayor to the city council, approved by the yea and nay vote of two-thirds of the council: provided, however, that after the expiration of the financial year and until the passage of the annual appropriations liabilities payable out of a regular appropriation to be contained therein may be incurred to an amount not exceeding one third of the total of such appropriation for the preceding year. Every bill, pay roll or other voucher covering an expenditure of money shall be approved by the signatures on the back of such bill or voucher of the majority of the board or committee having control of or incurring such expenditure, and after such approval such bills, pay rolls or vouchers shall be turned over to the auditor. The financial year shall begin with the first day of July in each year. The provisions of this section shall apply throughout the entirety of the financial year. [Reference: City Charter Section 49, MG.L. c. 44 § 56A and MG.L. c. 44 § 33B]
70. Magrath-Smith - Ordered, that we clarify our home occupation permit ordinance regarding the allowable number of virtual employees.
71. Magrath-Smith- Ordered, that City Council Rule 9.I be revised from "Subcommittees should not be allowed to meet at the same time/same night." to "Subcommittees should not be allowed to meet at the same time/same night unless the Chairs of two or more Sub-Committees have called for a joint meeting."

LATE FILED ORDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Addendum:

Per City Council rule 2B, meeting shall end by 10 PM unless an extension is approved by a two-thirds majority of those present. If any items remain, those items will be added to the

beginning of the next regular meeting.

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 not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law

City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 15, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Murphy-Romboletti at 7:04 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll. Absent Members: 0 Present Members in person: 11 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Devine, Givner, Greaney, Jourdain, Magrath-Smith, Murphy-Romboletti, Ocasio, J. Rivera, Sullivan). Present Members on Zoom: 2 (I. Rivera, Vacon)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The name of Councilor J. Rivera was pulled to head the roll call voting.

Motion was made and seconded to take a roll call vote that for the purposes of this meeting would be applicable to all motions to receive, to refer items to committee, remove items from the table, place items on the table, package items together, comply with items, or suspend the rules, unless there is an objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(2:00)

David Weinberg, 3 Hillcrest Avenue, stated that regarding why the Victory Theater had not yet been restored, the money should be followed. He then suggested the City Council should take back \$1.2 million of free services that had been provided to MiFA. He then stated that a chart on the MiFA website listed \$6,315,000 in federal historic tax credits and suggested this was false information as they were not on the federal historic registry but on the Massachusetts historic registry. He added that the chart also showed \$6 million in Massachusetts historic tax credits, also suggesting that this was false as they had \$4.4 million. He also stated that the chart listed \$3,248,944 from the city, adding that this was also false as the city did not give MiFA the money. He also stated that \$2 million was listed from a community campaign according to Susan Palmer in December of 2023, but they actually had \$75,000. He also noted that at a June 6, 2024 City Council meeting, Susan Palmer said they had \$3 million, \$20 million that they had not yet received, and then \$5 million. He then suggested the City Council needed to find out how much they actually. He also noted that \$2 million in ARPA money was taken back in November of 2024. He added that the restoration would not be done by June 2026, and costs were increasing by 3% every year. He also stated that increased costs of materials due to tariffs, on top of increased costs of labor would push the building costs beyond the projected \$72 million. He then stated that Don Sanders had tried to raise the costs by using paid lobbyists, paid consultants, donations, grants, and private banks, and still had not yet raised the money needed.

Councilor Greaney made a motion to allow Mr. Weinberg to speak for an additional 30 seconds. Councilor Magrath-Smith seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

D. Weinberg stated that he had questions Mr. Sanders had refused to answer. He then stated that Mr. Sanders was asking city residents to contact state representatives for support, adding that he believed this should be stopped.

Dan Allie, 38 Union Street, Westfield, stated that he was a Westfield city councilor. He then spoke on the battery storage energy system that was proposed for his city. He then explained that Jupiter Power was seeking to install 219 standalone lithium battery storage units near the Bonds Aquifer, each about 20 feet long. He added that the company was seeking exemptions from local ordinances, including the Water Resource Protection District. He then explained that a lithium fire could not be extinguished and would burn for 2 to 5 days. He added that 4 of the 8 systems in New York had fires in 2023. He also stated that a fire in California in January burned for 5 days, releasing toxic smoke and poisonous gases, leading to forced evacuations, shelter in place orders, and road closures. He emphasized that the low-lying geographic makeup of the region leads to air being trapped and worsening air quality. He then suggested that a fire at one of these facilities would lead to irreparable harm to water and air quality, as well as agricultural resources in the area. He then stated that a petition opposing the site was supported by the Westfield City Council, their mayor, and their Planning Board. He added that they were asking their state delegation to support a moratorium on lithium battery storage units in the state.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to allow Mr. Allie to speak for an additional minute. Councilor Magrath-Smith seconded the motion.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the City Council would be receiving a resolution.

Motion adopted.

D. Allie stated that Representative Kelly Pease had filed HB 4558. He then explained he was asking local authorities and nearby communities to submit their own resolutions during the period for public comment ending on May 13th. He added that the EFSB (Energy Facilities Siting Board) was holding a remote public hearing on April 29th.

President Murphy-Romboletti noted that a resolution filed by Councilor Vacon was on the evening's agenda as item 51.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 51 out of order.

Councilor Vacon stated that she was hoping the resolution could be adopted in order to have it filed in time for the public hearing date.

Councilor Vacon- ORDER: that the City Council adopts the attached resolution in support of the City of Westfield and for the good of Holyoke. The public hearing information and timeline for comments is attached.

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that while she understood the concern referenced in the resolution, she also had a concern with supporting the resolution when Holyoke already had these battery facilities in the city with another proposed through HEDIC. She emphasized that she had a lot of concerns with the facilities where site plan review could not take topography into account, and they could only look at the parcel. She also emphasized that factors such as roads, traffic, and industry had a greater impact on Holyoke than the if the same situation was 80 miles north due to the difference in topography. She noted that there was a recent apartment fire in Holyoke due to a lithium power e-bike being brought inside. She added that with enough facilities now in use, there were patterns emerging with the dangers of fire and the potential toxicity to the air. She then expressed interest in having experts come in to discuss these

concerns. She then reiterated her concern with opposing the one in Westfield only to then approve one for HEDIC a couple months later.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos recalled that when he previously worked at Best Buy, lithium batteries had to be disposed of through a specific destination. He then expressed concern that a lot of people just thrown them into the trash. He also stated that this was a not a new danger, but one that people were only just becoming aware of.

Councilor Sullivan noted that the sites in Holyoke that already existed or were proposed were 1 or 2 unit sites, while the one proposed in Westfield was 218 units. He then expressed support for the resolution due to the greater impact it could have on the city, adding that he believed it would not be in conflict with the units already in the city.

Councilor Vacon emphasized that the project being 200 times larger than anything in Holyoke created a daunting situation, especially being within just 3 to 5 miles of the border with Holyoke.

Councilor Greaney expressed support for the resolution as an important step to protect the children in the valley for the future.

Councilor I. Rivera suggested that both supporting the resolution and addressing Councilor Magrath-Smith's concerns could be done. He recalled the discussion in an Ordinance included the possibility that people could have smaller facilities in their back yard.

President Murphy-Romboletti noted that the public comment period ended on May 13th. She then asked when the DGR Committee would be meeting next.

Councilor Givner stated they would be meeting on May 5th.

President Murphy-Romboletti suggested that resolution could be discussed on the 5th and then referred out for a vote on the 6th.

Councilor Vacon stated that while she was not against that idea, she suggested the resolution could be approved and another order could be filed to further discuss the pros and cons of siting the battery storage facilities in the city.

Councilor Jourdain emphasized that the situation in Westfield was a uniquely defining matter and people were looking to hear where Holyoke stood on this. He also agreed that an order should be filed to have a holistic discussion in DGR to understand the issue more.

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that she would support that suggestion and was interested in being a co-filer on an order.

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Motion was made and seconded to remove an order from the Finance Committee jacket.

Councilor Jourdain expressed support for the motion, noting that questions were answered during the evening's executive session about where the cannabis cases were going, and he felt comfortable that this was in the best interest of the city to make this settlement. He added that he believed the Law Department had done their due diligence.

Councilor Devine thanked Councilor Sullivan for making the motion, and quipped that it should be noted on record that on this date, she agreed with Councilor Jourdain.

Motion to remove committee adopted.

DEVINE - order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 56/100 Dollars (\$108,695.56) as follows:

FROM: 8815-10400	CANNABIS STABILIZATION	\$108,695.56	UPDATE TO FY2025
TOTAL:		\$108,695.56	
TO: 19412-57630	SOLICITOR – CLAIMS & DAMAGES	\$108,695.56	
TOTAL:		\$108,695.56	

UNDER DISCUSSION:

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

President Murphy-Romboletti noted that two big Holyoke legends passed away since the last meeting. She then stated that JP Lavelle cared a lot about the community, had a wonderful family, and had done a lot through his business. She also stated that Patrick Brennan was the owner of Brennan's Place, had been a dear friend of her who had a brave but short battle with ALS. She added that he gave a lot to the community, to downtown Holyoke, believed in the city, and had helped her personally in a lot of ways.

REGULAR AND PENDING EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

(30:40)

November 1, 2022, December 5, 2023, and February 6, 2024 Executive Session Minutes - Reviewed and partially released as of September 4, 2024.

---> Received.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 2 from the table.

January 22, 2024 and June 11, 2024 Executive Session Minutes - Reviewed and withheld in entirety as of September 4, 2024.

Councilor Vacon stated that the Council had voted to comply with the Attorney General's order for the June 11th, 2024 minutes.

Councilor Jourdain asked if there were any further redactions that the Law Department needed to do on those minutes.

Councilor Vacon emphasized that the AG letter allowed for redactions that met the requirements for proper exempted redactions.

Atty Bissonnette stated that Atty Ball would review the minutes the next morning with an eye toward possible exempted redactions.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to release item 2, subject to any final redactions the Law Department may determine were legally compliant and advisable. Councilor Vacon seconded the motion.

Councilor Magrath-Smith noted that item 2 named January 22nd and June 11th. She asked if this was for both of those minutes.

President Murphy-Romboletti expressed her understanding that they only agreed to release the June 11th minutes.

Councilor Vacon stated that was correct.

Councilor Jourdain amended his motion to release the June 11th minutes subject to the Law Department's review for any allowable or advisable redactions. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos asked if the Council wanted an opportunity to first look at the redactions before he posted them online or if they could be posted right away once he received them from the Law Department.

Councilor Vacon stated that the AG letter specified what needed to happen and how it needed to happen.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos stated that he would take that as releasing them once he received them from the Law Department.

---> Received and June 11, 2024 released per March 5th AG letter and following redactions.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 3 from the table.

September 4, 2024, November 19, 2024 Executive Session and December 9, 2024 Finance Committee Executive Session Minutes - Yet to be reviewed.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to release the November 19, 2024 minutes. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

---> Received and released November 19, 2024 minutes.

From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, meeting minutes from April 1, 2025

---> Received and Adopted.

Councilor Devine asked to clarify that December 9, 2024 minutes were being held.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that was correct.

LAI D ON THE TABLE

(38:05)

From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, minutes of February 18, 2025 meeting.

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order With community support, order that the following section of our Codes of Ordinances and charter be updated to reflect use of email as sufficient for special meeting notice:

Sec. 12. – Special meetings of city council.

The Mayor or City Council President may at any time call a special meeting of the city council by public posting through the city website along with written notifications thereof, together with a statement of the subjects to be considered thereat, to be deposited in the post office, postpaid and addressed to the persons to be notified, at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed for such meeting, or to be left at the usual place of residence of each member of the council, by email at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed for such meeting. (Acts 1965, c. 187; Acts 1992, c. 189)

Recommended that the order be adopted.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that this was being held to wait to see if there would be any other home rule petitions to be sent as a package to the General Court.

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that if someone is putting in an RFP through the city for a property that is up for sale and the applicant has outstanding issues with the Board of Health, Building Department, or any other city department having to do with other properties they own, that they are not eligible to win the bid for the RFP.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Bartley stated that this should remain on the table as a simple solution was asked for and it had not yet been addressed.

Councilor Vacon asked if there was legal form.

Councilor Bartley stated that there was but it did not add the legal language that was requested.

Councilor Magrath-Smith asked Councilor Bartley if he would be following up with the Law Department on the language.

Councilor Bartley stated that they were already aware.

---> Laid on the table.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 8 from the table.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order The City of Holyoke develop a personnel policy for the handling of administrative leave and codifying the rules into Ordinance as recommended by the Personnel Dept including but not limited to when employees should or should not be placed on paid leave or unpaid leave. The current process appears lacking objective standards. Taxpayers should also be protected to ensure people who should not be out on paid administrative leave are placed on unpaid administrative leave.

Recommended that the order be referred to the full Council without recommendation.

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Jourdain stated that this had been tabled a couple weeks earlier for additional questions. He noted one amendment was made to add the last sentence regarding its non-application to elected officials. He then emphasized that this was locally codifying what was already state law to address when employees were indicted for misconduct in office, specifically that if an employee was suspended, it would have to be without pay.

---> 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 1 (Bartley)--Absent 0.

President Murphy-Romboletti noted that item 9 was being replaced by item 72.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 9 from the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE AND 59/100 Dollars (\$7,373.59) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN	\$3,663.90
12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	3,709.69
TOTAL	\$6,806.64

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY	\$7,373.59
PP#19 TOTAL	\$7,373.59

---> Returned to the Auditor.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 72 out of order.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE AND 59/100 Dollars (\$7,373.59) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN	\$3,663.90
12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	3,709.69
TOTAL	\$7,373.59

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY	\$7,373.59
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TOTAL \$7,373.59
PP#19 REVISED/SCRIVENERS ERROR

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the item represented 3 firefighters.

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--
Absent 0.

COMMUNICATIONS

(46:50)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 10 through 13 as a package.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Joseph McGiverin of 27 Downing Ave to the HEDIC Board of Directors. Mr. McGiverin will serve a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Mr. Carl Eger of 1966 Northampton St to the HEDIC Board of Directors. Mr. Eger will serve a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Ms. Callie Niezgoda Flanagan of 38 Jefferson St. to the HEDIC Board of Directors. Ms. Flanagan will serve a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Mr. Antonio Quinones-Albino of 27 Linden St. to the HEDIC Board of Directors. Mr. Quinones-Albino will serve a three-year term expiring June 30, 2028.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 14, 15, and 16 as a package.

Councilor Givner clarified that all 3 were reappointments.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Mr. Christopher Fournier of 192 Bemis Rd. to serve as a member of the Holyoke Cultural Council. Mr. Fournier will serve a three-year term expiring February

2026.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Navae Fenwick Rodriguez of 243 Linden St. to serve as an ex-officio member of the Holyoke Cultural Council. Ms. Fenwick Rodriguez will serve a one-year term expiring February 2026.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Timothy Damon of 10 Russell Terrace to serve as an ex-officio member of the Holyoke Cultural Council. Mr. Damon's term will serve a one-year term expiring in February 2026.

---> Received and appointment confirmed.

From Assistant City Solicitor Kathleen Degnan, OML Complaint response for Councilor Linda Vacon

---> Received.

From Holyoke Retirement Board- communication regarding Holyoke Retirement System

---> Received.

From City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak: 2025 YTD Budget vs Actual Reports; General & Sewer Enterprise Funds

---> Received.

From City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak: FY2024 Actual & FY2025 Actual & Estimated PILOT Payments

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

From Last Green Valley Seeds Co-Host Community Outreach Meeting.

---> Received.

PETITIONS

(51:35)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 22 and 23 as a package.

Petition of a Tai Kang of 117 Lynnwood Dr. of Longmeadow for a renewal of a Second Hand License at 311 High St.

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Petition of Holyoke Turn Verein of 624 S. Bridge St. for a renewal of 1 pool table and 6 bowling alleys.

---> Received and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

(53:00)

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she was working with the mayor to schedule the special meeting for the mayor to present his budget and provide his State of the City speech, tentatively planned for Tuesday, May 13th. She added that she would then begin planning the budget hearings after that. She then stated that the fireworks would take place on Friday, June 27th with a rain date of June 29th. She also stated that the Parking Advisory Committee was approved for an exemption to the meeting time ordinance, allowing them to meet at 11 a.m. for their Friday, April 25th meeting.

Councilor Greaney asked where the fireworks would take place.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that they would be at Holyoke Community College.

Councilor J. Rivera stated that she would be in a conference on May 12th through 16th.

Councilor I. Rivera offered congratulations to Jesus Morales, Jr for being named Youth of the Year with the Holyoke Boys and Girls Club, adding that Mr. Morales would be submitted to the larger cohort for the Youth of the Year award.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(56:20)

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 24 and 25 as a package.

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that pursuant to Section 12 of MGL Chapter 43C, the City of Holyoke, acting by and through its City Council and Mayor, creates a Finance Department as provided for in the statute subject to implementation by city ordinance approved with an effective date no later than December 31, 2025.

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

Committee Members:

Israel Rivera
Linda L. Vacon
Meg Magrath-Smith
David K. Bartley
Jenny Rivera

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

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke accepts and adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 43C entitled "Optional Forms of Municipal Administration."

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

Committee Members:

Israel Rivera
Linda L. Vacon
Meg Magrath-Smith
David K. Bartley
Jenny Rivera

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor I. Rivera stated that the Ordinance Committee along with the Charter and Rules Committee held separate meetings on the same night to discuss developing a Finance Department in connection with the process of transition the Treasurer position from elected to appointed. He then explained that these orders were one approach but they decided to pursue another path that was less arduous but would work toward the same goal.

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

(59:00)

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the Board of Public Works be invited into a Finance meeting to discuss roof repair projects Sec. 37. of Title VII states The board of public works shall have cognizance, direction and control: ... (b) of the construction, alteration, repair and care of public buildings; ... The Board is aware of some challenges and issues associated with this project. These include interior damage due to roof leaks and the presence of mold. Before the contract closes out, and with acknowledgment of our responsibility, we propose a discussion with the Finance Committee and all City representatives to the project to assure that work meets all expectations.

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

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that Mary Monahan and Libby Hernandez from the Board of Pubic Works explained that at their April 1st meeting, they voted unanimously to request that the City Solicitor secure the services of KP Law. She added that those services would be paid out of ARPA funds.

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

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 "EOEEA MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS (MVP) 2.0 PLANNING GRANT, \$102,420, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that the grant would help the Conservation and Sustainability Department update the climate and resilience properties from the 2018 planning process.

Councilor Sullivan emphasized that \$52,000 of the grant would be for planning and public outreach. He then explained that what was different from the past was that \$50,000 would be for a seed project that would come as a result of the community input.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--
Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$38,600) as follows:

FROM

13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$38,600
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TOTAL \$38,600

TO:

15412-52500 COA R&M BUILDING	\$38,600
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TOTAL \$38,600

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be denied.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that she was the only person on the committee in support of the transfer. She then deferred to those who voted against it.

Councilor Givner stated that while there were good points made about needing to paint the Council on Aging building, there were concerns about taking it from the School Capital Outlay budget. She added that concerns included how it could impact the School Department, and they did not see this as a necessary update at the time. She also stated that they suggested the Council on Aging put it in their budget request for the coming fiscal year.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and recommendation to deny adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 11--Nays 2 (Devine, Greaney)--Absent 0.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWELVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$12,000) as follows:

FROM

12201-51105 FIREFIGHTERS \$12,000

TOTAL

TO:

12201-51302 HAZ MAT OVERTIME \$ 7,000

12201-51910 HAZ MAT TEAM 5,000

TOTAL \$12,000

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that the funding would go toward paying overtime to members of the Haz Mat team, adding that it would be reimbursed.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Approved by the Mayor.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND AND 50/100 Dollars (\$78,000.50) as follows:

FROM

13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY \$78,000.50

TOTAL \$78,000.50

TO:

12203-58002 FIRE- CAPITAL OUTLAY EQUIPMENT \$78,000.50

TOTAL \$78,000.50

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Linda L. Vacon

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Devine stated that this would replace portable digital mobile radios, noting that the current ones were no longer made. She added that the new radios were recommended by the state.

---> Report of Committee passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--

Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Approved by the Mayor.

(1:10:10)

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application for Home Occupation application of Amanda and Marcos Garcia for a remote accounting work business at 25 Breton Lane (164-00-004) per 4.8.2.

have considered the same and Recommended that the special permit be granted with the following conditions:

1. That the hours of operation will be Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and also Saturdays from January 1st - April 15th
2. That there will be no signage.

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Givner stated that discussion included concerns about traffic at the location due to a home business. She then explained that she and Councilor Anderson-Burgos were invited to the home to confirm that applicant was living there, adding that it was clear they did live there. She also noted that letters of support from some neighbors were provided. She added that there was some pushback, but the applicant agreed to the restrictions placed on the permit. She noted that it would have to be renewed annually, providing an opportunity for them to prove themselves.

Councilor Vacon emphasized that a home occupation could only have one employee, and the applicant would need to expand beyond a home occupation if Ms. Garcia needed more than one. She noted that they spoke about having one full time employee as well as a couple part timers.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos clarified that the applicant did state she had multiple employees but they worked remotely.

Councilor Givner added they were out of state and working remotely.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that when he visited their home, it was clear they were living there.

Councilor Devine asked if it was clear why there were many cars, noting that one of the neighbors was concerned about a lot of cars parking there.

Councilor Givner stated that cars did stop by regularly as it was an accounting service so people would pull up and leave. She added that it was a four family house and both homeowners had a car parked in the driveway. She added that she did not notice anything unusual when she was there, but emphasized that neighbors could monitor for issues given that it was a one year permit that would need to be renewed.

Councilor Magrath-Smith asked if multiple Zoom employees had an impact on the requirements of a home occupation.

President Murphy-Romboletti expressed her understanding that it was for onsite employees.

Councilor Jourdain asked if it was actually a four family house.

Councilor Givner clarified that she meant to say it was a four bedroom house.

President Murphy-Romboletti noted that in looking at the home occupation ordinance, it may not be clear about the remote employees but it could be made clearer.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 33, 35, and 36 as a package.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order that the City Council adopts a resolution seeking our State Delegation to support the reinstatement of no electronic tolls from Westfield to West Springfield to create an incentive for tractor trailer drivers to travel on the Mass Pike and to alleviate the increasingly heavy tractor trailer traffic on Homestead Avenue in Holyoke.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Givner stated that the question was up in the air, but the case was made that this could help reduce traffic on Homestead Avenue. She added that the committee asked the state delegation to look into the possibility of removing the tolls to mitigate traffic through Holyoke.

Councilor Bartley emphasized the importance of the issue as one that would require a lot of advocacy that should not be let go. He then expressed an expectation on regular follow up from Senator Velis and Representative Duffy. He added that the residents of the area deserved to have the issue addressed to mitigating trucks coming from Westfield.

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

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order The DGR chair invite the state delegation to a future meeting.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

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

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order The DGR committee invite its state delegation to a future DGR meeting pursuant to Rule 9.C.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Givner stated that the discussion included comments from youth organizers at Pa'lante about specific bills they were advocating for, including a bill focused on transitioning police out of schools to prioritize counselors instead, a bill to raise the age for juvenile offenders. She also emphasized that the opportunity for youths to advocate to their legislators was empowering for them. She also stated they

discussed federal funding shortages and how Western Mass communities would be affected. She added that questions about rent control bills were discussed. She also stated that they discussed that the issue of host community agreements and the Cannabis Control Commission were brought up, noting that Rep Duffy would be working with the CCC moving forward. She also stated that East-West Rail as well as stop light camera ticketing were also brought up. She also suggested that it would be good to have them come twice a year to follow up.

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

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order That the DGR Committee invite in Representative Duffy and Senator Velis to clarify if there is a difference between the Affordable Homes Act and the 2% real estate surcharge we voted on Tuesday 5/21. If this surcharge on real estate is contained in the Affordable Homes Act, then ordered that our vote taken on 5/21/2024 be rescinded.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Givner stated that there was almost no discussion as the maker asked to withdraw the order.

Councilor Devine stated that she had since gotten the answer she was looking for with this order.

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

(1:26:30)

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that the City Council adopt the following Special Act and then place the question on the November 2025 ballot.

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that the topic had come up several times before and passed by the Council, but it had never gone forward from there in the past. She then explained there were concerns about the bar being too low at 250 voters, but it was clarified that this was just to request a petition. She

added that it would then need to be 10% of registered voters to actually trigger a recall election. She emphasized that this was for four year term officials, meaning the City Clerk of the Mayor, for egregious situations that would have widespread support of the community rather than something being pushed by a special interest that just didn't like the official.

Councilor Jourdain explained that this was about allowing the voters to vote on this. He then stated that this was about giving the voters a mechanism to address situations if an official just disappeared for four years or was not doing their job. He emphasized that that after the Council approves this, the mayor would need to approve it, the state legislature would need to approve it, and then the voters of the city would need to approve it. He also explained that there couldn't be less than a year left in their term. He also reiterated that they would need 250 signatures just to pull a petition, and then 10% of registered voters in order to turn the petition in.

Councilor Magrath-Smith noted that one amendment that was discussed but not done in committee was to change the gendered language. She then made a motion to make that amendment. Councilor Jourdain seconded the motion.

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted, as amended, on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 38 through 44 as a package.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From City Solicitor Lisa Ball Opinion from KP Law regarding voting requirements for fund transfers and special purpose stabilization fund appropriations.

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From DOR- Guideline on appropriation transfers regarding alternative end-of-year transfer procedure

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From City Solicitor: Lisa Ball- Case of Fuller v. Haines 224 Mass. 176 which addresses the first reading of an order.

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From City Councilor Kevin Councilor Jourdain-email communication to City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak regarding irregularities of financial transfer votes at Feb 18 meeting

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From City Councilor Kevin Councilor Jourdain- email communication with City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak regarding discussion with DLS to address Feb 18 financial transfer vote

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti - email communication with Councilor Jourdain regarding first/second readings for financial transfers

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From Councilor Kevin Councilor Jourdain, response to email communication from President Tessa Murphy-Romboletti regarding first/second readings for financial transfers

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that the committee delved into a complex discussion around the goal of rules, where they work well when there was a common understanding of the interpretation of them. She then explained that in looking at Section 22 of the charter, there were different interpretations of what the language meant, which led to agreement that if there was to be a common understanding, it should be said more clearly in the rules after talking about the pros and cons of what it meant for an item to have a first reading.

Councilor Jourdain commended everyone for participating in a thoughtful conversation on the topic. He then noted that he filed item 75 to have that discussion of how to get a common understanding.

Councilor Vacon stated that it was a good meeting that gave people an opportunity to disagree without being disagreeable.

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

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 45 and 46 as a package.

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From Assistant City Solicitor Kathleen Degnan-Open Meeting Law Complaint for Councilor Linda Vacon regarding debate of late files.

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that they reviewed the Open Meeting Law complaint, with the Law Department stating that if there was a violation, it had been cured. She added that they also argued there was not a violation, noting there was a little bit of a conflict in those two pieces.

Councilor Vacon stated that the item was the Law Department's response to a complaint, and the committee did not recommend a way to cure the complaint. She added that she would be following the procedures established by the Attorney General's office.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred a communication From Office of the Attorney General- Response to OML complaints.

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

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon stated that this item was the AG's response to a complaint regarding the minutes of the June 11, 2024 executive session minutes, which was filed by Mr. Superba. She then explained that the finding was that the City Council should come into compliance, adding that she expected that Atty Ball would be taking care of that the following day.

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

47. The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that Rule 1C be revised to align with modern practices. 1C reads: "All 'Rules and Orders of the City Council' shall be read by the President of the Council to every newly elected City Council during the first meeting of that newly elected Council or at any time prior to said first meeting if the City Council so agrees."

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that this was a simple change to reflect that the rules were not being read aloud but were just being shared with new members.

Councilor Greaney asked for explanation of what "shall be read" meant.

Councilor Magrath-Smith expressed her understanding that the rules used to be read aloud at the first meeting in earlier years, but they were now just being given as copies. She reiterated that this change was just putting into the rules what was actually being done.

Councilor Devine recalled that when she first joined the Council the first time in the old days, the rules had just been one page.

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

The Committee on Charter and Rules to whom was referred an order that Rule 4F be revised to align with modern practices. Rule 4F is "Co-signers of City Council orders must call the City Clerk to confirm that they do, in fact, want their name on that specific order."

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Meg Magrath-Smith
Linda L. Vacon
Tessa Murphy-Romboletti

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Magrath-Smith stated that this was to make the rule more universal so that people did not necessarily need to call the City Clerk to be a co-signer. She noted that often people were just saying in a meeting or sending an email stating that they wanted to be a co-signer.

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

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to allow the Ordinance Committee and the Charter and Rules Committee to meet jointly.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the body could pass that motion, but noted that as president, she believed that the intent of the rule was to prevent people from having to choose between two meetings happening at once. She reiterated that she was fine if councilors felt more comfortable passing the motion.

Councilor Jourdain made a motion to suspend the rule to allow the committees to meet jointly on April 16th. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

(1:49:25)

Magrath-Smith- Ordered, that a new rule 6.H. be added to the City Council rules.

Proposed Rule 6.H:

"Any member of the Council, upon being recognized by the President, may pose a question to be answered by the Law Department."

---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

Ocasio- Ordered that a Handicap sign be installed at 3 Vernon St. for Angel Lopez answered by the Law Department."

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

Bartley- City Council issue a proclamation in support of our friends in the Sikh community. On Tues., April 1, 2025, the Sikh community presented a flag raising ceremony and this proclamation is offer the support of the City Council. Historical note – Councilor Bresnahan commenced this important tradition here in Holyoke.

---> Received and Adopted.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 53 and 54 as a package.

Bartley-Winter parking in Holyoke could be simplified by the following ordinance change – Ordered that during the winter months between November and March no parking will be allowed in odd-numbered years on the side of the street with odd numbers; in even-numbered years, no parking will be allowed on street sides with even numbers. Refer to Ordinance. Copy DPW.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. Copy to DPW, Law Department.

Bartley- To alleviate confusion, the city of Holyoke hereby adopts an ordinance to post prominent signage onto street signs if the street is an unaccepted way. In Springfield (and other municipalities), such signs are affixed to street signs and labeled "private ways." This may help to better educate and inform the public. Refer to Ordinance, DPW, Legal.

---> Received and referred to the Ordinance Committee. Copy to DPW, Law Department.

Bartley- The condition of Woodland St along the center line is poor. Have the DPW/City Engineer determine how best to prevent reoccurrence of the potholes. I encourage any at-large councilor to evaluate the condition first-hand.

Councilor Devine noted that the Public Safety Committee took up this topic and while the condition of this street was not great, others were in worse condition. She then explained that they recommended the creation of a paving list.

---> Received and Adopted. Copy to DPW, City Engineer.

Bartley- The city fix the poor conditions of Woodland St. Normally I would ask for the street to be resurfaced immediately. However, please provide a recommendation on how to cure the condition for the long-term after the DPW/City Engineer evaluates the street.

---> Received and Adopted. Copy to DPW, City Engineer.

Bartley- The DPW assess best option on how to repair the sidewalk on Northampton St between W. Glen St. and Clark St. The City did a great job in a similar situation (the sidewalk was like a roller coaster due to the roots of a large Oak tree; not it's flat as a pancake) in front of Blessed Sacrament School on

Westfield Rd. so this order is to also have the sidewalk as described here likewise repaired.
---> Received and Adopted. Copy to DPW, City Engineer.

Devine- ORDERED: That the DPW sign department create a sign for St. Florian Way to replace the faded sign currently there.
---> Received and Adopted. Copy to DPW.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 59 through 67 as a package.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,800) as follows:
FROM
13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY \$3,800
TOTAL \$3,800
TO:
14222-52519 R&M PUBLIC LIBRARY \$3,800
TOTAL \$3,800

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN AND 89/100 Dollars (\$847.89) as follows:
FROM
12101-51510 SICK LEAVE BUYBACK \$847.89
TOTAL \$847.89
TO:
12101-51323 SNOW/OTHER OVERTIME \$197.89
12102-55860 PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT 650.00
TOTAL \$847.89

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$145,000) as follows:

FROM
12101-51107 PATROLMEN \$125,000
12101-51105 SERGEANTS 20,000
TOTAL \$145,000
TO:
12103-58000 CAP OUTLAY-MOTOR VEHICLES \$145,000
TOTAL \$145,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$30,000) as follows:

FROM
12101-51915 EDUCATION PLAN \$30,000
TOTAL \$30,000
TO:
12102-55860 PERSONNEL EQUIPMENT \$30,000
TOTAL \$30,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 FIFTY TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$52,000) as follows:

FROM
12101-51103 CAPTAINS \$52,000
TOTAL \$52,000
TO:
12102-52420 R&M OTHER \$52,000
TOTAL \$52,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000) as follows:

FROM
12101-51920 QUINN INCENTIVE \$14,000
12101-51900 IN SERVICE TRAINING 6,000
TOTAL \$20,000
TO:
12102-54221 SUPPLIES-AMMUNITION \$20,000
TOTAL \$20,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM
11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS \$3,000
TOTAL \$3,000
TO:
11612-53420 POSTAGE – REG OF VOTERS \$3,000
TOTAL \$3,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM
11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS \$3,000
TOTAL \$3,000
TO:
11612-52700 EQUIPMENT \$2,000
11612-54200 OFFICE & PROF SUPPLIES 1,000
TOTAL \$3,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025 THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000) as follows:

FROM

11611-51210 ELECTIONS OFFICERS	\$3,000
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TOTAL \$3,000

TO:

11612-53030 PRINTING/BINDING	\$3,000
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TOTAL \$3,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIX AND 64/100 Dollars (\$6,806.64) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN	\$3,663.90
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12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	3,142.74
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TOTAL \$6,806.64

TO:

12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY	\$6,806.64
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PP#20 TOTAL \$6,806.64

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the attachment did now show the number of firefighters represented.

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0-- Absent 0.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 69 and 70 as a package.

Devine-Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "2024 MASSDEP RECYCLING DIVIDENDS/SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS RECOVERY PROGRAM, \$7,800, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

Devine- Ordered, that the amount of NINE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$945.00) be authorized from the DPW-PROPERTY Department's R&M SENIOR CENTER (14222-52505) appropriation in fiscal year 2025 for services rendered in fiscal year 2024 which were unencumbered at the 2024 fiscal year end.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

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

Devine-Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "EOEEA BEST VALUE GRANT, \$777,000, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Sullivan commended Senator Velis and Rep Duffy for helping the city get this grant. He then explained that the grant was critical for the design, construction, and repair of the levy system. He further explained that this would allow for a temporary barrier at a section of the flood wall that was burned and destroyed by a homeless encampment. He added that the city was in the middle of an annual review by the Army Corps of Engineers. He emphasized that holding it up even a couple weeks during flood season would be unacceptable, which was why he was seeking to see it adopted right away.

---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

Jourdain- Ordered that in light of Ordinance 2-71 being adopted that it be fully enforced including but not limited to our new vendor Navex's contact information being prominently displayed on our city website and posters hung on all public bulletin boards and at all city department offices. The ordinance requires that the city shall take reasonable efforts to advertise and promote the awareness of the hotline; including but not limited to its website and work locations. The City Council requests that the Mayor, City Council Admin Asst and Personnel Director please make this an immediate priority so the public and employees have easy access to use our new vendor Navex and the EthicsPoint reporting contact info including the link to make on-line complaints as well as their call in phone number for all to see. Holyoke is paying for this important service and I want to make sure we are getting full use of it. Thank you.

---> Received and Adopted. Copy to Mayor, Personnel, Admin Assistant.

Jourdain- Order – re-filed from 9/4/2004 when last adopted by Council and Mayor, “Ordered, that that the Administrative Asst. to City Council coordinate the replacing of the city government portraits to the halls of city hall. That this be done as soon as possible.” Mayor Councilor Sullivan approved but it ultimately never happened. Can our Council Admin Asst please coordinate with the Mayor and DPW as needed to make arrangements to get our government photos back on the walls of City Hall? It's long overdue and these need to go back up. Thank you in advance to both the Mayor and Admin Asst for getting this done please.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos stated he spoke with Jay and with Matthew, the building staff from the DPW, about the order. He then explained that he had previously been told a couple times over the last couple years that they wanted to do the walls first, but noted the walls hadn't been done. He then stated Jay had a concern with the plaster not being strong enough to hold them up.

Councilor Jourdain noted it was the same plaster that held them for decades.

Admin Asst Anderson-Burgos stated that Matthew said that there may be an anchor that could be used to make it work.

---> Received and Adopted. Copy to Mayor, Admin Assistant.

Jourdain- Ordered, that Rule 8M please be amended as follows:

Current:

M. Any ordinance, order, resolution, or vote involving the appropriation or expenditure of money to an amount which may exceed two hundred dollars, shall require for its passage the affirmative votes of a majority of all members of the City Council.

Every such ordinance, order, resolution, or vote shall be read twice, with an interval of at least three days between the two readings, before being finally passed; and the vote at its final passage shall be taken by roll call; provided, however, that upon and after the written recommendation of the Mayor, the City Council may pass such ordinance, order, resolution, or vote on the same day by a two-thirds yeas and nays vote. {See City Charter s. 22}

New:

M. Any ordinance, order, resolution, or vote involving the appropriation or expenditure of money to an amount which may exceed two hundred dollars shall be considered as adopted by final action of the City Council only after passing the following two votes: (1) Motion to pass the first reading by a majority of all the members of the City Council, and (2) Motion to pass the second reading by a majority of all the members of the City Council on a roll call vote. Notwithstanding the preceding, if the Motion to pass the first reading and the Motion to pass the second reading occur within three days of each other then the Motion to pass the second reading shall require a two thirds majority of all the members of the City Council to be adopted. [Reference: City Charter Section 22, and MG.L. c. 44 § 1]

---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

Jourdain- Council rules be amended to ban outright all late filed orders, communications and any other business of the Council unless it is a matter of absolute emergency to the city and no member objects.

---> Received and referred to the Charter and Rules Committee.

Givner - Ordered that Alicia Zoeller from the Office of Community Development be invited into a DGR meeting to present 2025 ARPA funding proposals for consideration and recommendations.

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

LATE FILED ORDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

(2:07:35)

From Alicia Zoeller from Office of Community Development-request for Consideration of FY2024 CDBG

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

Adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

February 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Murphy-Romboletti at 7:05 p.m.

The Clerk called the roll. Absent Members: 0 Present Members in person 12 (Anderson-Burgos, Bartley, Devine, Givner, Jourdain, Magrath-Smith, Murphy-Romboletti, Ocasio, I. Rivera, J. Rivera, Sullivan, Vacon). Present Members on Zoom: 1 (Greaney)

Motion was made and seconded to take a roll call vote that for the purposes of this meeting would be applicable to all motions to receive, refer items to committee, remove items from the table, place items on the table, package items together, comply with items, or suspend the rules unless there is an objection. Motion adopted.

The name of Councilor Magrath-Smith was pulled to head the roll call voting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alanna Rutledge, 75 Taylor Street, stated that she and several neighbors on her street had concerns that they had not been plowed since the recent snowstorm. She added that it had been difficult to get out of her street every morning. She also stated that it had not been sanded or salted, and she often fishtailed trying to get into her driveway. She also stated that a police car went up and down her street with a siren running but had not given any instructions. She added that after people moved their cars, the road was still not plowed. She also expressed concern with people falling, noting that a lot of older people lived on the street. She also emphasized that the road not being plowed had been a consistent issue.

Amelia Box, 57 Taylor Street, seconded Ms. Rutledge's concerns. She then stated that her car was an SUV and still found herself spinning out trying to get into the street from Hampden. She noted it was a one way street and observed that many other one way streets were also missed and had not been sanded or plowed.

Motion was made and seconded to suspend the necessary rules to take up item 30 out of order.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special permit application of F & M Hideway, Inc to reconstruct and renovate Schermerhorn's Restaurant and retail store per sec 4.7.3 at 224 Westfield Road (157-00-072).

have considered the same and Recommended that the special permit be granted.

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Givner noted that the applicants were in attendance. She then stated that they were planning to reconstruct Schermerhorn's by rebuilding exactly what was there before, adding that it will be up to code. She noted they sent in their building plans.

Councilor Devine thanked the applicant for sending in their plans. She noted that one of the neighbors had concern about parking, and she was impressed that the applicant offered to meet with that neighbor to address those concerns.

Councilor Vacon expressed support for the special permit. She also commended them for doing their due diligence and finding problem areas to do things the right way.

Councilor I. Rivera noted that many people were grateful that Schermerhorn's' would still be around.

Councilor Greaney stated that he hoped they would leave the sign up in the front.

---> Report of Committee received and recommendation Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 13--Nays 0--Absent 0.

LAI D ON THE TABLE

(10:35)

The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the Police Department be allowed to hire a Crime Analyst past the Grade 10 mid-range (which is \$70,407) to \$78,000.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

---> Laid on the table.

Councilor Devine made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to remove item 2 through 6 from the table as a package. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he did not mind 3 through 6 being taken up as a package, but had concerns about unique issues with item 2 and would prefer to see that one separated from the package.

Councilor Vacon made a motion to refer the whole package to the Finance Committee as none of the orders had been taken up in committee. Councilor Jourdain seconded the motion.

Councilor Bartley stated they needed to be taken off the table first.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she believed that had happened.

Councilor Bartley stated that he did not hear a vote take place.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he objected to it all being taken up together.

Councilor Givner expressed her understanding that there was a motion to take items out of order and there was a vote.

Councilor Bartley stated that there was not a vote on it.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the body still needed to vote to take them up together. She then stated that item 2 would be taken up separately, and then 3 through 6 would be taken up as a package.

Motion was made and seconded to remove item 2 from the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 22/100 Dollars (\$21,600.22) as follows:

		FROM	TO
11211	51276	MAYOR'S CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS	21,600.22
15411	51103	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - COA	2,222.00
15411	51101	DIRECTOR COUNCIL ON AGING	3,030.00
11711	51101	CONSRVTN & SUSTNBLTY DIRECTOR	3,030.00
12441	51101	SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES	2,525.00
16301	51101	DIRECTOR PARKS/REC FORESTRY	2,899.14
16301	51103	ASST DIRECTOR OF PARKS & REC	2,222.00
14211	51108	SAFETY OFFICER	2,020.00
15101	51101	DIRECTOR BOARD OF HEALTH	1,632.00
15101	51202	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	2,020.08
		21,600.22	21,600.22

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Councilor Vacon made a motion to refer items 2 through 6 to the Finance Committee. Councilor Jourdain seconded the motion.

Councilor Devine stated that all of these had been in Finance. She then stated that she provided a list of 22 people that were in these positions. She then emphasized that the Council could only talk about the appropriations and could not get into benefits because that was not the Council's prerogative. She then suggested that discussion of benefits may lead to an unfair labor practice charge. She then asked why item 2 should go to committee but not the others.

Councilor Jourdain explained that item 2 had extra rules. He then suggested that due to previous objections to an earlier package of items that had portions of interdepartmental transfers, the administration submitted items 3 through 6 as intradepartmental transfers. He then stated that the only other issues was that to pass those items, it would require both readings by a two-thirds vote. He then suggested that item 2 presented an interdepartmental transfer due to funds coming from the Mayor's Contracted Services line to other departmental salary lines. He then noted that the Law Department offered guidance that since this was for the same purpose, that would not follow the interdepartmental rule. He then asked for an opportunity to speak to DOR (Department of Revenue) on the following Friday to ask if they understood the funds were in the Mayor's budget and the others were all their own separate departments. He added that he could consider going along with it if the Law Department's guidance was accurate. He emphasized that there was not a contract negotiation line in each of those departments. He

then stated that items 3 through 6 had not come to the Council before, and there could be open questions about why there was extra money in some of those accounts.

Councilor Vacon explained that the reason for her motion because it was better for the committee to do their work instead of the entire body trying to do that work.

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

Councilor Devine asked Councilor Jourdain if he was speaking with the DOR.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he was.

Councilor Devine asked if they would be giving a ruling in writing.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he doubted they would give one in writing, noting that they had not given one in writing to the Law Department. He then stated his interest in confirming what the Law Department was saying was accurate because it was only a verbal report.

Atty Bissonnette stated that it was unfortunate that the accuracy and legitimacy of what the Law Department has reported was being characterized as fruit of the poisonous tree and not an accurate representation of what the DOR said. He then explained that they call the DOR for guidance on a regular basis and emphasized that they do not provide written opinions. He then observed that due to Councilor Jourdain enlightening everyone on the rules of interdepartmental transfers, the mayor put forward these orders to transfer funds already within those departments. He then recalled that during the budget discussions, \$25,000 was specifically put into the mayor's budget for contract negotiations. He added that the contract negotiations with the PSA had been prolonged and had resulted in a stalemate, and the budget needed to reflect what the settlement may be. He then stated that after explaining all of that to the DLS (Division of Local Services) led to them concurring that it was for the same purpose. He added that it was not an attempt to mislead anyone as it had been explained what it was for. He noted that there was also a communication from Atty Ball presenting a case law from 1913 that explained the first time an item appeared on an agenda was when an item was first read.

Councilor Givner stated that this information was not new and she did not believe there was any reason to send the items back to the Finance Committee. She then expressed frustration that one person repeatedly does not agree with the opinions of the Law Department. She then expressed hope that the Law Department's guidances could be taken as real. She added that these items were time sensitive as employees had been waiting. She added that losing employees would be more costly. She then questioned looking for reasons that would make people want to leave. She then stated that while she understood the desire to hear from the state personally, she believed the word of the Law Department should be trusted.

Councilor Jourdain stated that history had taught him that the Law Department had often been wrong, as everyone else was wrong at times. He then suggested that he may look into things more than others choose to do. He then explained that the original form of this item already showed him to be correct, which was why these items were now here. He then stated that he had made his points already about the expense to taxpayers to give more vacation time, benefits, flex time, and other giveaways beyond just par raises. He then emphasized that he just wanted to ensure the rules were being followed. He noted that he

had just spoken with Atty Ball the previous week to understand where she got her opinion and then reached out to them to seek to hear it for himself. He also expressed concern about longtime rules and practices of the Council being flipped. He emphasized that this was not about just trying to win on an issue, but about avoiding having bad precedent created. He then acknowledged that items 3 through 6 were eventually going to pass. He then expressed disagreement with the interpretation of section 22 of the charter regarding the two reding rule in that the second reading could not be taken up until a motion to pass the first reading was passed. He then stated that the section required that if both motions were done within 3 days of each other, it required two-thirds of the vote for passage. He then acknowledged that items 3 through 6 could eventually pass on a simple majority if at least 3 days were given between the votes to pass the first and second readings. He also emphasized that these items included retro pay going back to July of 2023 and another 2 weeks would not be the end of the world.

Councilor Devine agreed with Councilor Givner that the Law Department should be trusted. She then emphasized that with respect to getting benefits on flex time, there was not comp time for employees who often get called in for meetings in the evening. She then asked Atty Bissonnette what the difference was with the motions to pass first and second readings as they had been done before.

Atty Bissonnette stated that the argument was what constituted a reading. He then explained that an item being read by the president could constitute a first reading. He added that according to the interpretation of the SJC (Supreme Judicial Court), the referral to a committee was considered to be a first reading. He added that the language of section 22 on passing both readings was likely about getting things passed on the first night they were introduced. He noted that the city of Lowell that was the focus of the SJC decision had a similar charter to that of Holyoke.

Councilor Devine asked if these items could be passed that night if a motion to do so was made.

Atty Bissonnette expressed his understanding that the motion on the floor was to refer item 2 to the Finance Committee. He then stated that if that motion was defeated, a motion to pass item 2 could be made, and as these items were taken up as late files and tabled at the last meeting which constituted the first reading, these could be passed with only the second reading needed to be passed. He noted that items 3 through 6 would first have to be taken off the table.

President Murphy-Romboletti clarified that Vaco's motion had been to refer items 2 through 6 to the Finance Committee.

Councilor Vacon stated that was correct but understood that the discission was currently just about item 2. She then expressed concern that the Council had been sliding away from practices under the city charter over the last 2 years under the argument that it was outdated. She then explained that unless it were changed, the Council still needed to operate under it. She also expressed concern about recent arguments that the state law trumped the charter, while the Council had always followed the charter until those recent arguments. She then stated that at the last meeting, the motion had been to take them up and table them and they were not even read into the record nor were they even posted 48 hours before the meeting. She also questioned how the late files were emergencies. She then suggested that this was the first night the items were legally before the Council and the first night they were read into the record.

Councilor Sullivan, emphasizing that this was not a reflection of the current Law Department, recalled that the Council had been lied to by the Law Department regarding things that went on with the collapse, lawsuits, and practices with respect to the Essex Hotel. He then stated that it was not a lack of trust to

question the Law Department or any other department, but was due diligence and not a waste of taxpayer money. He added that the city lost millions on the advice of the Law Department at that time.

President Murphy-Romboletti clarified that she did read the items into the record at the last meeting.

Motion to refer items 2 through 6 to the Finance Committee failed on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 6 (Bartley, Greaney, Jourdain, Ocasio, Sullivan, Vacon)--Nays 7--Absent 0.

Councilor Devine made a motion to pass items 2 through 6. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

Councilor Jourdain emphasized that a motion to take them all up as a package had not been passed.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she had not recognized the motion.

Councilor Devine withdrew her motion and made a motion to pass item 2. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

Councilor Jourdain stated that if this were to pass the first reading, he believed the second reading should be tabled in order to get confirming of what the Law Department was saying. He then expressed frustration in being questioned about seeking to get independent verification of what they were reporting. He noted that they had reversed their own opinions in the last few years, and had given verifiably bad opinions. He then stated that he believed they got it right and did their best most of the time. He then emphasized that Holyoke elected a split Council 7-6, adding that people did not get to change the rules because they did not like how the election turned out by trying to circumvent the rules that had been in effect for years. He then expressed concern that this new contract required flex time to be given which would tie the hands of the mayor going forward. He added that he also did not agree that managers should have been in the union. He also expressed concern about giving everyone an extra 2 weeks of vacation, along with extra longevity time, adding that the average Holyoker wasn't getting those benefits.

Councilor I. Rivera suggested that there was an irony in questioning when governments, both locally and nationally, should follow rules. He added that it appeared to be wielding power in a way that was not fair when people who disagree were being chastised. He then suggested that if the city had been working in collaboration with employees over the years, there wouldn't be a big hit all at once. He then stated that he could no longer be mad if an employee was asked to attend an Ordinance meeting and they couldn't show up if they were not going to be compensated. He emphasized that when the people of Holyoke are referred to, the employees were also among the people of Holyoke who needed to be thought about.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos expressed frustration with claims that the City Solicitor can't always be trusted. He then emphasized that these employees have been waiting since 2023 for these raises. He then questioned how anyone would feel about statements claiming that there was nothing wrong with waiting another two weeks. He also questioned the focus on when the City Solicitor was wrong when these people were just waiting to get paid. He also suggested that it was an insult that some councilors have a vendetta because of the results of an election. He added that the city had been in a rut for years and that was not on the newer city councilors who were being blamed.

Councilor Vacon raised a point of order, asking that the debate stay on topic.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the comments were on topic as they were response to what was already said, adding that those earlier comments arguably had not been on topic.

Councilor Anderson-Burgos stated that the mayor was trying to get things done and this felt like trying to block him in order to be able to claim he was doing a horrible job.

Councilor Vacon stated that city councilors had a fiduciary responsibility. She added that once councilors receive opinions from the Law Department, it is on the councilors to vote based on the rules, emphasizing that the Law Department was advisory to the Council. She reiterated that the City Solicitor had changed their opinion to the complete opposite in just the last 2 years. She added that it was legal and fair for the Council to question the cost of an agreement. She also asked that the same empathy being expressed for these employees being also expressed for the taxpayers who have to pay for the contract. He added that it was the job of councilors to know the charter.

Councilor Devine emphasized that the professional employees on the list had been asked into meeting on numerous occasions. She added that she can't help it if someone has a \$600,000 house. She then asked to get these passed for the sake of the good people who work for the city.

Councilor Magrath-Smith called the question. Councilor Devine seconded the motion.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the motion was to pass the second reading.

Councilor Jourdain asked when the motion to pass the first reading was.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she read the order into the record at the last meeting and that was the first reading.

Councilor Jourdain stated there was never a vote to pass the first reading.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she read the order into the record, adding that there was a legal opinion on the agenda citing case law. She added that this was not a new debate.

Councilor Jourdain stated that every single transfer that had come before the body had included a vote on the first reading and then a vote to adopt on the second reading.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the item was tabled at the last meeting.

Councilor Jourdain stated that nobody made a motion to pass the first reading.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that there was a motion to table it after reading it.

Councilor Jourdain stated that the charter required a motion to pass the first reading.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the Law Department as well as case law cited otherwise.

Councilor Jourdain stated that it was unfair.

President Murphy-Romboletti asked how that was unfair. She also noted that some councilors do things that make things unfair to her.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he could talk all night about he gets treated in meetings.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she was not going to get into it. She then stated that Councilor Jourdain was out of order.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he had a point of order, reiterating that the charter required a passage of two readings.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that things sometimes get laid on the table.

Councilor Jourdain stated that there still needed to be a motion to pass the first reading and then pass the second reading.

President Murphy-Romboletti reiterated that the Law Department weighed in.

Councilor Jourdain stated that he did not ask for the Law Department to weigh in.

Councilor Devine stated that she had asked.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she was going to listen to the Law Department.

Councilor Jourdain asked why this was going to be different than what had been done for 100 years. He added that the SJC case had not gone to committee for a discussion.

President Murphy-Romboletti questioned needing a discussion on everything that got communicated.

Councilor Jourdain stated that it should on a charter that everyone took an oath to enforce.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she did not need reminding of the oath she took. She then threatened to end the meeting early.

Councilor Jourdain expressed frustration that this was censorship.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that it was not censorship.

Councilor Jourdain asked if the next step was going to be the police being called to kick him out.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that the behavior was outrageous. She then demanded that Councilor Jourdain not raise his voice at her.

Councilor Jourdain stated that the public needed to understand that this was censorship.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that it was not censorship, and she understood what censorship.

Councilor Devine stated that Councilor Magrath-Smith had a motion on the floor.

President Murphy-Romboletti called a five minute recess.

A five minute recess took place.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she would recognize a motion to pass the first reading.
---> Passed two readings and Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays--Yeas 7--Nays 3
(Greaney, Jourdain, Sullivan)--Absent 3 (Bartley, Ocasio, Vacon).

Councilor Magrath-Smith asked Atty Bissonnette if 7 was enough for passage.

Atty Bissonnette stated that the motion passed as DLS advised that the appropriation was made to fund the contracts.

Councilor Jourdain stated that as two readings had taken place on the same night, he believed that it was a violation of section 22 of the charter and should have required a two-thirds vote of the body.

Councilor Devine made a motion to suspend the necessary rules to take up items 3 through 6 as a package. Councilor Anderson-Burgos seconded the motion.

Councilor Magrath-Smith raised a point of order. She then asked if the body was just on item 3.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that was correct.

Councilor Magrath-Smith asked if this was the first reading or the second reading.

Councilor Devine stated that it was the first.

President Murphy-Romboletti asked for a motion to lay items 3 through 6 on the table, noting that the body had just argued about these for an hour and a half. She then acknowledged and was fine that half the Council was going to oppose her on everything she did, but expressed frustration if everyone was going to contradict each other.

Councilor Jourdain raised a point of order. He then expressed it was an example of unfair treatment for her to state that half the Council was going to oppose her on everything.

President Murphy-Romboletti stated that she was not going to continue doing this.

Councilor I. Rivera made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Greaney seconded the motion. Motion adopted.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY TWO AND 93/100 Dollars (\$8,182.93) as follows:

	FROM	TO
12401 51101 LOCAL INSPECTOR	8,182.93	
12401 51102 ASST BUILDING COMMISSIONER		3,132.93
12401 51103 CHIEF INSPECTOR OF WIRES		2,828.00
12401 51107 ZONING OFFICIAL		2,222.00
	8,182.93	8,182.93

---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ELEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FORTY TWO AND 00/100 Dollars (\$11,342.00) as follows:

	FROM	TO
11751 51106 PLANNER I	11,342.00	
11751 51108 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING		4,560.00
11751 51102 ASST DIR OF ECONOMIC DEV		4,560.00
11751 51105 SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER		2,222.00
	11,342.00	11,342.00

---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND FIFTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,050.00) as follows:

	FROM	TO
16911 51104 ENTERPRISE COORDINATOR	5,050.00	
16911 51101 DIRECTOR WISTARIAHURST		2,828.00
16911 51103 CITY HISTORIAN		2,222.00
	5,050.00	5,050.00

---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 99/100 Dollars (\$1,560.99) as follows:

	FROM	TO
15431 51104 INVESTIGATOR	1,560.99	
15431 51105 NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER		1,560.99
	1,560.99	1,560.99

---> Laid on the table.

From Assistant Solicitor Jane Mantolesky, letter regarding St. Vincent Lots

---> Laid on the table.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Patricia Normand of 36 Pleasant St to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Normand will serve a three year term expiring February 1, 2028.

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Denis Luzuriaga of 6 Pinehurst Rd., to serve as a Commissioner of the Holyoke Housing Authority. Mr. Luzuriaga will replace Mr. Jose Maldonado-Velez and will serve the remainder of his term expiring April 1, 2029.

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Ms. Lyn Horan of 100 Southamptn Rd., to serve as a member of the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Horan will serve a three year term expiring in March 2028.

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Ms. Jessica Lebron-Martinez of 102 Brown Avenue., to serve as a member of the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Lebron-Martinez will serve a three year term expiring in March 2028.

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Mr. Jeffrey Horan of 100 Southamptn Rd. to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Horan will serve a three year term expiring February 1, 2028

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Ms. Rosemary Arnold of 30 Mountain Rd. to serve as a member of the Conservation Commission. Ms. Arnold will serve a three year term expiring February 1, 2028.

---> Laid on the table.

From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Ms. Sarah Wedaman of 28 Howard St., to serve as a member of the Commission on Disabilities. Ms. Wedaman will serve a three year term expiring in March 2028.

---> Laid on the table.

From City Solicitor: Lisa Ball- Case of Fuller v. Haines 224 Mass. 176 which addresses the first reading of an order

---> Laid on the table.

From City Solicitor: Opinion from KP Law

---> Laid on the table.

From Assistant City Solicitor Jane Mantolesky- Notice of Sale - 285 Main

---> Laid on the table.

From Councilor Councilor Givner- Boston Globe article on Impact fees

---> Laid on the table.

From DOR- Guideline on appropriation transfers

---> Laid on the table.

From Frank Demarinis, Shermerhorns site plan review

---> Laid on the table.

Cultural Humility Workshop Curriculum

---> Laid on the table.

From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Amin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, minutes from February 4, 2025 meeting.

---> Laid on the table.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Beverlyn Blanchard of 46 St. Kolbe Dr. to serve as a member of the Library Board of Directors. Ms. Blanchard will serve a three year term expiring February 2028.

have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Beverlyn Blanchard of 46 St. Kolbe Dr. to serve on the Library Board of Directors. Ms. Blanchard term will expire Feb. 2025.

have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Thomas Gilchrist of 26 Dunn Ave to serve on the Library Board of Directors. Mr. Gilchrist term will expire Feb. 2026.

have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Mr. Joseph Black of 1015 Maple St. to serve as a member of the Recycling Advisory Committee. Mr. Black's will serve a three year term, expiring on August 1, 2027.

have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Public Service to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter appointing Ms. Tiffany Espinosa of 30 Amherst St Holyoke to serve as a member of the Holyoke Redevelopment Authority. Ms. Espinosa will replace Mr. Jorge Colon and will serve the remainder of his term expiring November 1, 2029.

have considered the same and Recommended that the appointment be confirmed.

Committee Members:

Juan Anderson-Burgos
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Special Permit Application of Salmar Realty LLC c/o Peter Martins for a special permit for a Proposed Coffee shop/Drive Thru Restaurant at South Street Plaza, A Portion of 209 South St.

have considered the same and Recommended that the special permit be granted with the 32 conditions described in the Planning Board Site Plan Review Notice of Decision letter dated January 16, 2025

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order City Council explore with the Mayor a residential redevelopment plan for city owned vacant parcels has homes built then sold. City funds coupled with any available grant funding will be used for seed funding with the proceeds of the sales used to build more homes. The long term play for the city is the generation of all of the property tax revenue from these home sales, the new availability of great new housing, the reduction in city owned buildable lots and the growth of population.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order The Law Dept., Building Commissioner and the city's property group provide its annual update on the City's Receivership program. Please send communication to the Clerk for the second city council meeting in January 2023.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

---> Laid on the table.

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 "FY2025 FIREFIGHTER SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM, \$24,081, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.'

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THIRTY THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$33,000) as follows:

FROM

14101-51105 SR CIVIL ENGINEER	\$ 17,000	
14251-51102 HOISTING EQUIPMENT OPERATOR		16,000
TOTAL \$33,000		

TO:

14102-53010 PROF ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$33,000	
TOTAL \$33,000		

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$100,000) as follows:

FROM

12101-51107 PATROLMEN	\$ 50,000	
12101-51117 DISPATCH		50,000

TOTAL \$100,000

TO:

12102-53010 MAP/DATA MAINTENANCE \$100,000

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$80,000) as follows:

FROM

12101-51105 SERGEANTS \$40,000

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 40,000

TOTAL \$80,000

TO:

12102-53010 MAP/DATA MAINTENANCE \$80,000

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, EIGHTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY SIX AND 00/100 Dollars (\$83,656) as follows:

FROM

11511-51201 PT ASSISTANT SOLICITOR \$83,656

TOTAL \$83,656

TO:

11511-51202 PT ASSOCIATE SOLICITOR \$83,656

TOTAL \$83,656

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order From Sean Sheedy, Maintenance Admin for Holyoke Public Schools, 2-4-2025 SOI ARP PROJECTS HPS

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the City of Holyoke appropriates the amount of One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a Schematic Design Study at Kelly Elementary School located at 216 West Street Holyoke MA 01040 for a potential roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Holyoke has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Mayor Joshua Garcia. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority. The City of Holyoke acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Holyoke incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Holyoke; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Holyoke and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all of the bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as may be required for such purposes. Further Ordered: That there shall be no change in the purpose of this bond authorization without prior vote of approval by the Holyoke City Council

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the City of Holyoke appropriates the amount of One Hundred Thousand(\$100,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a Schematic Design Study at Lt Elmer J McMahon Elementary School located at 75 Kane Road Holyoke MA 01040 for a potential roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Holyoke has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Mayor Joshua Garcia. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority. The City of Holyoke acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Holyoke incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Holyoke; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Holyoke and the MSBA. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all of the bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as may be required for such purposes. Further Ordered: That there shall be no change in the purpose of this bond authorization without prior vote of approval by the Holyoke City Council

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Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

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The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the City of Holyoke appropriates the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand(\$75,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a Schematic Design Study at Lt Clayre Sullivan Elementary School located at 400 Jarvis Avenue Holyoke MA 01040 for a potential partial roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related

thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Holyoke has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of mayor Joshua Garcia. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority. The City of Holyoke acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Holyoke incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Holyoke; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Holyoke and the MSBA. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all of the bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as may be required for such purposes. Further Ordered: That there shall be no change in the purpose of this bond authorization without prior vote of approval by the Holyoke City Council

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the City of Holyoke appropriates the amount of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a Schematic Design Study at Holyoke High School located at 500 Beech Street Holyoke MA 01040 for a potential roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Holyoke has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Mayor Joshua Garcia. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority. The City of Holyoke acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Holyoke incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Holyoke; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Holyoke and the MSBA. FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all of the bonds or notes authorized to be issued pursuant to this Order,

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have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order That the City of Holyoke appropriates the amount of Seventy-Five Thousand(\$75,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of conducting a Schematic Design Study at Maurice A Donahue Elementary School located at 210 Whiting Farms Road Holyoke MA 01040 for a potential partial roof replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Holyoke has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Mayor Joshua Garcia. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7, Chapter 70B, or any other enabling authority. The City of Holyoke acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Holyoke incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Holyoke; and that, if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Holyoke and the MSBA.

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Further Ordered: That there shall be no change in the purpose of this bond authorization without prior vote of approval by the Holyoke City Council

have considered the same and Recommended that the order be adopted.

Committee Members:

Patricia Devine
Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order the School Department, the School Committee, the Receiver and Mayor present a plan for the future of Metcalf School. I'd like to hear long-terms plans as well as temporary ones. I would like the district to consider the City continue using the school in its current purpose: as a learning institution. If not in the plan, then let's consider it as the headquarters of the School Department. Should a committee be formed? What plans are being discussed? The building, erected 1911, is iconic and should be preserved and, if needed, rehabilitated and repurposed for City uses. Refer to HPS, Receiver, Mayor and Joint Committee.

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

Committee Members:

Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order From Mayor Garcia and Superintendent Soto, a Joint statement affirming the rights of immigrants

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

Committee Members:

Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order The Superintendent of Schools discuss his recent memo on affirming the rights of immigrants with the Joint Committee on City Council and School Committee.

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

Committee Members:

Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order From Sean Mangano, School Committee Finance Subcommittee 12.12.24

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

Committee Members:

Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order The Superintendent of Schools please update the Joint Committee on City Council and School Committee on any updated plans for the School Dept headquarters in light of their decision not to go forward with proposed High Street location.

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

Committee Members:

Kevin A. Jourdain
Carmen Ocasio
Howard Greaney, Jr

---> Laid on the table.

ORDERS AND TRANSFERS

Magrath-Smith, ordered that City Council review CPA Committee recommendations and approve funding for FY25 CPA projects.

---> Laid on the table.

Murphy-Romboletti- With community support, the City Council issue a proclamation to Gina Nelson, Executive Director of Community Roots Neighborhood Services, Inc. and the Veterans Lunch Program in recognition of the invaluable work they do for our community's veterans.

---> Laid on the table.

Vacon- ORDER: That the American flag protocol is followed for flags at public schools such as McMahon & on other city property, including; either lighting the flag or bringing the flag in each night and putting it up in the morning.

---> Laid on the table.

Vacon, Jourdain- ORDER: The Treasurer & Auditor provide the City Council with an update & timeline for the certification of free cash. Refer to Finance Committee
---> Laid on the table.

Bartley- Ordered that Schedule B, Compensation for Elected Officials of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:
City Clerk: \$90,000
---> Laid on the table.

Devine, Givner - ORDERED: that the Directors of the Board of Health, Zoning, Planning, and the Animal Control Officer and Law Department meet with the Ordinance Committee to discuss Ordinance Sec. 14-12 as it relates to #2 Hens, specifically the keeping of hens DEFINITIONS, SPECIAL PERMIT PROCESS, SPECIFICATIONS AND DIMENSIONS, GENERAL REGULATIONS, VIOLATIONS and any and all regulations whether State or Federal that may be pertinent.
---> Laid on the table.

Devine - ORDERED: that the City Engineer determine if a BLOCK THE BOX is warranted at Columbus Avenue and Northampton Street. Refer to City Engineer
---> Laid on the table.

Devine- ORDERED that the Law Department determine and render an opinion as to whether DPW supervisors/employees can ticket those automobiles/trucks that are impeding snow removal and plowing during a legal parking ban.
---> Laid on the table.

Devine-Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "BYRNE STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM, \$84,458.79, 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.

Sec 2-509 - Grant Reporting

Any city department, of which has received grant funding by approval of the city council pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authorizing criteria, shall within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 60 days from the conclusion of said grant, generate a detailed report which outlines the planned outcomes with the documented actual results. Said report shall be submitted to the city clerk for addition to the city council's next agenda.

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE AND 52/100 Dollars (\$9,981.52) as follows:

FROM

12201-51103 CAPTAIN \$3,663.90

12201-51104 LIEUTENANTS	6,317.62
TOTAL \$9,981.52	
TO:	
12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY	\$9,981.52
PP#16 TOTAL \$9,981.52	

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000) as follows:

FROM

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION	\$25,000
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TOTAL \$25,000

TO:

12103-58003 HPD CAP OUTLAY- BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$25,000
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TOTAL \$25,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor

---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY FIVE AND 56/100 Dollars (\$108,695.56) as follows:

FROM

8815-10400 CANNABIS STABILIZATION	\$108,695.56
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TOTAL \$108,695.56

TO:

19412-57630 SOLICITOR CLAIMS & DAMAGES	\$108,695.56
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TOTAL \$108,695.56

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND Dollars AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

	FROM	TO
12101 5119 POLICE RESERVE	5,000	
0010 57200 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		5,000
	5,000	5,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND Dollars AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

	FROM	TO
1421 51102 DPW HOISTING EQUIP OPERATOR	5,000	
01010 57200 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		5,000
	5,000	5,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Laid on the table.

DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND Dollars AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

	FROM	TO
12101 5119 FIRE FIGHTER LINE	5,000	
0010 57200 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		5,000
	5,000	5,000

To the City Council:

I hereby recommend the passage of the above order at the meeting of your Council to be held Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Joshua A Garcia, Mayor
---> Laid on the table.

Givner- In the interest of transparency, order that the Collins Center for Public Management present its findings, working with Holyoke's Government Restructure Advisory Council, on Payments In Lieu of Taxes, PILOTs. Some cities and towns (Boston, Brookline) developed formal PILOT policies where the municipality asks the nonprofit to pay a portion of the taxes their tax-exempt property would have paid if it wasn't tax-exempt. Springfield and Concord are exploring the need for PILOT policies. Holyoke has hundreds of tax-exempt properties including group homes, charities, drug recovery agencies, hospitals, health centers, churches, schools, colleges, and more that were included in the study. ~Send to DGR
---> Laid on the table.

Givner- In an effort to promote efficiency while upholding quality of life standards, Order that the City Council invite department heads involved with permitting in to review special permit processes. Incomplete applications regularly come before DGR. The current process is incredibly inefficient wasting 8-10 hours, per applicant, in efforts from the Clerk's office, the Planning department, the Planning Board, building department, as well as City council and subcommittees. Our permitting Ordinance should be reviewed and updated if needed. ~Send to DGR for discussion / copy to ordinance for updates
---> Laid on the table.

LATE FILED ORDERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Law Dept and Mayor be invited to the City Council to discuss an update on the city's use of the receivership program including current properties being targeted and others that are excellent prospects for required repairs. I also would like to see if we can use this for larger scale problem rental properties with the right receiver as has been done in larger metropolitan cities. I also would like to start an initiative as has been used in large urban settings where we have required landlord training programs when appropriate as well as a model like Kansas City Bad Apple Program for repeat offenders. Law dept. and Mayor will be encouraged to look at what resources we need to go bold on problem properties and develop a plan with us.

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

Committee Members:

Kocayne Givner
Michael Sullivan
Carmen Ocasio
Juan Anderson-Burgos
Patricia Devine

---> Laid on the table.

Adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



In City Council, _____, 2025. Adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas ____ and nays ____

The City of Holyoke, through its Honorable City Council and Honorable Mayor hereby petition the Massachusetts General Court to approve the following legislation for the purpose of amending the charter of the city concerning special meetings, and that said legislation be entitled:

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF HOLYOKE

And that said act read as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 12 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be amended by deleting the current section in its entirety.

SECTION 2: Section 12 of the City of Holyoke Charter shall be further amended by adding the following new section:

SECTION 12–Special Meetings of the City Council;

The Mayor or the President of the City Council may at any time call a special meeting of the City Council by causing written notifications thereof, together with a statement of the subjects to be considered thereat, to be electronically delivered to all Council members at least 48 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. Members of the City Council may elect to alternatively receive all such notices by mail, hand delivery to their place of residence, or to their City Hall desk by designating their preference to the Clerk or the Assistant to the City Council.

SECTION 3: So much of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1896 and Chapter 327 of the Acts of 1936 and acts in amendment thereof and addition thereto, as is inconsistent with this act, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

SECTION 5: This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Clerk

Presented to the Mayor for Approval:

City Clerk

Date

Approved:

Mayor

Date

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

_____ AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2 OF THE REVISED CODE
OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS 1997

AN ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Holyoke as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 2 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Holyoke, Massachusetts, 1997, as amended, shall be and is hereby further amended:

BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTION:

Sec 2-349 Certificate of Compliance

All bidders must provide a certificate satisfactory to the Director stating under oath that they are in compliance with all building, health and fire codes for the city and state.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

____MDB/____
Michael D. Bissonnette
Assistant City Solicitor



MAYOR JOSHUA A. GARCIA
CITY OF HOLYOKE

April 24, 2025

RECEIVED

The Honorable City Councilor
City of Holyoke
Holyoke, MA 01040

APR 24 2025

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

Dear Council Members:

I hereby appoint the following individual to serve as the Interim Director of Veterans Services for the City of Holyoke with an effective date of Monday April 28, 2025. Her appointment will become permanent subject to your approval:

Ms. Laddy Rua
15 Portland Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

This is a full-time position and eligible for all City of Holyoke employees' benefit. She shall have a 6-months' probation period according to the PSA contract. She will function at department head level, and she will report administratively to me.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua A. Garcia, Mayor
JAG: nmo

C: Tanya Wdowiak, Auditor
Rory Casey, Treasury
Kelly Curran, Personnel
Anthony Dulude, Retirement
Ms. Laddy Rua

HOLYOKE ELECTED OFFICIALS
2024 SALARIES

Name	Employee Gross	Work Location
JOSHUA A GARCIA	\$ 100,000.00	MAYOR
BRENNA E MURPHY-LEARY	\$ 90,349.86	CLERK
RORY P CASEY	\$ 89,666.52	TREASURER
TESSA MURPHY-ROMBOLETTI	\$ 11,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
PATRICIA C DEVINE	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
HOWARD B GREANEY	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
LINDA VACON	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
DAVID K BARTLEY	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
MICHAEL J SULLIVAN	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
JUAN C ANDERSON-BURGOS	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
KEVIN A JOURDAIN	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
ISRAEL RIVERA	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
KOCAYNE S GIVNER	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
CARMEN OCASIO	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
MEAGAN MAGRATH-SMITH	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
JENNY RIVERA	\$ 10,000.00	CITY COUNCIL
GLADYS LEBRON-MARTINEZ	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
LUIS O ISAZA	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GLORIA CABALLERO-ROCA	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ERIN B BRUNELLE	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
DEVIN M SHEEHAN	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
GUSTAVO ROMERO	\$ 5,000.00	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ELEANOR M WILSON	\$ 3,333.36	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MILDRED I LEFEBVRE	\$ 2,500.02	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
ROSALEE T WILLIAMS	\$ 2,145.80	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
JOHN G WHELIHAN	\$ 2,083.35	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
YADILETTE RIVERA-COLON	\$ 1,250.01	SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WILLIAM COLLAMORE	\$ 1,250.01	SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CITY OF HOLYOKE
TOP 100 SALARIES 2024

	Name	Employee Gross	Dept
1	DENISE DUGUAY	\$ 317,413.91	POLICE
2	DAVID R PRATT	\$ 314,168.51	POLICE
3	ISAIAS CRUZ	\$ 233,706.72	POLICE
4	ANDREW D DINAPOLI	\$ 221,434.49	POLICE
5	MANUEL RIVERA	\$ 212,821.33	POLICE
6	JAMES J BARTOLOMEI	\$ 207,251.93	POLICE
7	EDWIN SUSTACHE	\$ 206,324.92	POLICE
8	JOHN F MONAGHAN	\$ 204,666.63	POLICE
9	JOHN P HART	\$ 203,897.16	POLICE
10	PATRICK T LEAHY	\$ 200,191.81	POLICE
11	MARK H HARRISON	\$ 193,885.17	POLICE
12	CHARLES P MONFETT	\$ 176,659.69	POLICE
13	JORGE MONSALVE	\$ 172,580.32	POLICE
14	JOHN D KADLEWICZ	\$ 170,849.83	FIRE
15	DANIEL F REARDON	\$ 169,024.55	POLICE
16	MARK W FORTIN	\$ 168,079.57	FIRE
17	MATTHEW T WELCH	\$ 158,861.04	POLICE
18	JOSEPH H WILSON	\$ 158,193.06	POLICE
19	PHILIP J MCKAY JR	\$ 150,540.41	POLICE
20	JEFFREY J JONIEC	\$ 149,218.13	POLICE
21	JOSEPH N ZURHEIDE	\$ 147,138.23	POLICE
22	MICHAEL E MCMAHON	\$ 146,635.92	POLICE
23	LIAM GLASHEEN	\$ 146,121.82	POLICE
24	TROY M COPELAND	\$ 145,719.61	POLICE
25	DAVID L REX JR	\$ 145,648.28	FIRE
26	KEVIN D CAVAGNAC	\$ 145,138.10	FIRE
27	BRENDAN M LEAHY	\$ 144,130.15	POLICE
28	ANTHONY V CERRUTI	\$ 141,958.35	FIRE
29	KIRK R KRAUSE	\$ 141,235.51	FIRE
30	MATTHEW S ERNST	\$ 140,309.33	FIRE
31	PATRICIA ALICEA	\$ 140,190.82	POLICE
32	JABET LOPEZ	\$ 139,326.72	POLICE
33	JUAN E CRUZ	\$ 139,255.10	POLICE
34	JENNIFER L SATTLER	\$ 134,594.38	POLICE
35	ANTHONY M BRACH	\$ 134,276.44	POLICE
36	ANTHONY C SOTOLOTTO	\$ 132,592.70	POLICE
37	XIADAMIR MORALES	\$ 130,897.84	POLICE
38	THOMAS C SHEA	\$ 129,834.92	FIRE
39	MICHAEL T DUNN	\$ 129,737.29	POLICE
40	SAMUEL DELVALLE JR.	\$ 129,057.20	POLICE
41	MICHAEL R WHELIHAN	\$ 128,017.94	POLICE
42	GABRIEL PEREZ	\$ 127,827.21	POLICE
43	GUILLERMO O DIAZ	\$ 126,415.83	POLICE

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44	PHILIP J EVANS	\$	126,254.04	POLICE
45	EDWARD GUERRERO	\$	126,196.65	POLICE
46	JAMES A CADIGAN	\$	126,055.75	FIRE
47	DUSTIN P SUMMERS	\$	125,516.16	POLICE
48	JOSHUA I SALAS	\$	124,675.61	POLICE
49	CHRISTOPHER BUTLER	\$	123,675.87	FIRE
50	SEAN A SYLVESTER	\$	123,295.86	FIRE
51	MARK J GUBALA	\$	122,464.99	POLICE
52	DAVID SEIDEL	\$	122,312.35	POLICE
53	CARL ROSSI	\$	120,528.78	DPW
54	TIMOTHY D SKWIRA	\$	119,088.86	POLICE
55	KEVIN T O'CONNOR	\$	116,037.89	POLICE
56	SHAUN F KELLEY	\$	115,725.30	POLICE
57	ASHLEY N FELICIANO	\$	115,610.19	POLICE
58	ALICIA M ZOELLER	\$	115,193.12	OCD
59	LUIZ IZQUIERDO	\$	114,944.56	FIRE
60	ROBERT J WELLER	\$	114,758.51	FIRE
61	MICHAEL R EVERETT	\$	114,755.59	POLICE
62	BRENDAN J BOYLE	\$	114,240.90	POLICE
63	STEFAN M MATUSKO	\$	114,073.21	FIRE
64	JOHN TWOHIG	\$	113,079.40	DPW
65	MARIA V PELCHAR	\$	112,879.63	FIRE
66	MICHAEL J ROHAN	\$	112,147.86	FIRE
67	BRIAN S LAFRENNIE	\$	112,097.12	FIRE
68	FRANCISCO D RIVERA	\$	110,652.98	FIRE
69	MATTHEW M NORMANDIN	\$	110,177.80	FIRE
70	KEVIN D MCDONNELL	\$	110,009.39	FIRE
71	MATTHEW WOLANCZYK	\$	109,960.06	FIRE
72	BRIAN SUMMERS	\$	109,496.45	POLICE
73	MANUEL A RIVERA	\$	108,386.01	POLICE
74	THOMAS R SPAFFORD	\$	108,216.82	POLICE
75	PHILIP B KRAUS	\$	108,029.48	FIRE
76	EDWIN A RODRIGUEZ	\$	108,016.27	FIRE
77	ANDREW M BARSALOU	\$	106,941.12	FIRE
78	ANDREW M URBANSKI	\$	106,869.69	POLICE
79	KEVIN P WHALEN	\$	106,450.01	POLICE
80	SHAWN R MCNULTY	\$	106,442.39	FIRE
81	NIGEL ASTWOOD	\$	106,299.72	POLICE
82	ETHAN LEDOUX	\$	105,209.11	FIRE
83	JARED HAMEL	\$	104,379.29	POLICE
84	JONATHAN H FROST	\$	103,801.89	POLICE
85	ERIC M RODRIGUEZ	\$	102,862.06	POLICE
86	LISA A BALL	\$	102,789.23	LAW
87	JAMES KENNEDY	\$	102,590.78	POLICE

CITY OF HOLYOKE
TOP 100 SALARIES 2024

88	GENESIS SAENZ	\$	101,966.44	POLICE
89	ERIK J MARTIN	\$	101,891.26	POLICE
90	GABRIEL IRIZARRY	\$	101,394.02	POLICE
91	JAMES M DUNN	\$	101,367.03	POLICE
92	SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ	\$	100,825.06	POLICE
93	KEITH M HOLBROOK	\$	100,715.82	POLICE
94	WILLIAM I LEBRUN	\$	100,459.32	POLICE
95	WALBER BORREGO	\$	100,288.83	POLICE
96	VICTOR M HEREDIA	\$	99,768.93	POLICE
97	JOSUE COLON	\$	99,623.23	POLICE
98	ANDREW J GRUSKA	\$	99,524.03	POLICE
99	JOHN J FLYNN	\$	98,455.76	POLICE
100	RUBEN SANTANA	\$	97,964.82	FIRE

HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOP 100 SALARIES 2024

	Name	Employee Gross	Work Location
1	STEPHEN R MAHONEY	\$ 180,369.40	ADMINISTRATION
2	ERIN L LINVILLE	\$ 174,559.37	ADMINISTRATION
3	MARIANNE CURRIER	\$ 152,213.04	ADMINISTRATION
4	LORI A MCKENNA	\$ 151,165.99	HOLYOKE HIGH
5	JACQUELINE GLASHEEN	\$ 143,915.05	ADMINISTRATION
6	REBECCA A THOMPSON	\$ 140,819.54	ADMINISTRATION
7	MICHELLE C COOPER COX	\$ 138,434.98	DEAN HIGH
8	SARITA GRAVELINE	\$ 135,370.29	ADMINISTRATION
9	SEAN MANGANO	\$ 134,766.02	ADMINISTRATION
10	STEVEN W MOGUEL	\$ 132,839.40	ADMINISTRATION
11	BETH A GAGE	\$ 131,183.88	ADMINISTRATION
12	MARC V SWYGERT	\$ 130,129.46	DONAHUE SCHOOL
13	CATHERINE HOURIHAN	\$ 129,780.73	LAWRENCE SCHOOL
14	SACHA GARCIA-MAILLOUX	\$ 129,541.21	MORGAN SCHOOL
15	AMY W BURKE	\$ 128,159.23	EN WHITE SCHOOL
16	RUE D RATRAY	\$ 126,018.18	SULLIVAN SCHOOL
17	KEVIN T MCGRATH	\$ 123,913.20	STEM ACADEMY
18	AARON K MORRIS	\$ 123,443.92	KELLY SCHOOL
19	KARYN L MCDERMOTT	\$ 123,400.30	MCPMAHON SCHOOL
20	ROSEANNE E CARACCIOLO	\$ 116,084.18	DEAN HIGH
21	CYNTHIA A CARBONE	\$ 115,655.43	CENTRAL SUPPLY
22	ALESSANDRA A GRAZIANI	\$ 114,083.15	KELLY SCHOOL
23	ANDREA L SALVAS	\$ 113,836.80	ADMINISTRATION
24	KATHERINE M BOURQUE	\$ 113,674.94	METCALF SCHOOL
25	JENNIFER L ALBURY	\$ 113,658.54	ADMINISTRATION
26	CHRISTINA M ELMAN	\$ 111,813.12	ADMINISTRATION
27	JENNY C MALAVE	\$ 109,409.35	ADMINISTRATION
28	TAMMY SEYMOUR	\$ 109,316.32	ADMINISTRATION
29	YARALIZ SOTO	\$ 109,295.16	ADMINISTRATION
30	THOMAS DROHAN	\$ 108,878.95	DONAHUE SCHOOL
31	TAMARA L LINDSKOG	\$ 108,688.05	ADMINISTRATION
32	REBECCA L LAMB	\$ 107,880.26	ADMINISTRATION
33	MELANIE M MARTIN	\$ 105,506.24	HOLYOKE HIGH
34	ERIC LEVINE	\$ 105,096.44	ADMINISTRATION
35	NISSETTE GONZALEZ	\$ 103,237.47	HOLYOKE HIGH
36	JENNIE OESTERREICHER	\$ 102,736.00	HOLYOKE HIGH
37	JILL A HUGHES	\$ 102,024.62	ADMINISTRATION
38	SHEILA S FALLON	\$ 101,821.59	HOLYOKE HIGH
39	VINCENT A SILANO	\$ 101,618.41	DEAN HIGH
40	CAITLIN A ROSAZZA	\$ 101,557.31	ADMINISTRATION
41	PHELIPE JOHNSON	\$ 100,561.19	SUCCESS CENTER
42	LAURA A ESPINOZA-MUFSON	\$ 99,922.26	ADMINISTRATION
43	ANGELA PROSSER	\$ 99,511.77	CENTRAL SUPPLY

HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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44	LAURA A CHIARAVALLOTI	\$	99,465.98	STEM ACADEMY
45	NICOLE D FISHER	\$	98,462.66	DONAHUE SCHOOL
46	MARK TODD	\$	98,245.78	HOLYOKE HIGH
47	JOSE M LOPEZ	\$	97,990.73	ADMINISTRATION
48	AMY A ROQUE	\$	97,030.21	MORGAN SCHOOL
49	OSMAR S PROSPERE MORALES	\$	96,884.42	EN WHITE SCHOOL
50	BEVAN A BRUNELLE	\$	96,832.64	HOLYOKE HIGH
51	CYNTHIA GERENA	\$	96,434.48	KELLY SCHOOL
52	JULIE DIAZ	\$	96,251.32	LAWRENCE SCHOOL
53	GISELLE M ROJAS	\$	96,232.43	ADMINISTRATION
54	KATELYN K FENN	\$	96,124.98	HOLYOKE HIGH
55	JULIE GRIFFIN PLUTA	\$	96,069.86	MORGAN SCHOOL
56	MELINA PALUMBO	\$	95,918.26	DONAHUE SCHOOL
57	RYAN W CARRIE	\$	95,772.68	MORGAN SCHOOL
58	MICHAEL G COTTO	\$	95,730.63	HOLYOKE HIGH
59	JOEL D MCAULIFFE	\$	95,502.75	DEAN HIGH
60	CECILY C SELDEN	\$	95,495.96	MORGAN SCHOOL
61	AMY L PIEDRA	\$	95,437.36	EN WHITE SCHOOL
62	ANDREA M LAUZIER	\$	95,023.93	ADMINISTRATION
63	MILITZA SEMIDEI	\$	94,273.02	EN WHITE SCHOOL
64	MAUREEN R DUNN	\$	94,179.76	MCMAHON SCHOOL
65	ELIZABETH A SIMPSON	\$	93,873.29	ADMINISTRATION
66	KIMBERLY KISIEL	\$	93,724.77	EN WHITE SCHOOL
67	KELLEN M MATTHEWS	\$	93,641.43	EN WHITE SCHOOL
68	KATHLEEN PLASSE	\$	93,452.66	MCMAHON SCHOOL
69	MARY M WRIGHT	\$	93,395.84	DONAHUE SCHOOL
70	BRIAN HARRIS	\$	93,378.08	CENTRAL SUPPLY
71	DUVER GOMEZ	\$	93,360.44	LAWRENCE SCHOOL
72	ROBERTO VICENTE	\$	93,233.10	KELLY SCHOOL
73	DANICHIA J VEGA	\$	92,831.75	STEM ACADEMY
74	WENDY WILLIAMS	\$	92,692.38	DONAHUE SCHOOL
75	CARMEN L LOPEZ	\$	92,619.49	MORGAN SCHOOL
76	IRENE USHOMIRSKY	\$	92,413.97	HOLYOKE HIGH
77	MARY L MCANDREW	\$	92,258.02	KELLY SCHOOL
78	KARISSA CARABALLO	\$	92,155.95	ADMINISTRATION
79	LORIE BANKS	\$	91,930.89	SULLIVAN SCHOOL
80	LINDSAY C SLABICH	\$	91,559.97	SULLIVAN SCHOOL
81	STACI G WONG	\$	91,018.31	ADMINISTRATION
82	KAYLEIGH M WEIDLER	\$	90,963.06	DEAN HIGH
83	NEAL J TEAGUE	\$	90,952.44	ADMINISTRATION
84	RICHARD RODRIGUEZ	\$	90,465.52	HOLYOKE HIGH
85	SASKIA I FABRICANT	\$	90,200.14	HOLYOKE HIGH
86	MEREDITH ROSSO	\$	90,153.63	DONAHUE SCHOOL
87	NICOLE M MCNEIL	\$	90,082.66	SUCCESS CENTER

HOLYOKE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TOP 100 SALARIES 2024

88	MARITZA RIVERA FREYTES	\$	90,032.92	SULLIVAN SCHOOL
89	JESSICA L BRESNAHAN	\$	89,921.43	MORGAN SCHOOL
90	ANDREA M LUBOLD	\$	89,860.02	HOLYOKE HIGH
91	SAL CANATA	\$	89,783.20	DEAN HIGH
92	KENNETH R MELLO	\$	89,703.09	HOLYOKE HIGH
93	LAURA VAZQUEZ	\$	89,477.95	HOLYOKE HIGH
94	TERESA M VACCA	\$	89,282.23	DONAHUE SCHOOL
95	ERIK S SPRACKLIN	\$	89,203.01	MCMAHON SCHOOL
96	MARIA C PEREZ	\$	88,960.15	KELLY SCHOOL
97	PATRICK O BRITTON	\$	88,892.44	ADMINISTRATION
98	DANIEL P CAVANAUGH	\$	88,760.80	DONAHUE SCHOOL
99	JAMES DESAUTELS	\$	88,687.89	STEM ACADEMY
100	KRISTEN G WELCH	\$	88,404.12	MCMAHON SCHOOL



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Joshua A. Garcia, Chair of Holyoke School Committee
Anthony Soto, Receiver of Holyoke Public Schools
From: Patrick Tutwiler, Interim Commissioner
Date: April 28, 2025
Subject: Exit Assurances for Holyoke Public Schools

Under M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K(i), the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education has the authority to determine that certain features of a district's Turnaround Plan will remain in place for a transitional period beyond the district's exit from state receivership to sustain the district's improvement of student learning outcomes.¹ The features of a Turnaround Plan that remain in place for a transitional period are called "exit assurances."

Today, I am issuing the attached set of exit assurances to support the anticipated transition of Holyoke Public Schools (HPS) to local control, expected July 1, 2025. During the development of these exit assurances, then Acting Commissioner Russell Johnston and now I, consulted with district and union leadership, Mayor Joshua Garcia and the Holyoke School Committee (HSC) to discuss key provisions of the HPS Turnaround Plan that support continuous improvement of student learning outcomes. As a result of these discussions, certain provisions of the HPS Turnaround Plan have been incorporated into the HPS exit assurances with modifications that are appropriate for the district's current circumstances.

The purpose of issuing exit assurances for HPS' anticipated transition to local control is to promote the continued improvement of the district by providing stability of systems and practices that HPS has cultivated under state receivership. For example, I have included in the exit assurances several of the components of Priority Area 1: High Quality Instruction

¹ Under 6.03 CMR 2.06 (11)(b), "the district and school may continue to use the turnaround plan in order to continue to improve school performance, renewing or revising it as appropriate, provided that any feature of the turnaround plan that was adopted pursuant to M.G.L. c. 69, § 1J(o), in contravention of any general or special law to the contrary shall be discontinued unless the commissioner determined before removing the school from chronically underperforming status that such feature of the turnaround plan would contribute to the continued improvement of the school and should continue for a transitional period after the removal. The commissioner may allow more than one such feature of the turnaround plan to continue."

for All from the Turnaround Plan. The components include continuing to provide professional development to all instructional leaders and creating and implementing an early literacy plan that includes high-quality curriculum, effective teacher strategies, development of deep content knowledge, and collaboration to meet the needs of students who are English learners and students with disabilities. I have also included a component from Priority Area 3: Family and Community Engagement that focuses on promoting strong two-way communication through continuous improvement of language access services. Additional components of the exit assurances relate to inclusive practices that support students with unique learning needs, increasing access to social-emotional learning for students, and aligning the work of the central office to accelerate the effectiveness of supports to schools.

These exit assurances will help to provide continuity in the teaching and learning experiences across all HPS classrooms for a transitional period of up to two years, while HSC onboards a new permanent superintendent who will lead HPS through its next cycle of strategic planning.

The exit assurances also contain selected turnaround strategies and leadership autonomies from Appendix A of the HPS Turnaround Plan that will contribute to the continued improvement of the district's schools. The selected autonomies are derived from the following sections of Appendix A: School-Based Decision-Making, Professional Compensation System, Teaching and Learning Time, Evaluation, Staffing, and Grievance and Arbitration.

From the section on Teaching and Learning Time in Appendix A, the exit assurances maintain the Superintendent's oversight of school schedules. The time that HPS students spend with highly qualified and prepared HPS educators is the single most important factor that will support continued growth of student achievement for all Holyoke students. For this reason, I believe that it is essential for the HPS Superintendent to retain flexibilities in establishing school schedules that will best meet the learning needs of HPS students, during the early years following HPS' exit from receivership.

I have also determined that, in the areas of school-based decision-making, compensation, evaluation, staffing, and grievance and arbitration, certain provisions of Appendix A should continue for a transitional period because they will contribute to the continued improvement of the district and its schools. As a result, I have made appropriate modifications to Appendix A that I have incorporated into the HPS exit assurances, following consultation with district and union leadership. These modifications are summarized as follows:

- School operating procedures will be developed through cross-school collaboration on grade-band committees (elementary, middle, high school).
- The professional compensation system will continue to maintain a career path component, whether or not the system is redesigned by the HPS Superintendent in consultation with the union.
- Any adaptations of the educator evaluation model will be developed by the HPS Superintendent in consultation with the union.
- Seniority may be used as the deciding factor in selecting staff to fill vacancies, where all other factors are equal, while the HPS Superintendent retains the flexibility to adopt any procedure(s) that he determines appropriate in filling vacancies.
- A fourth step will be added to the dispute resolution process to enable appeals to be filed with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

I am grateful to Receiver Soto, the HTA, and the HSC for their input into the formulation of HPS exit assurances. Moving forward, I hope that the opportunity for Holyoke stakeholders to work together as we approach the anticipated transition of HPS to local control will reinforce the culture of collaboration conveyed by the district's tagline, ¡Juntos Podemos! Together We Can!



MEMORANDO

Para: Alcalde Joshua A. Garcia, Presidente del Comité Escolar de Holyoke
Anthony Soto, Administrador estatal de las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke
De: Patrick Tutwiler, Comisionado interino
Fecha: 28 de abril de 2025
Asunto: Garantías de salida para las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke

De acuerdo con M.G.L. c. 69, § 1K(i), el Comisionado de Educación Primaria y Secundaria tiene autoridad para disponer que ciertas características del plan de reestructuración de un distrito se mantengan por un período transitorio después de la salida del distrito de la administración del estado para sostener la mejora del distrito de los resultados de aprendizaje de los estudiantes.¹ Las características del plan de reestructuración que permanecen vigentes por un período transitorio se denominan "garantías de salida".

Hoy, emito las garantías de salida adjuntas para apoyar la transición prevista de las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke (HPS) al control local, programada para el 1 de julio de 2025. Durante el desarrollo de estas garantías de salida, el entonces comisionado interino Russell Johnston y ahora yo, consultamos con los líderes del distrito y del sindicato, el alcalde Joshua García y el Comité Escolar de Holyoke (HSC) para evaluar las disposiciones clave del Plan de reestructuración de HPS que puedan apoyar la mejora continua de los resultados de aprendizaje de los estudiantes. Como resultado de estas conversaciones, ciertas disposiciones del plan de reestructuración de las HPS se han incorporado a las garantías de salida con modificaciones apropiadas para las circunstancias actuales del distrito.

¹En virtud de 6.03 CMR 2.06 (11)(b), "el distrito y la escuela pueden seguir implementando el plan de reestructuración con el fin de seguir mejorando el rendimiento escolar, renovándolo o corrigiéndolo según corresponda, siempre que cualquier característica del plan de reestructuración que se haya adoptado de conformidad con M.G.L. c. 69, § 1J(o) en contravención de cualquier ley general o especial que disponga lo contrario se suspenda, a menos que el comisionado determine, antes de sacar a la escuela de la categoría de bajo rendimiento crónico, que dicha característica del plan de reestructuración contribuiría a la mejora continua de la escuela y debería continuar durante un período transitorio después de la salida. El comisionado puede permitir que más de una de estas características del plan de reestructuración continúe.

El propósito de emitir garantías de salida para la transición prevista de las HPS al control local es promover la mejora continua del distrito aportando estabilidad a los sistemas y prácticas que las HPS ha cultivado bajo la administración estatal. Por ejemplo, he incluido en las garantías de salida varios de los componentes del Área prioritaria 1: Enseñanza de calidad para todos, del plan de reestructuración. Los componentes incluyen continuar proporcionando desarrollo profesional a todos los líderes docentes, y crear e implementar un plan de alfabetización temprana que incluya un plan de estudios de calidad, estrategias docentes eficaces, desarrollo de conocimiento profundo del contenido y colaboración para satisfacer las necesidades de los estudiantes aprendices de inglés y los estudiantes con discapacidad. También he incluido un componente del Área prioritaria 3: Participación de la familia y la comunidad, que se centra en promover una buena comunicación bidireccional mediante la mejora continua de los servicios de acceso lingüístico. Los componentes adicionales de las garantías de salida se refieren a las prácticas inclusivas que apoyan a los estudiantes con necesidades particulares de aprendizaje, aumentando el acceso al aprendizaje socioemocional para los estudiantes y alineando la labor de la oficina central para acelerar la eficacia de los apoyos a las escuelas.

Estas garantías de salida ayudarán a dar continuidad a las experiencias de enseñanza y aprendizaje en todas las aulas de las HPS durante un período de transición de hasta dos años, mientras el HSC incorpora a un nuevo superintendente permanente para dirigir a las HPS durante su próximo ciclo de planificación estratégica.

Las garantías de salida también incluyen estrategias de reestructuración seleccionadas y las autonomías de liderazgo del Apéndice A del plan de reestructuración de las HPS que ayudarán a las escuelas del distrito a seguir mejorando. Las autonomías seleccionadas derivan de las siguientes secciones del Apéndice A: Toma de decisiones escolares, Sistema de remuneración profesional, Tiempo de enseñanza y aprendizaje, Evaluación, Dotación de personal, y Quejas y arbitraje.

De la sección sobre Tiempo de enseñanza y aprendizaje del Apéndice A, las garantías de salida mantienen la supervisión de los horarios escolares por parte del superintendente. El tiempo que los estudiantes de las HPS pasan con los docentes altamente calificados y preparados de las HPS es el factor más importante para apoyar el crecimiento continuo del rendimiento estudiantil para todos los estudiantes de Holyoke. Por eso, creo que es esencial que el superintendente de las HPS mantenga la flexibilidad al definir los horarios escolares que mejor satisfagan las necesidades de aprendizaje de los estudiantes de las HPS, durante los primeros años después de la salida de las HPS de la administración estatal.

También he decidido que, en las áreas de toma de decisiones escolares, remuneración, evaluación, dotación de personal, y quejas y arbitraje, ciertas disposiciones del Apéndice A continúen por un período transitorio, ya que ayudarán a que el distrito y sus escuelas sigan mejorando. Como resultado, he hecho las modificaciones correspondientes al Apéndice A que he incorporado a las garantías de salida de las HPS, tras consultar con los líderes del distrito y del sindicato. Estas modificaciones se resumen de la siguiente manera:

- Los procedimientos operativos de las escuelas se desarrollarán mediante la colaboración entre las escuelas en comités de bandas de grados (primaria, secundaria, preparatoria).
- El sistema de remuneración profesional seguirá manteniendo un componente de trayectoria profesional, independientemente de si el sistema es rediseñado por el superintendente de las HPS en consulta con el sindicato.
- Cualquier adaptación del modelo de evaluación docente será desarrollada por el superintendente de las HPS en consulta con el sindicato.
- La antigüedad puede tomarse como factor decisivo en la selección de personal para cubrir vacantes, cuando todos los demás factores sean iguales, y el superintendente de las HPS conserva la flexibilidad para adoptar cualquier procedimiento que considere apropiado para cubrir vacantes.
- Se añadirá un cuarto paso al proceso de resolución de conflictos para permitir la presentación de apelaciones ante el Departamento de Educación Primaria y Secundaria.

Agradezco al administrador Soto, a la HTA y al HSC sus aportes para la formulación de las garantías de salida de la HPS. En adelante, espero que la oportunidad de que las partes interesadas de Holyoke trabajen juntas a medida que nos acercamos a la transición prevista de las HPS al control local refuerce la cultura de colaboración que representa el lema del distrito: ¡Juntos podemos!

CHRONICALLY UNDERPERFORMING DISTRICT EXIT ASSURANCES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

District Name:	Holyoke Public Schools	LEA Code:	01370000
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The following has been developed consistent with M.G.L. Chapter 69, Section 1K and 603 CMR 2.06 to define the features of the turnaround plan that will continue for a transitional period upon the Commissioner's removal of a district from chronically underperforming status.¹ **For purposes of these exit assurances, the term "Receiver" as used in the Turnaround Plan, including Appendix A, has been replaced by the term "Superintendent." This is consistent with the regulatory requirement that a receiver's employment ends when the Commissioner removes a district from chronically underperforming status. The Superintendent will exercise any additional authority granted by these exit assurances in consultation with the School Committee.**

CONTINUED FEATURES OF TURNAROUND PLAN

The following table lists the features of the turnaround plan that will be continued for a transitional period beyond the district's exit from receivership.

Turnaround Plan Feature
Priority Area 1: High-Quality Instruction for All - Continue providing professional development to all instructional leaders to align instructional expectations across all classrooms in the district and maximize student engagement with rigorous, standards-aligned tasks; - Accelerate job-embedded support for educators to continue to learn how to provide all students with access to grade-level expectations; - Create and implement an early literacy plan that includes high-quality curriculum, effective teacher strategies, development of deep content knowledge, and collaboration to meet the needs of students who are English learners and students with disabilities. - Establish and implement a districtwide vision for and team-based approach to inclusive practices that support students who have unique learning needs (students who are English Learners, students with disabilities, and others); - Implement recommended instructional and student support practices for students who are English learners, from the MTSS review conducted during the 2021-22 school year; - Using culturally and linguistically responsive MTSS practices, continue to build trusting relationships with families, educators, and students around how to meet the unique needs of every child.
Priority Area 2: Personalized Pathways - Develop a cohesive plan to increase access to and quality of social-emotional learning (SEL) throughout the school day; - Partner with staff, families, and the community to ensure that students experience positive relationships and mentorship and have access to opportunities to explore their interests.
Priority Area 3: Family and Community Engagement - Promote strong two-way communication through continuous improvement of language access services.
Priority Area 5: Supporting Empowered Schools

¹ Per 603 CMR 2.06(13)(3), two years after the removal of the district from chronically underperforming status, if any of the continuing features of the turnaround plan has yet to be discontinued, the commissioner shall conduct a review of the district to determine whether such continuing feature or features should remain in place or be discontinued.

- Align the work and approach of central office departments focused on student learning to accelerate the effectiveness of supports to schools. This will include implementing a calibrated observation tool to be used by all central office instructional leaders, during both individual and cross-team classroom visits.

Selected provisions of Appendix A: Required Contract and Policy Changes (identified by original section numbering in 2022 Turnaround Plan).

These exit assurances incorporate certain modifications to the Turnaround Plan, based on discussions with the Holyoke Teachers' Association, the District, and the School Committee:

SECTION 1: REQUIRED TERMS FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

III. School-Based Decision-Making

The Superintendent will determine what autonomies he/she/they will provide to district schools. Schools working together in gradespan bands (i.e., elementary schools, middle schools, high schools) will create collective annual operational plans addressing those autonomies that have been granted, subject to the Superintendent's approval. Individual district schools may be granted additional autonomies at the discretion of the Superintendent.

IV. Professional Compensation System

The Receiver developed a new professional compensation system, which was implemented after consultation with the union. While the professional compensation system may be modified in consultation with the union, it must maintain a career path as a specific component, where employees are compensated based on individual effectiveness, professional growth, and student academic growth.

V. Teaching & Learning Time

School Schedules

Current daily school schedules will be continued except as approved or required by the Superintendent.

School Calendar

The Superintendent will establish the school calendar each year. The Superintendent may approve an alternate calendar at the request of a school principal, if the principal and Superintendent determine that the alternate calendar is in the best interests of the students in the school.

VI. Evaluation

Educator Evaluation System

Educators and administrators shall be evaluated according to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) model system, as adapted by the Superintendent. Any additional adaptations to the model system will be developed in consultation with the union.

The Superintendent and his/her/their designees implement evaluation processes for all district personnel.

VII. Staffing

In filling positions, principals have the authority to select the best-qualified staff from both internal and external candidates. The Superintendent may adopt any procedure(s) that he/she/they determine appropriate in filling vacancies, and where all other factors are equal, seniority may be used as the deciding factor.

The Superintendent has the right to lay off teachers and other staff because of reductions in force or reorganizations resulting from declining enrollment or other budgetary or operational reasons. The Superintendent will establish the selection criteria for layoffs of teachers and other staff. Such selection criteria may include, but are not limited to qualifications, licensure, work history, multiple measures of student learning, operational need, and the best interests of the students. Where all other factors are equal, seniority may be used as the deciding factor. The Superintendent may adopt any procedure(s) that he/she/they determine appropriate in the event of a reduction in force.

The Superintendent has the right to reassign educators and other staff, including those who have been displaced from their positions. After discussion with the affected educator or staff member, the educator or staff member may be assigned to any open position for which he/she/they are qualified. If the educator or staff member is not assigned to a mutually agreeable position, the Superintendent will assign the educator or staff member to a position for which he/she/they are qualified. Such an assignment may include instructional support, substitute teaching, or administrative tasks. If no mutually agreeable position is available, the Superintendent may lay off the educator or other staff. The Superintendent may adopt any procedure(s) that he/she/they deem appropriate in the assignment/reassignment of educators or other staff.

The Superintendent may formulate job descriptions, duties, and responsibilities for any and all positions in the district.

The Superintendent may outsource work in whole or in part, may transfer bargaining unit work, and may hire and employ part-time employees.

The Superintendent may create nontraditional administrative positions in order to operate the district efficiently. Such positions will not be covered by any district collective bargaining agreement.

The Superintendent may change work schedules for all bargaining units to mirror the time that schools are in session and offices are open.

IX. Grievance and Arbitration

Dispute Resolution:

Any dispute over the application, meaning, or interpretation of an action taken by the Superintendent/HPS in formulating, implementing, or administering any component of the turnaround plan exit assurances shall be subject to the following dispute resolution procedure, which shall be the exclusive process available for resolving the dispute.²

Step 1

- The employee may bring a concern to the principal/head of department in writing within five (5) calendar days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the concern. The employee should specifically state the desired resolution.
- The employee may be represented by a union representative at any stage of the dispute resolution process.
- Within 5 calendar days of the receipt of the concern, the principal/head of department should meet with the employee to discuss the concern.
- Within 5 calendar days of the meeting, the principal/head of department should issue a decision in writing to the employee.

² This dispute resolution process does not apply to disputes relating to the dismissal of a teacher with professional teacher status. Those disputes will be governed by the arbitration process set out in G.L. c. 69, §1K(d), or G.L. c. 71 §24, as appropriate.

Step 2

- If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution issued by the principal/head of department, he/she/they may bring the concern to a senior HPS executive, designated by the Superintendent, in writing within 5 calendar days of receiving the principal's/head of department's decision.
- Within 5 calendar days of the receipt of the concern, the HPS executive should meet with the employee to discuss the concern.
- Within 5 calendar days of the meeting, the senior executive should issue a decision in writing to the employee.

Step 3

- If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution issued by the senior HPS executive, he/she/they may bring the concern to the Superintendent (or his/her/their designee, if applicable) in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the previous decision.
- Within 10 calendar days of the receipt of the concern, the Superintendent or his/her/their designee should meet with the employee to discuss the concern.
- Within 10 calendar days of the meeting, the Superintendent should issue a decision in writing to the employee.

Step 4

- If the employee is not satisfied with the resolution issued by the Superintendent (or his/her/their designee), he/she/they may appeal the decision to the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his/her/their designee, in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the previous decision.
- The Commissioner or his/her/their designee should meet with the involved parties to discuss the concern.
- The Commissioner should issue a decision in writing to the employee, which shall be final and binding.

General Provisions

- Failure of the employee to advance the grievance to the next level within the designated time period shall be deemed to be acceptance of the prior grievance response.
- The Superintendent may suspend the time periods in writing with the union.

Throughout a transitional period, the Department will periodically monitor the district's progress using the following metrics.

Progress Metric	Aligned Turnaround Plan Strategy
Districtwide and school-level benchmark and interim assessment data (e.g. DIBELS, STAR, DnA)	Priority Area 1, Appendix A: Required Contract and Policy Changes
Districtwide and school-level instructional walkthrough data	Priority Area 1, Appendix A
School Quality Reviews focused on the instructional core (i-SQR)	Priority Area 1, Appendix A
Districtwide and school-level climate survey data (e.g. Panorama)	Priority Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Appendix A
Retention rate of new teacher hires after 3 years	Appendix A

DESE may provide funding to implement certain flexibilities.

ASSURANCES

The District acknowledges that it will —

- (1) Implement continued flexibilities consistent with the “Continued Features of the Turnaround Plan” section above.
- (2) Cooperate with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) in DESE’s continued efforts to assess progress in the district.

Typed Name of Superintendent:	Anthony Soto
Signature of Superintendent:	
Date:	04/28/2025

Typed Name of Chair of School Committee:	Joshua A. Garcia
Signature of Chair of School Committee:	
Date:	April 28, 2025



City of Holyoke,
Massachusetts

Birthplace of Volleyball

Brenna Leary <learyb@holyoke.org>

FW: Sick & Dead Cats in Holyoke

1 message

Kevin Jourdain <Kevin.Jourdain@verizon.net>
To: Brenna Leary <learyb@holyoke.org>
Cc: leiha faymaldonado@gmail.com

Fri, Apr 11, 2025 at 12:09 PM

Brenna

Can you please add this email as a communication to the Council for our 4-15-25 agenda?

Thanks

Kevin

From: Leiha Maldonado [mailto:leiha faymaldonado@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 11, 2025 9:34 AM

To: tessaforholyoke@gmail.com; jennyriveraward1citycouncil@gmail.com; cocasio50@yahoo.com; bartleyforward3@gmail.com; Kocayne4Holyoke@gmail.com; lindavac@aol.com; j.andersonburgos@gmail.com; megmagrath@gmail.com; pdevine523@comcast.net; kevin.jourdain@verizon.net; israelrivera4holyoke@gmail.com; mike.sully53@yahoo.com

Subject: Sick & Dead Cats in Holyoke

Hello City Council Members,

I am writing to ask if a cattery breeding in Holyoke that is selling sick cats, some of which have died, can be added to an upcoming agenda of the City Council.

I have been in contact with 5 previous owners that confirmed 3 deaths and various infections, but do not want to get involved further. I've been in contact with 3 previous owners with one confirmed death that agreed to send their medical records to the MDAR. That is a total of 7 confirmed deaths with 2 in the public records.

I know you are incredibly busy and get a lot of emails but I think you can help stop the suffering caused by Savimbi Bengals. The state has not been able to stop it. My hope is you can help. Please feel free to contact me via email or at (617) 309-8243. I'm happy to talk about this further.

The following is a summary and more detailed set of facts.

Thank you,

Leiha Maldonado

Summary

On May 28, 2024 I purchased a kitten, Poppy, from April Bottles and Anthony Torres doing business as Savimbi Bengals at [89 Wedgewood Terrace](#) in Holyoke. On December 10, 2024, I contacted the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture to report the infections and subsequent euthanisa of my cat The MDAR opened an investigation into Savimbi Bengals and [Ashley Craft](#) was my contact. That case is ongoing. On March 25, 2024, I received 133 pages of records from the MDAR. According to the records, MDAR opened an investigation into Savimbi Bengals on February 10, 2022 for panleukopenia, commonly known as distemper. Savimbi was quarantined. Two site visits were made. Twenty-five cats were sold, adopted or rehomed while under quarantine. There was no record of the quarantine being released or of a cease and desist by MDAR Savimbi reported that they were no longer breeding cats and moved to California. On November 22, 2022, [Margaret Gabour](#) requested a follow-up visit to confirm that there were no cats in the home. Holyoke Animal Control Office [Eric Velez](#) made two visits to the home but no one answered. According to the social media accounts, the Savimbi is still in operation: [Tic Tok](#) personal, [Tic Tok](#) business, [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

Two of the three infections Poppy had were present in the cattery as early as September 10, 2020. Ms. Bottles claimed to be ignorant of the origin of the infections. She also claimed that her veterinarian believed the infections occurred in my care as her cats were tested and cleared. She also claimed that Poppy's litter mates were alive and well. The owner of one of Poppy's litter mates, a close friend of Ms. Bottles, contacted me pretending to be an aggrieved party. During the exchange, she disclosed that her cat died from a genetic disorder. I have been in touch with three previous owners with various infections, including two of the infections my cat had, and one case of lymphoma. The cat with cancer died and the other two lived. All three of them agreed to send their medical records to the MDAR.

Facts from Public Records Request

On February 8, 2022, a 9-week old kitten in Rhode Island was diagnosed with feline panleukopenia. On February 10, 2022, the veterinary hospital that diagnosed the kitten notified the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (MDAR). On February 11, Inspector Sheila Phelon and Animal Control Officer Eric Velez visited the cattery and issued a quarantine. The quarantine covered twenty-one cats inventoried in the home. MDAR requested documentation for the remaining litter mates, which was promised but never provided. Cleaning and quarantined instructions were discussed with Ms. Bottles. Ms. Bottles assured the inspector that she had been through this before and knew what to do. Savimbi was asked to work with their veterinarian to develop a written health plan to prevent future disease issues and provide the documentation for the remaining litter mates. The information was never received. There were two confirmed deaths and multiple sick cats.

On August 2, 2022, the MDAR completed a follow-up inspection to discuss the release of quarantine. Ms. Bottles informed the inspector she had sold all but the remaining five cats. That includes 9 kittens that were born between the first and second inspections for a total of 25 kittens that had been sold, rehomed, or adopted. At that time, Ms Bottles stated that she spayed/neutered her 5 breeding cats, and was moving to California with the adult cats.

On November 2, 2022, Dr. Margaret Gabour, Assistant State Veterinarian, reported that a second kitten in Rhode Island was diagnosed with feline panleukopenia and adopted in May from Savimbi Bengals. The quarantine was issued in February. Dr. Gabour requested another inspection to confirm that there were no cats in the home.

On January 19, 2023, Holyoke Animal Control Officer Eric Velez indicated that he visited the home twice for a follow up on the quarantine. Both times there was no answer.

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Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

ADAM J. MULCAHY & CHRISTINA L. GUSEK
9 Keddy Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

Holyoke City Council
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Holyoke Planning Board
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Holyoke Conservation Commission
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

Holyoke Board of Assessors
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

The Commissioner of the Dept.
of Conservation and Recreation
10 Park Plaza
Suite 6620
Boston, MA 02116

Notification of Intent to Sell under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61A, Section 14

Dear Members of the Selectboard, Conservation Commission, Board of Assessors and Planning Board:

This is a notification of intent to sell land which is taxed under the provisions of Chapter 61A as Agricultural Land. The Town, or its assignee, has the option to purchase the property under the provisions of Chapter 61A, Section 14, for a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days following the mailing of this notice. The applicant will be required to provide proof that this notice was mailed, certified mail, to the above-noted governmental bodies.

1. **The Owner:**

Adam J. Mulcahy and Christina L. Gusek
9 Keddy Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

(413) 210-6057

(413) 262-7083

1. **The premises:**

The premises consists of 10.448 acres of land on Mountain Road, Holyoke, MA being a portion of the premises described in a deed from The Gusek/Mulcahy Trust dated August 23, 2023 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 25132, Page 300. See Plan Book 403, Page 2 (A copy of which is attached hereto.)

Notice of classification under Chapter 61A was dated February 4, 2022 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 24438, Page 555

2. **The proposed sale:** The sale that is proposed is a sale to Jose Ramos "or his nominee" for the acreage for the sum of Two hundred fifteen thousand (\$215,000.00) dollars with a performance date of 1 week after City approval. A copy of the Purchase and Sale agreement is attached herewith.)
3. **Notices:** Notices for exercising, or not exercising, the option by the Selectboard should be mailed to:

Adam Mulcahy
9 Keddy Street
Easthampton, MA 01027

copy to: Provost Law, LLC
10 Center Street, Suite 204
Chicopee, MA 01013

The owner would be available to meet with any Board or Commission to discuss this notice.

Very truly yours

Christina L. Gusek
Adam J. Mulcahy

Adam J. Mulcahy & Christina L. Gusek

4/25/25

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

City Council
Board of Assessors
Conservation Commission
Planning Board
The Commissioner of the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation

NOTICE
THAT MGL c. 61A OPTION WILL NOT BE EXERCISED

The City Council of the City of Holyoke, Massachusetts hereby notifies you under M.G.L. c. 61A, that its right to purchase certain property owned by Adam J. Mulcahy a/k/a Adam J. Mulchay and Christina L. Gusek and herein identified as Lot 4 Revised, Mountain Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts, will not be exercised.

This Notice is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 61A.

Signed this day of , 2025.

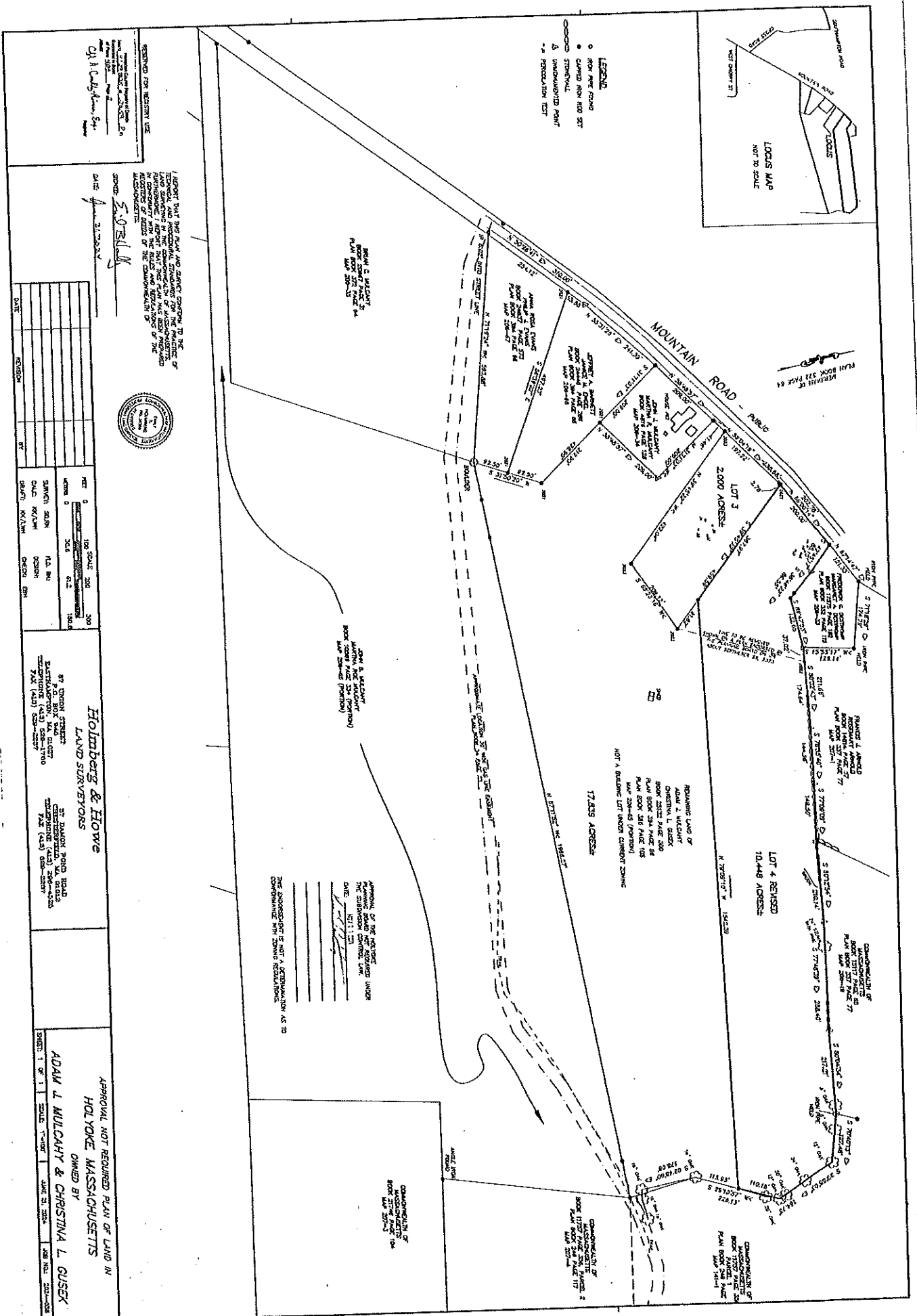
Holyoke City Council

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Filed with the City Clerk on _____.

Acknowledged as received:_____.

Copy to: Board of Assessors
 Planning Board
 Conservation Commission



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10/1/2024
Adam J. Mulcahy
Christina L. Gusek

DATE: 10/1/2024
SHEET: 1 OF 1

DATE	REVISION	BY
10/1/2024	1	Adam J. Mulcahy

Holmberg & Howe
LAND SURVEYORS

APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLAN OF LAND IN
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS
OWNED BY
ADAM J. MULCAHY & CHRISTINA L. GUSEK

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6. Title/Plans. The SELLER shall convey the Premises by a good and sufficient quitclaim deed running to the BUYER or to the BUYER'S Nominee, conveying good and clear record and marketable title to the Premises, free from liens and encumbrances, except:

- (a) Real estate taxes assessed on the Premises which are not yet due and payable;
- (b) Betterment assessments, if any, which are not a recorded lien on the date of this Agreement;
- (c) Federal, state and local laws, ordinances, bylaws, rules and regulations regulating use of land, including building codes, zoning bylaws, health and environmental laws;
- (d) Any easement, restriction or agreement of record presently in force which does not interfere with the reasonable use of the Premises for _____;
- (e) Utility easements in the adjoining ways;
- (f) Matters that would be disclosed by an accurate survey of the Premises; and
- (g) _____

[insert in (g) references to any other easement, restriction, lease or encumbrance which may continue after title is transferred]

If the deed refers to a plan needed to be recorded with it, at the time for performance the SELLER shall deliver the plan with the deed in proper form for recording or registration.

7. Title Insurance. *BUYER'S obligations are contingent upon the availability (at normal premium rates) of an owner's title insurance policy insuring *BUYER'S title to the premises without exceptions other than the standard exclusions from coverage printed in the current American Land Title Association ("ALTA") policy cover, the standard printed exceptions contained in the ALTA form currently in use for survey matters and real estate taxes (which shall only except real estate taxes not yet due and payable) and those exceptions permitted by paragraph 6 of this Agreement.

*or his nominee

8. Closing Certifications and Documents. The SELLER shall execute and deliver simultaneously with the delivery of the deed such certifications and documents as may customarily and reasonably be required by the BUYER'S attorney, *BUYER'S lender, *BUYER'S lender's attorney or any title insurance company insuring the *BUYER'S title to the Premises, including, without limitation, certifications and documents relating to: (a) parties in possession of the Premises; (b) the creation of mechanics' or materialmen's liens; (c) the Settlement Statement and other financial affidavits and agreements as may reasonably be required by the lender or lender's attorney; (d) the citizenship and residency of SELLER; and (e) information required to permit the closing agent to report the transaction to the Internal Revenue Service. At the time of delivery of the deed, the SELLER may use monies from the purchase to clear the title, provided that all documents related thereto are recorded with the deed or within a reasonable time thereafter acceptable to the BUYER and, provided further, that discharges of mortgages from banks, credit unions, insurance companies and other institutional lenders may be recorded within a reasonable time after recording of the deed in accordance with usual conveyancing practices. The SELLER'S spouse hereby agrees to release all statutory, common law or other rights or interest in the Premises and to execute the deed, if necessary.

*or his nominee

9. Possession and Condition of Premises. At the time for performance the SELLER shall give the BUYER possession of the entire Premises, free of all occupants and of all personal property, except property included in the sale. At the time for performance the Premises also shall comply with the requirements of paragraph 6, and to be in the same condition as the Premises now are, with the SELLER to have performed maintenance customarily undertaken by the SELLER between the date of this Agreement and the time for performance, unless otherwise agreed by the parties, and there shall be no outstanding notices of violation of any zoning, health, environmental or other law, bylaw, code or regulation, except as agreed. The *BUYER shall have the right to examine the Premises within forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time for performance or such other time as may be agreed and upon reasonable notice to SELLER for the purpose of determining compliance with this paragraph.

*or his nominee

10. Extension of Time for Performance. If the SELLER cannot convey title as required by this Agreement or cannot deliver possession of the Premises as agreed, or if at the time of the delivery of the deed the Premises do not conform with the requirements set forth in this Agreement, or the *BUYER is unable to obtain title insurance in accordance with paragraph 7, upon written notice given no later than the time for performance from either party to the other, the time for performance

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shall be automatically extended for thirty (30) days, except that if BUYER'S mortgage commitment expires or the terms will materially and adversely change in fewer than thirty (30) days, the time for performance set forth in paragraph 5 shall be extended to one business day before expiration of the mortgage commitment. SELLER shall use reasonable efforts to make title conform or to deliver possession as agreed, or to make the Premises conform to the requirements of this Agreement. Excluding discharge of mortgages and liens, about which the SELLER has actual knowledge at the time of signing this Agreement, the SELLER shall not be required to incur costs or expenses totaling in excess of one-half (1/2) of one percent of the purchase price to make the title or the Premises conform or to deliver possession as agreed. If at the expiration of the time for performance, or if there has been an extension, at the expiration of the time for performance as extended, the SELLER, despite reasonable efforts, cannot make the title or Premises conform, as agreed, or cannot deliver possession, as agreed, then, at the BUYER'S election, any payments made by the BUYER pursuant to this Agreement shall be immediately returned. Upon return of all such funds, all obligations of the BUYER and SELLER shall terminate and this Agreement shall automatically become void and neither the BUYER nor SELLER shall have further recourse or remedy against the other. *or his nominee

11. Acceptance of Deed. The BUYER shall have the right to accept such title to the Premises as the SELLER can deliver at the time for performance and if extended, shall have such right at the time for performance, as extended. The BUYER shall also have the right to accept the Premises in the then current condition and to pay the purchase price without reduction of price. Upon notice in writing of BUYER'S decision to accept the Premises and title, the SELLER shall convey title and deliver possession. Acceptance of a deed by the BUYER or BUYER'S Nominee, if any, shall constitute full performance by the SELLER and shall be deemed to release and discharge the SELLER from every duty and obligation set forth in this Agreement, except any duty or obligation of the SELLER that the SELLER has agreed to perform after the time for performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all warranties made by the SELLER shall survive delivery of the deed.

12. Adjustments. At the time for performance of this Agreement adjustments shall be made as of the date of performance for current real estate taxes. The net total of such adjustments shall be added to or deducted from the purchase price payable by the BUYER at the time for performance. If the real estate tax rate or assessment has not been established at the time for performance, apportionment of real estate taxes shall be made on the basis of the tax for the most recent tax year with either party having the right to request apportionment within twelve months of the date that the amount of the current year's tax is established. *or his nominee

13. Acknowledgment of Fee Due Broker(s). The SELLER and BUYER acknowledge that a fee of \$ 6,450.00 dollars for professional services shall be paid by the SELLER to HB Real Estate, LLC, the "LISTING BROKER", at the time for performance. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and a prior fee agreement with the LISTING BROKER, the terms of the prior fee agreement shall control unless the SELLER and LISTING BROKER has expressly agreed to a change in writing. The SELLER and BUYER also acknowledge that a fee for professional services shall be paid to Real Broker MA, LLC, the "BUYER BROKER" from the following sources (check and complete as applicable): *or his nominee

- ☐ LISTING BROKER \$ _____
☒ SELLER \$ 5,375.00
☐ BUYER \$ _____

For a TOTAL fee due to BUYER BROKER of \$ 5,375.00 dollars, payable at the time for performance. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and a prior fee agreement or addendum between the BUYER BROKER and BUYER, SELLER or LISTING BROKER, the terms of the prior fee agreement or addendum shall control unless the parties or beneficiaries to that agreement or addendum expressly agreed to a change in writing. The BUYER further represents and warrants that there is no other broker with whom BUYER has dealt in connection with the purchase of the Unit. The BUYER and SELLER acknowledge receipt of a notice from the LISTING BROKER and/or BUYER BROKER, pursuant to 254 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations Section 3.0 (13), regarding any agency relationship of the LISTING BROKER and/or BUYER BROKER with the BUYER and/or the SELLER. *or his nominee

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14. **Buyer's Default.** If the BUYER or BUYER'S Nominee breaches this Agreement, all escrowed funds paid or deposited by the BUYER shall be paid to the SELLER as liquidated damages. Receipt of such payment shall constitute the SELLER'S sole remedy, at law, in equity or otherwise, for BUYER'S default. The BUYER and SELLER agree that in the event of default by the BUYER the amount of damages suffered by the SELLER will not be easy to ascertain with certainty and, therefore, *BUYER and SELLER agree that the amount of the BUYER'S deposit represents a reasonable estimate of the damages likely to be suffered.

Cash sale

*or his nominee

15. **Buyer's Financing.** (Delete if Waived) The BUYER'S obligation to purchase is conditioned upon obtaining a written commitment for mortgage financing in the amount of \$ n/a at prevailing rates, terms and conditions by n/a. The BUYER shall have the obligation to act reasonably diligently to satisfy any conditions within BUYER'S control. If, despite such diligent efforts, the BUYER has been unable to obtain such written commitment the BUYER may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice that is received by SELLER or SELLER'S agent by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day after the date set forth above. In the event that notice has not been actually or constructively received, this condition is deemed waived. In the event that due notice has been received, all monies deposited or paid by the BUYER shall be returned and all obligations of the BUYER and SELLER pursuant to this Agreement shall cease and this Agreement shall become void. In no event shall the BUYER be deemed to have used reasonable efforts to obtain financing unless the BUYER has submitted at least one (1) application to a licensed mortgage lender by n/a and acted reasonably promptly in providing any additional information requested by the mortgage lender.

16. **Tests/Survey.** (Delete if Waived) The BUYER'S obligations under this Agreement are subject to BUYER'S right to obtain test(s), inspection(s) and a survey of the Premises or any aspect thereof, including, but not limited to, percolation, deep hole, septic/sewer, water quality, and water drainage by consultant(s) regularly in the business of conducting said test(s), inspections and surveys, of BUYER'S own choosing, and at BUYER'S sole cost within n/a days after SELLER'S acceptance of this Agreement. If the results are not satisfactory to BUYER, in BUYER'S sole discretion, BUYER shall have the right to give written notice received by the SELLER or SELLER'S agent by 5:00 p.m. on the calendar day after the date set forth above, terminating this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice this Agreement shall be void and all monies deposited by the BUYER shall be returned. Failure to provide timely notice of termination shall constitute a waiver. In the event that the BUYER does not exercise the right to have such test(s), inspection(s) and survey or to so terminate, the SELLER and the listing broker are each released from claims relating to the size suitability or condition of the Premises that the BUYER or the BUYER'S consultants could reasonably have discovered.

17. **Warranties And Representations.** The SELLER further represents and warrants that SELLER has full authority to enter into this Agreement. The SELLER further represents that there ☐ is an ☐ is no ☒ has no knowledge of an (choose one) underground storage tank or an unapproved and abandoned septic tank. The BUYER is not relying on any representation, verbal or written, from any real estate broker or licensee concerning legal use. Any reference to the category (single family, multi-family, residential, agricultural, commercial) or the use of this property in any advertisement or listing sheet is not a representation concerning legal use or compliance with zoning by-laws, building code, sanitary code or other public or private restrictions by the broker. The BUYER understands that if this information is important to the *BUYER, it is the duty of the BUYER to seek advice from an attorney or written confirmation from the municipality. In addition, the BUYER acknowledges that there are no warranties or representations made by the SELLER or any real estate broker or licensee on which BUYER relies in entering into this Agreement, except those previously made in writing and the following:

(If none, state "none"; if any listed, indicate by whom the warranty or representation was made.)

*or his nominee

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STANDARD LAND PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT #505
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18. Notices. All notices required or permitted to be made under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in hand, sent by certified mail, return receipt requested or sent by United States Postal Service Overnight Express Mail or other overnight delivery service, addressed to the BUYER or SELLER or their authorized representative at the address set forth in this paragraph. Such notice shall be deemed to have been given upon delivery or, if sent by certified mail on the date of delivery set forth in the receipt or in the absence of a receipt three business days after deposited or, if sent by overnight mail or delivery, the next business day after deposit with the overnight mail or delivery service, whether or not a signature is required. Acceptance of any notice, whether by delivery or mail, shall be sufficient if accepted or signed by a person having express or implied authority to receive same. Notice shall also be deemed adequate if given in any other form permitted by law.

BUYER: Attorney Jeffrey M Guiel
jguellaw@gmail.com
Address: 1421 Granby Rd, Chicopee, MA
413-539-5959

SELLER: Attorney Christine Lessing Provost
clp@provost-law.com
Address: 10 Center St, Chicopee, MA 01013
413-594-5994 x102

19. Counterparts/ Electronic Delivery / Construction of Agreement. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts. All documents related to this transaction may be delivered electronically, including by encrypted email or facsimile, and shall have the same effect as delivery of an original. This Agreement shall be construed as a Massachusetts contract; is to take effect as a sealed instrument; sets forth the entire agreement between the parties; is binding upon and is intended to benefit the BUYER and SELLER and each of their respective heirs, devisees, executors, administrators, successors and assigns; and may be canceled, modified or amended only by a written agreement executed by both the SELLER and the BUYER. If two or more persons are named as BUYER their obligations are joint and several. If the SELLER or BUYER is a trust, corporation, limited liability company or entity whose representative executes this Agreement in a representative or fiduciary capacity, only the principal or the trust or estate represented shall be bound, and neither the trustee, officer, shareholder or beneficiary shall be personally liable for any obligation, express or implied. The captions and any notes are used only as a matter of convenience and are not to be considered a part of this Agreement and are not to be used in determining the intent of the parties. Any matter or practice which has not been addressed in this Agreement and which is the subject of a Title Standard or Practice Standard of the Real Estate Bar Association for Massachusetts, formally known as the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association, at the time for performance shall be governed by the Standards and Practices of the Massachusetts Real Estate Bar Association.

* or his nominee

20. Additional Provisions.

"The Buyer will NOT enter the property, unless accompanied by his Realtor, after an appointment is made through the Seller's Realtor. Any violation of this provision will be a breach of this contract."

UPON SIGNING, THIS DOCUMENT WILL BECOME A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT. IF NOT UNDERSTOOD, SEEK ADVICE FROM AN ATTORNEY.

[Signature]
BUYER _____ Date _____
BUYER _____ Date _____

Signed by: [Signature] 4/9/2025
SELLER _____ Date _____
Signed by: Christina L. Gusek 4/9/2025
SELLER, or spouse _____ Date _____

BUYER _____ Date _____

SELLER, or spouse _____ Date _____

Escrow Agent. By signing below, the escrow agent agrees to perform in accordance with paragraph 4 but does not otherwise become a party to this Agreement.

Signed by: Ray Hous-Brooks 4/4/2025
Escrow Agent (or authorized representative) HB Real Estate, LLC

[Signature] BUYER'S Initials BUYER'S Initials BUYER'S Initials
[Signature] SELLER'S Initials SELLER'S Initials SELLER'S Initials





Juan Velazquez 4137843887 Velazquez50.jv@gmail.com

City of Holyoke Speed Hump Petition

We the undersigned, petition the Holyoke City Council for speed humps

on

328 to 328 Elm St

For Speeding

(street requested)

RECEIVED

APR 30 1925

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

Name	Address
Tyler Tardy	324 Elm St
Alyssa Quimet	324 Elm St
Carlos G Gonzalez	321 Elm St
Jessica Ortiz	321 Elm St
Jessmarie Hernandez	321 Elm St
Celimar Hernandez	321 Elm St
Glendalys Colon	321 Elm St
Jonathan Romero	321 Elm St
Jose M Hidalgo	326 Elm St
Nataliy Velazquez	320 Elm St.
Arnold Albany	319 Elm St
Daniella Finch	319 Elm St
Nikki Harper	323 Elm St.
Linda Lueguy	320 Elm St.
Juana Ramos	318 Elm St.
Devontae Watter	318 Elm St
Blanca Lopez	322 Elm St
Roneli	322 Elm St
Maria Velazquez	320 Elm St

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No speed hump shall be installed or established, except upon petition to the city council signed by at least two-thirds of the property owners or two-thirds of the registered voters within the impacted segment of a proposed speed hump street. When there are multiple property owners, the signature of one shall be sufficient to count that property towards the required two-third.

City of Holyoke Health Benefit Meeting

March 24, 2025

Fire Department Headquarters

The meeting was called to order by Quentin Donohue at 5:03 PM

In attendance:

PEC Representatives: Joe O'Connor- Retirees and Chris Butler-Fire Dept

City Representatives: Tanya Wdowiak-City Auditor, Sean Mangano- HPS CFO, Dazhana Argueta-Personnel Specialist

Others: Quentin Donohue - chairman, Steve Corbin - Dowd Insurance, Rebecca Sutter - Dowd Insurance, Rory Casey - Treasurer, Ben Bonnett - SmithRx and Jordan Dhillon - SmithRx (via Zoom)

Agenda:

Receive minutes from 3/10/25 meeting

-Question made recommendation to approve minutes

MOTION: Sean Mangano made a motion to approve minutes . Chris Butler seconded. Motion carried unanimously

Broker Update

- Steve introduced Jordan and Ben from Smith Rx to the Holyoke Health Benefit Trust. Quentin introduced himself as Chairman, Rory Casey- City Treasurer, Rebecca- Admin for trust, Tanya- City Auditor, Sean- HPS Director of finance and trustee, Chris Butler- Fire Department, Dazhana Argueta- Personnel Specialist and Joe O'Connor- Retirement Board and member of board of trustees.
- Ben and Jordan introduced themselves noting that Jordan has 10 yrs experience
- Jordan asked if we had any questions. Sean- what we are looking at is just alternatives we can make to our plan? Steve- Yes, this is a full carve out of Rx. They would be your benefits manager for Rx based on utilization. The data provided today by Smith Rx is limited based on current data from BCBS and some from HNE.
- Jordan explained that SmithRx is a full service Rx carrier that would replace CVS Caremark. Employees will be able to continue to fill Rx with CVS. Smith Rx owns its own network that is accepted at CVS, Costco, Walgreens and so on. Currently, Optum Rx and Express Scripts own 85% of networks and they make a lot of money for insurers. Jordan reviewed current clientele , savings, members and communities that they currently serve. Guarantees- 40% savings with CVS Caremark but they can give a minimum guaranteed savings. \$81 PMPG saving currently with SmithRx. All rebate dollars goes back to the group. Every single dollar including admin fees. Admin fees are not how they get paid, they get paid per member.
- HRIS system would be used for data for enrollment

- Technology- can flag medication and let members know when there is a lower cost option, prior auth, grace refills and so on.
- Connect 360- in house patient navigation- helps members find lowest cost. Ex specific pharmacy or apply for a grant if they qualify. Designed to be proactive. Example was an MS medication that was 111k but they found it for \$16
 - Quentin questioned what is the threshold for applying for grants/eligibility?
 - Jordan- that was not a grant program. That was them helping members understand that the cost is \$16. Grants are based on household income.
 - Steve- each drug in the rebate program has a different income threshold.
 - Joe- what is the percentage of people that are able to get grants?

****Internet froze and we were waiting connection to be restored****

 - Rory- while we are waiting for the internet to get fixed, it's not about one member, they work on our behalf and tell members what they qualify for.

****Connection was restored****

 - Steve-what is the percentage of people that qualify?
 - Jordan- 65%
- Rory- access plus savings is \$732,803
- Sean asked if all drugs are carved out? Jordan responded, yes.
- Quentin asked how many years Smith Rx has been around and how many years they have been making money. Jordan responded 10 yrs and 2016 founded.
- Jordan added that SmithRx automatically applies coupon cards as they are built into pricing
- Jordan explained their autoimmune program-
 - Humera is the most used in autoimmune class.
 - Humera went off patent and Smith Rx made another option and offered it to clients.
 - Have also done with other drugs and saved 95% and proactively make outreach.
 - Quentin- what happens if they have a reaction?
 - Jordan- with doctor authorization, they can get on other prescription
 - Quentin- does percentage saving carry to other biosimilar drugs
 - Jordan- mostly expected
 - Steve added that the FDA will change rules where Pharmacists can change the Rx instead of having to go to the doctor.
 - Quentin- with patient approval?
 - Steve- with doctor approval only. Massachusetts is a generic mandate state, if they get the brand the pharmacy has to do the generic brand by law unless the doctor says "as written" on Rx script
 - Rory- is this just because of the timing, the cost is just high because they are on the patent? Because there is a generic option, that is why we can take advantage of this now?
 - Jordan- Yes. We still see large carriers still filling the more costly Rx because they make a lot of money. Jordan ran claims and found 1.4 million dollars in savings using their tools. There are guaranteed savings or we get the admin fee back. Current cost is 150 PMPM but can get \$88 PMPM and can help with portion 20k fee(BCBS charges) to use outside Rx supplier
- Jordan touched on the "Admin Experience"- each Broker has access to an account manager with access to Clinical Team and Account support. They will reach out quarterly with reporting but we have access all the time to financials.
- Jordan touched on the "Member Experience"- All employees will receive a member ID card. Medication coverage looks and feels the same. Member Support is accessible Monday-Saturday. Call wait time

under 6 seconds for 2 years now. Pharmacy locations are widespread and growing. No amazon account needed for mail order through them.

- Sean-1.6 million in savings which sounds great. There is usually a big rebate credit on the report, is this true?
 - Steve- Yes, they include rebates that you are including now. They are not incentivized to make it expensive and so really your rebate will go down.
- Quentin- what is your retention rate? Have you lost municipalities? Why would someone leave you?
 - Jordan-95% retention rate. 5% loss is due to rolling up into larger plans where the option to outsource Rx is not an option or Brokers have relationships with big insurers.
- Rory- Ex. Employee goes to Urgent Care and Rx gets called in. Employee goes to the pharmacy to pick it up. What is their experience?
 - Jordan- no different than what I experienced today.
- Rory- Over counter Rx was covered but when we went to self insured it was not covered.
 - Jordan- choice you as the plan can make. We have it built in but you can turn it off.
 - Rory-if we keep that, Steve, would we be able to do analysis of what is or is not covered?
 - Steve- yes
 - Jordan-SmithRx allows refills for 90 days, we don't cut them off day one with the change.
 - Rory- what about pre-authorizations?
 - Jordan- have them built into plan. But we can look at historic data and keep historical prior auths to not go through that again.
- Chris B- For rebates, you are reaching out to members, how does that work?
 - Jordan-member outreach is usually a phone call sometimes, a letter.
 - Chris B- had one of those scenarios where BCBS did not cover and then did. How does that work?
 - Steve- if they are already on and authorized, it is approved.
- Rory-if we (The Trust) were to move forward, what would the difference in claims/billing look like to Trust?
 - Jordan- all would go through BCBS.
- Joe-Most saving through pharmacy with EE filling Rx?
 - Steve- yes, how it's sourced. Mail order will be less
- Quetin- going back to Rory's scenario- I can get Rx where and when I need it?
 - Jordan- Smith processes claims and continues to fill where they are at. Mostly for prior auth and specialist drugs.
 - Chris Butler-worried about scenarios with rare drugs. Will we know if a drug got appealed so that we can take a vote to cover it?
 - Jordan-yes, in any scenario, you can override to approve medication
 - Quenti- looks too good to be true. Why should we trust you?
 - Jordan- You don't have to. Numbers show models and that numbers work.
- Joe- what municipalities in MA do you have?
 - Steve- none at moment
 - Joe- what companies in MA
 - Jordan- can get the numbers
 - Rory- do know some of the larger ones (companies)?
 - Ben- Williams College
 - Jordan- can get references
- Quentin- how well do you play with BCBS
 - Jordan-pretty well. They just won't print ID cards

- Joe- requested that SmithRx provide companies, municipalities and unions that they work with
- Chirs Butler- There is a 15% guarantee?
 - Jordan- yes
 - Steve- about 700k
 - Joe- disruption report, can't really read the numbers
 - Steve- that was how it was printed
- Quentin- what is the worst thing someone would say about you guys?
 - Jordan- nothing we are incredible. At the beginning most people don't want to speak to their insurance carrier in the transition process and that is probably the largest hurdle.
- Quentin- What about Open Enrollment support?
 - Jordan- We can definitely come up so that there is someone there in person. Also like to include account manager
 - Chris Butler- you do realize we have different departments with different availability?
 - Jordan- maybe a recorded webinar is helpful but we can support. Open to full days as well
- Joe- \$6 PMPM?
 - Jordan- yes and but \$10 PMPM with everything
 - Joe- what was the price last year?
 - Jordan- change from the per claim model to PMPM model and don't plan to make any more adjustments.
 - Joe- so what was it before?
 - Steve \$6 per claim
- Quentin- how many calls has BCBS got for Rx problems?
 - Steve- not sure but have gotten some
 - Rory- There is a big difference between this and insurance company
 - Chris Butler- we have to pay BCBS for something that Smith Rx is doing
 - Steve- There are areas/individuals sue self funded plans because there are low cost options that are not being implemented. With SmithRx we would have:
 1. Performance guarantee.
 2. \$720k bare minimum savings plus 8k.
 3. BCBS said-20k the first year and 10k every year after with a 10% increase to admin fee if we go with carving our Rx
- Quentin- Fear is if SmithRx has enough history that we can trust it.
 - Steve- over the last 5-10 years, they own PBM and can see their share cost. Does trust have authority to override? Yes, you have ultimate authority. First level appeal, gets denied and then can appeal. BUT not covered by stop loss policy.
 - Chris Butler- if we go with this, it is significant savings. Ride it out this year and lower rates next year.
 - Steve- that is my job to show you guaranteed increase vs savings.
 - Joe- is this guarantee on the rates?
 - Steve- self v fully insured, there is a difference. You choose them now.
 - Rory- with Cigna- that was them recouping their own cost. Smith or other- if we don't realize the savings, they can say they don't guarantee it. If you move forward, I would not change the 9% increase and what savings comes in you decide then.
 - Quentin- when they come up with \$1.6 that is compared to BCBS?
 - Steve-Yes, compared to current spend. My hesitation is incentive for employees to participate. What is the incentive to pay for generic brands instead? Can insure special Rx's and say if an employee does not participate, they pay 20%.

- Joe- compared to BCBS and SmithRx what is the difference?
- Steve- I would get a detailed report with drug codes and give to Smith to give exact savings/disruption.
- Quentin- what is our timeline?
- Steve- meet next Section 19 meeting April 7, 2025

Quentin welcomed a motion to adjourn

MOTION: Chirs Butler made a motion to adjourn. Joe O'Connor seconded. Motion carried unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 6:52PM

Joe O'Connor
Chairman

Board of Fire Commission Meeting Minutes		Date: March 19, 2025 Time: 5:00 p.m. Location: Fire Department Headquarters	
Meeting called by:	Chairman Mettey	Note taker: D. Glenn	
Type of meeting:	Regular Monthly	Timekeeper: D. Glenn	
Facilitator:	Chief Kadlewicz		Approved
Attendees:	George Mettey, Nelson Lopez, Jeffrey Trask		
Absent:			
Staff in Attendance:	Chief John Kadlewicz and Dale Glenn		
Also: Raul Maldonado, Travis Wells, Joel Rodriguez			
A. Opening of Meeting		Chairman Mettey	Time: 5:06 p.m.
Discussion: #1 on the agenda Commissioner Mettey opened the meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners with a verbal roll call of those present along with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer. #2 agenda item – Minutes: The Board of Fire Commissioners reviewed the minutes from February 24, 2025 #3 on the agenda – Fire Chief's Report: - Injured on Duty/Light Duty/Administrative Duty/Administrative Leave - Overtime Expenditures #4 Old Business – Promotional Interviews - Interview for (1) Temporary Fire Lieutenant – all candidates were asked the same questions and were afforded the opportunity to ask questions #5 New Business – Fire Department assistance to help create ID's for CERT – EMD will purchase materials Commissioner Mettey stated for the record that the City Engineer looked at Station 3. Water is getting in between the brick and concrete and gets into the station. Every time its rains the station inside is getting wet. The entire façade must come off and a new one installed. Something will have to be figured out and replaced. - Chief Kadlewicz is requesting the Board of Fire Commissioners to obtain the newly certified Fire Alarm Operator List. There is (1) provisional FAO within the Alarm Division – Chief Kadlewicz is seeking to have this position moved to permanent. #6 Executive Session – not needed #7 Close Meeting			
Motions: Commissioner Mettey entertained a motion to accept the minutes from February 24, 2025, Commissioner Lopez made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried Commissioner Mettey entertained a motion to accept the Fire Chief's report, Commissioner Lopez made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried. Commissioner Mettey entertained a motion to promote Firefighter Raul Maldonado to the position of Temporary Fire Lieutenant, Commissioner Lopez made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask. Roll Call Vote Commissioner Mettey yes, Commissioner Lopez yes and Commissioner Trask yes. Unanimous Vote Commissioner Mettey entertained a motion to reopen new business, Commissioner Lopez made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner Trask; motion carried. Commissioner Mettey entertained a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Lopez made the motion and was 2nd by Commissioner TRask; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm			

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Injured on Duty

1 Fire Captain

2 Fire Lieutenant

Light Duty

FMLA

Overtime Budget	\$407,638.00
Transfers In	\$250,000.00
Revised Budget	\$657,638.00
Currently Expended	\$470,404.76
Available Balance	\$187,233.24

Average Expended Per Pay Period \$24,758.14

Last Pay Period \$14,993.91

NEW: _____
RENEWAL: ☒ _____
\$50 FEE: _____
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER LETTER: _____

DATE: 4/10/25



**CITY OF HOLYOKE CITY COUNCIL
SECOND HAND LICENSE APPLICATION**

ADDRESS: Holyoke Mall, 50 Holyoke Street, Holyoke MA 01040
APPLICANT'S NAME: Peter A. Hannonish
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 1709 Riverdale St., West Springfield MA 01089
APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE: 413-439-2841 EMAIL: Peter@Hannonish.com
SS#: 019-50-8755

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Said license runs from May 1st to April 30th of each year; regardless of application date

Sec. 66-32. - Record of purchases.

Every person dealing in junk, old metals, rags, papers, bottles or secondhand articles or keeping a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of the same shall keep a book in which he shall record in plain English language, at the time of every purchase by him of any of the aforesaid articles, a description of the article purchased, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when he so purchased it. No entry made in such book shall be erased, obliterated or defaced and the form of such book shall be prepared by the chief of police. Such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the mayor and city council or any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Sec. 66-35. - Purchases from minors or apprentices; dealers to purchase only from licensed collectors.

No dealer in or keeper of a shop for the purchase or barter of junk, old metal or secondhand articles, and no collector of the aforesaid articles, shall, directly or indirectly, purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any of the articles aforesaid from a minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such. No such dealer or keeper of a shop shall, directly or indirectly, purchase or receive as aforesaid any of such articles from a person not a duly licensed collector of junk, except, however, that he may make such purchase directly from mills or manufacturers.

Sec. 66-61. - Dealers or shopkeepers.

No person shall be a dealer in or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or secondhand articles in the city, unless he is duly licensed therefor by the city council and shall exhibit his license when requested to do so.

Sec. 66-36. - Articles purchased not to be sold for 30 days.

No article purchased or received by a dealer or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or secondhand articles shall be sold until at least 30 days from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed

☐ **Sec. 66-39. - Persons who buy or sell secondhand articles except books, furniture, prints stamps, coins, automobiles and fabric shall be exempt from the provisions and conditions of this article.**

Peter A. Hannonish
president **APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE**

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Birthplace of Volleyball



City of Holyoke

Form A – Tax Compliance Form

DATE: 4/16/25

In accordance with Section 82-3 of the City Ordinance, specifically:

(c) In addition to the requirements of [M.G.L.] c. 40 § 57, every city board, department, authority, or commission issuing licenses or permits in the city shall certify with the Tax Collector and the Treasurer that all taxes, fees, and assessments are current, prior to issuing any license or permit, and that all tax agreements are being complied with.

Please bring this form to City Hall and obtain each signature as required below or mail the form to the Tax Collector's Office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please do not submit a Business Certificate application to the City Clerk's Office prior to completing Form A.

I state that I have reviewed the following and as of the date of this letter, the following is true and accurate.

Current	Type
☒	Real Estate
☒	Personal Property
<u>N/A</u>	Excise
<u>N/A</u>	Payment Plan

Comments:

Applicant:

Hannoush Jewelers Inc (Holyoke mall)

Address:

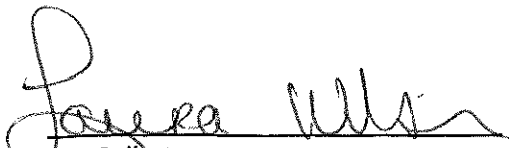
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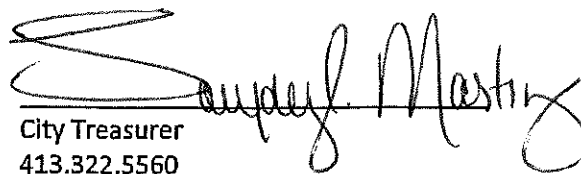
50 Holyoke St.

Property Owner:

Holyoke Mall Company L.P.

Respectfully,


Tax Collector
413.322.5530


City Treasurer
413.322.5560

NEW: _____
RENEWAL: ☒
\$50 FEE: _____
TAX COLLECTOR LETTER: _____
TREASURE'S LETTER: _____

DATE: 4-17-25



HOLYOKE CITY COUNCIL
JUNK DEALER, JUNK COLLECTOR,
SECOND HAND LICENSE APPLICATION

Please Check One:

- ☐ Junk Dealer's License
- ☒ Second Hand License
- ☐ Junk Collector's License

ADDRESS: 50 Holyoke Stree, Holyoke, MA 01040

APPLICANT'S NAME: GameStop, Inc. dba GameStop #4391

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: Corp/Mailing: 625 Westport Pkwy, Grapevine, TX 76051

APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE: 413-533-1766 EMAIL: LisaDailey-Young@gamestop.com

SS# FEIN - 41-1609563

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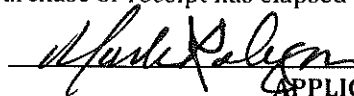
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New _____
Renewal ✓
\$50.00 application fee
Tax Collector Letter _____
Treasurer's Letter _____

TO: HOLYOKE CITY COUNCIL

Secondhand License Application

Section 66 of the Holyoke Code of Ordinances

Secondhand articles: All articles, materials, goods and merchandise, worn or used previously, collected or purchased, bartered and sold. Secondhand furniture, books, prints, stamps or coins are expressly exempted from this definition.

Address: 50 Holyoke Street

Applicant: GameStop #4391

Applicants Address: 625 Westport Pkwy, Grapevine, TX 76051 - Corp

50 Holyoke Street, Holyoke, MA 01040 - Location Address

SS# FEIN - 41-1609563

Date: 3-26-24

Said license runs from May 1 to April 30 of each year, regardless of application date.

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625 WESTPORT PKWY. GRAPEVINE, TX. 76051 P: 817 424 2000

OFFICERS LIST

NAME	TITLE	ADDRESS
Mark Robinson	President Secretary	625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051
Daniel Moore	Treasury	625 Westport Parkway, Grapevine, TX 76051



Laura E. Wilson
Tax Collector

Rory Casey
Treasurer

City of Holyoke

Form A – Tax Compliance Form

DATE: 4/23/2025

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<u>N/A</u>	Payment Plan

Comments:

Applicant:

Game stop #4391

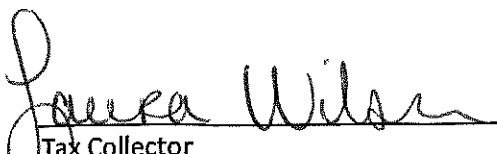
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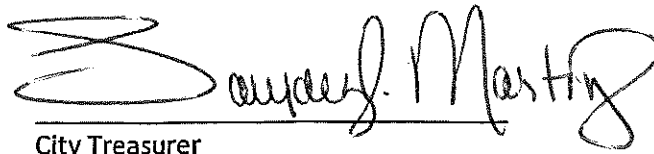
50 Holyoke St. Holyoke, MA 01040

Property Owner:

Holyoke mall Company

Respectfully,


Tax Collector
413.322.5530


City Treasurer
413.322.5560

\$100 FEE: _____
\$1500 BOND _____
TAX COLLECTOR LETTER: _____
TREASURE'S LETTER: _____

DATE: 4/22/25

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CITY OF HOLYOKE PAWN BROKER APPLICATION

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

Name of Applicant: David Greenberg (Pawn Depot)
Address: 448 Appleton St Holyoke MA 01040
Telephone: 413 538 8650 / 413 534 8400 Email: Greene911@aol.com
Social Security #: 028-58-1638

ARTICLE V. - PAWNBROKERS

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 22-161. - Establishment of rules and regulations; maximum rate of interest.

The city council shall from time to time establish such rules and regulations with reference to the business carried on by *pawnbrokers* and the rate of interest to be charged by them as shall seem to the city council to be necessary and proper. No *pawnbroker* shall charge or receive upon any loan a rate of interest greater than three percent per 30 days nor shall the rate exceed 36 percent annually, except that the *pawnbroker* may charge, contract for and recover an additional one time fee per transaction for the following services:

- (1) Appraisal fee not to exceed \$3.00; and
- (2) Lost ticket fee not to exceed \$3.00.

Sec. 22-162. - Records.

Every *pawnbroker* shall keep a book in, which shall be legibly written in the English language, at the time of making a loan, an account and description of the goods, articles or things pawned or pledged, the amount of money loaned thereon, the time of pledging the same, the rate of interest to be paid on such loan, and the name and residence of the person pawning or pledging such goods, articles or things; and such book shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the mayor or city council or of any person who shall be duly authorized in writing for the purpose by either and who shall exhibit such written authority to such *pawnbroker*.

In addition, every *pawnbroker* shall photograph any merchandise it receives, buys, and sells, and shall photograph any sellers of such items. The photographs shall be uploaded into a police computer system in order to maintain an electronic record.

Every *pawnbroker* shall post in a conspicuous location in their place of business the monthly interest rate he or she charges, as well as the office telephone number of the city council to inform patrons where they may report complaints or inquiries.

Sec. 22-163. - Memorandums of pledges.

Every *pawnbroker* shall, at the time of making a loan, deliver to the person pawning or pledging any goods, articles or thing a memorandum or note signed by him, containing the substance of the entry required to be made in his book by section 22-162; and no charge shall be made or required by any *pawnbroker* for any such entry, memorandum or note.

Sec. 22-164. - Articles purchased or received not to be sold for thirty days.

Any merchandise received by a *pawnbroker* shall be held for a period of thirty (30) days prior to being resold. Records of the dates merchandise is received and re-sold shall be kept pursuant to Section 22-162.

DIVISION 2. - LICENSE

Sec. 22-181. - Required; exceptions.

No person shall, in the city, engage in or carry on the business of loaning money upon mortgages, deposits or pledges of wearing apparel, jewelry, ornaments, household goods or other personal property, or of purchasing such property on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, unless such person is licensed as a *pawnbroker* by the city council; provided, however, that this section shall apply only when such property is deposited with the party making the loan, and that nothing herein contained shall apply to loans made upon stock, bonds, notes or other written or printed evidences of ownership of property, or of indebtedness to the holder or owner of any such securities.

Upon issuance, a copy of any license granted by the city council shall be provided to the police department, who shall maintain a log of licensed *pawnbrokers*.

Sec. 22-182. - Fee.

The fee for a license or renewal thereof as a *pawnbroker* shall be \$100.00, but if a license is issued on or after November 1 of any year the fee shall be \$50.00.

Sec. 22-183. - Bond

The licensee shall, at the time of receiving a license as a *pawnbroker* under this division, file with the mayor a bond to the city, with two sureties, in the penal sum of \$1,500.00, approved by the mayor, and conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties and obligations pertaining to the business so licensed.


Applicant's Signature



Laura E. Wilson
Tax Collector

Rory Casey
Treasurer

City of Holyoke

Form A – Tax Compliance Form

DATE: 4/18/25

In accordance with Section 82-3 of the City Ordinance, specifically:

(c) In addition to the requirements of [M.G.L.] c. 40 § 57, every city board, department, authority, or commission issuing licenses or permits in the city shall certify with the Tax Collector and the Treasurer that all taxes, fees, and assessments are current, prior to issuing any license or permit, and that all tax agreements are being complied with.

Please bring this form to City Hall and obtain each signature as required below or mail the form to the Tax Collector's Office with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please do not submit a Business Certificate application to the City Clerk's Office prior to completing Form A.

I state that I have reviewed the following and as of the date of this letter, the following is true and accurate.

Current	Type
<u>✓</u>	Real Estate
<u>N/A</u>	Personal Property
<u>N/A</u>	Excise
<u>N/A</u>	Payment Plan

Comments:

Applicant:

David Greenberg/Pawn Depot

Address:

448 Appleton St.

Property Owner:

B & LG Realty, LLC

Respectfully,

Laura Wilson
Tax Collector
413.322.5530

Rory Casey
City Treasurer
413.322.5560

NEW: _____
RENEWAL: _____
\$50 FEE: _____
TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER LETTER: _____

DATE: _____



CITY OF HOLYOKE CITY COUNCIL
SECOND HAND LICENSE APPLICATION

ADDRESS: 448 Appleton St Holyoke MA 01040
APPLICANT'S NAME: David Greenberg (Pawn Depot)
APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: 18 Varen Drive South Hadley MA 01075
APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE: 413 538 8650 EMAIL: greene9111@aol.com
SS#: 028-58-1638

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Said license runs from May 1st to April 30th of each year; regardless of application date

Sec. 66-32. - Record of purchases.

Every person dealing in junk, old metals, rags, papers, bottles or secondhand articles or keeping a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of the same shall keep a book in which he shall record in plain English language, at the time of every purchase by him of any of the aforesaid articles, a description of the article purchased, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when he so purchased it. No entry made in such book shall be erased, obliterated or defaced and the form of such book shall be prepared by the chief of police. Such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of the mayor and city council or any person by them authorized to make such examination.

Sec. 66-35. - Purchases from minors or apprentices; dealers to purchase only from licensed collectors.

No dealer in or keeper of a shop for the purchase or barter of junk, old metal or secondhand articles, and no collector of the aforesaid articles, shall, directly or indirectly, purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any of the articles aforesaid from a minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such. No such dealer or keeper of a shop shall, directly or indirectly, purchase or receive as aforesaid any of such articles from a person not a duly licensed collector of junk, except, however, that he may make such purchase directly from mills or manufacturers.

Sec. 66-61. - Dealers or shopkeepers.

No person shall be a dealer in or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or secondhand articles in the city, unless he is duly licensed therefor by the city council and shall exhibit his license when requested to do so.

Sec. 66-36. - Articles purchased not to be sold for 30 days.

No article purchased or received by a dealer or keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metal or secondhand articles shall be sold until at least 30 days from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed

☐ **Sec. 66-39. - Persons who buy or sell secondhand articles except books, furniture, prints stamps, coins, automobiles and fabric shall be exempt from the provisions and conditions of this article.**

David T. Greenberg
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

536 DWIGHT STREET, ROOM 2 • HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS 01040-5086
PHONE: (413) 322-5520 • FAX: (413) 322-5521 • E-MAIL: clerks@holyoke.org
Birthplace of Volleyball



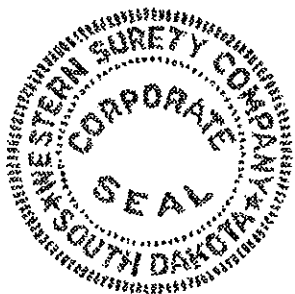
Western Surety Company

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

Western Surety Company hereby continues in force Bond No. 69162363 briefly described as PAWNBROKER CITY OF HOLYOKE,
DAVID GREENBERG DBA PAWN DEPOT, as Principal,
in the sum of \$ ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 Dollars, for the term beginning May 08, 2025, and ending May 08, 2026, subject to all the covenants and conditions of the original bond referred to above.

This continuation is issued upon the express condition that the liability of Western Surety Company under said Bond and this and all continuations thereof shall not be cumulative and shall in no event exceed the total sum above written.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2025.



WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Larry Kasten

Larry Kasten, Vice President

THIS "Continuation Certificate" MUST BE FILED WITH THE ABOVE BOND.

City of Holyoke, Massachusetts
Policy for Designated Handicap Parking Spaces
on Public Streets in Residential Areas

APR 29 2025

Holyoke City Clerk's
Holyoke, MA

Rules for Residential HP Usage: handicap parking spaces may be established by the City Council in accordance with Section 86-98(c) of the Code of Ordinances.

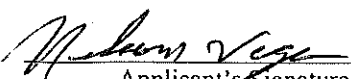
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2. Handicap Parking shall not be designated when off-street parking is available (driveway, garage or lot).
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4. Handicap parking signs do not exempt a vehicle from other regulations such as snow emergency, street cleaning and/or repair work.
5. Spots established in accordance with this section may be used by anyone with a handicap plate or placard as issued from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. A placard shall not be used by family, friends or other individuals visiting the handicap person. Police may confiscate the HP placard for any violation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor vehicles may impose fines if violations occur in use of HP space(s).
6. The City Council shall deny an application under this section if it does not meet the criteria contained herein. The Council may remove any Handicap Parking spaces that it finds are infrequently used or cause a hazard to the motoring and walking public.
7. Handicap Parking spaces established under this section shall be valid for a period which coincides with the applicant's placard or plate. If there is no change in the residence of the individual, a renewal petition shall be submitted to the City Council with a copy of the updated placard. Any change in information will require submission of a new application. Failure to renew will result in the removal of the HP signs and require submission of a new application.
8. When the Handicap Parking space is not longer needed due to the applicant's change of residence or change in eligibility status, the applicant or another household member shall notify the ward councilor in writing within thirty (30) days of this change.
9. Failure to comply with any of the rules will result in fines and penalties as established by City Ordinances for misuse of Handicap Parking spaces.

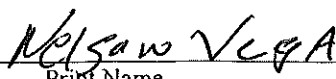
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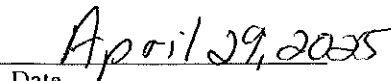
1. The completed Residential Handicap Parking application.
2. A photocopy of the car registration if it has handicap number plates authorized by Chapter 90, Section 2 of the Massachusetts General Laws or a photocopy of the Handicap Placard issued to the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 632 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I am aware that it is my responsibility to properly use a handicap parking plate/placard subject to the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles; I have read and understand the policy for designated Handicap Parking Spaces on Public Streets in the City of Holyoke. I certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Applicant's Signature


Print Name


Date

For Office Use Only:

Date order filed with City Council and referred to Ordinance Committee/Handicap Commission _____

Date Handicap Commission recommendation received by Ordinance Committee _____

Date Ordinance committee recommendation _____

Date City Council approval/disapproval _____

CITY OF HOLYOKE MASSACHUSETTS
RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION

If this application is being completed by someone other than the Disabled person (the Applicant), please list that person's name below (PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION):

Nelson Vega SELF
Name of Person completing this application Relationship to Applicant

Applicant's (Disabled Person's) Name Nelson Vega

Address: 50 NORTH BRIDGE ST

Telephone: 413 326-1306 Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) 10-21-63

Handicap Placard/License Plate Number: 5DXC-57 Expiration Date: PL 85004041
10-31-25

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1.) Is there off-street parking (driveway, parking lot etc.) at your residence? YES [] NO []

1a.) If there is off-street parking are you allowed to use it? YES [] NO []

1b.) If you are not allowed to use off-street parking, please explain why:

street parking only

2.) Explain why you feel that you are in need of Residential Handicap parking in front of/near your home.
(If needed, continue on reverse side or attach additional sheets)

I live in my house for
34 yrs and have parked in the front, but lately
there are more neighbors and I have to park far from my house

3.) Do you rent the property where you are residing? YES [] NO [] **If YES, your landlord will need to sign below.

** I certify that I am the owner of the property or Property Manager at:

Insert address of resident: 50 NORTH BRIDGE ST

** I further certify that off-street parking (driveway, garage or lot) is not available
To the applicant at this listed address.

Nelson Vega 413 326-1306 4-29-25
Signature of Landlord or Property Manager Phone Date

ATTACH PICTURE OR SKETCH INCLUDING DRIVEWAYS, RAMPS AND ENTRANCES



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CITY OF HOLYOKE MASSACHUSETTS
RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION

Applicant's Name (please print) HEISON VEGA
Applicant's Address SOMERSET BRIDGE ST Phone 213-326-1306

To be Completed by the Holyoke Handicap Commission (HHC):

- ☐ Received Copy of the Massachusetts Registration and/or Placard
☐ Received Signature of Landlord – if applicable
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☐ Recommend Application Approved ☐ Recommend Application Denied – Reason for recommendation

HHC Chairperson's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be Completed by City Council Ordinance Committee:

Reviewed at meeting of Ordinance Committee (date): _____

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To be Completed by Holyoke City Council

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Applicant's Signature: M. L. Vega Date: 4-29-25

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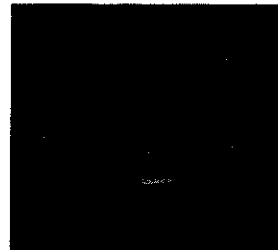
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**Disabled Persons
Parking Identification Placard**



Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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Keri Padua

Applicant's Signature

Keri Padua

Print Name

4-21-25

Date

For Office Use Only:

Date order filed with City Council and referred to Ordinance Committee/Handicap Commission _____

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CITY OF HOLYOKE MASSACHUSETTS
RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION

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Keri Padua
Name of Person completing this application

Mother
Relationship to Applicant

Applicant's (Disabled Person's) Name Elijah Santos

Address: 330 Jarvis Ave. Holyoke, MA, 01040

Telephone: 413-425-3147 Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) 3-15-10

Handicap Placard/License Plate Number: PL5530997 Expiration Date: 06-07-28

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1.) Is there off-street parking (driveway, parking lot etc.) at your residence? YES ☒ NO ☐

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(If needed, continue on reverse side or attach additional sheets)

I Keri Padua am requesting a Handicap Accessible parking in front of my home for my son Elijah Santos. Elijah has cranial nerve paralysis. He is 15 years old. He
continued in back →

3.) Do you rent the property where you are residing? YES ☒ NO ☐ **If YES, your landlord will need to sign below.

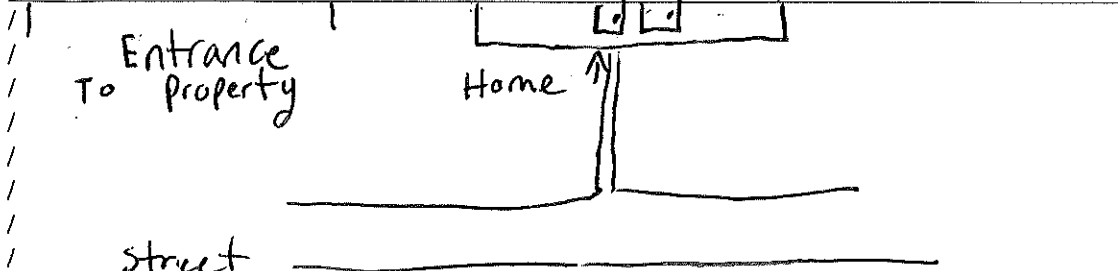
** I certify that I am the owner of the property or Property Manager at:

Insert address of resident: 330 Jarvis Avenue

** I further certify that off-street parking (driveway, garage or lot) is not available
To the applicant at this listed address.

[Signature] 413-532-3709 4/21/15
Signature of Landlord or Property Manager Phone Date

ATTACH PICTURE OR SKETCH INCLUDING DRIVEWAYS, RAMPS AND ENTRANCES



CITY OF HOLYOKE MASSACHUSETTS
RESIDENTIAL HANDICAP PARKING APPLICATION

Applicant's Name (please print) Keri Padua

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CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

M.G.L. Chapter 90 Section 24B makes it a crime to alter this Certificate
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

EXTERNAL CODE PAN		REGISTRATION TYPE Passenger Normal Red		PLATE NUMBER 9GS629		EFFECTIVE DATE 01-Oct-2023		TITLE NUMBER CE377496		EXPIRES ON 30-Sep-2025	
MODEL YEAR 2008	MAKE TOYT	MODEL SIENNA	MODEL NUMBER	BODY STYLE VAN	COLOR BLUE	VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 5TDZK22C78S221723					
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING)						TOTAL REGISTERED WEIGHT FOR A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OR TRAILER					
GARAGE ADDRESS 330 JARVIS AVE HOLYOKE MA 01040-1214						US DOT NUMBER FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE					
NAME(S) OF OWNER(S) AND MAILING ADDRESS KERI PADUA 330 JARVIS AVE APT 330 HOLYOKE MA 01040-1214						INSURANCE COMPANY PROGRESSIVE DIRECT INSURANCE COMPANY					
LESSEE/IN CUSTODY OF						MAXIMUM SEATING CAPACITY FOR VEHICLES FOR HIRE					
						<i>Colleen J. O'Brien</i> Registrar of Motor Vehicles					
SPECIAL MESSAGE						CHANGE OF ADDRESS ☐ RESIDENTIAL ☐ MAILING ☐ GARAGE					

Important information for vehicle owners

- **Certificate of Registration:** Every person operating a motor vehicle shall have the Certificate of Registration for the motor vehicle and/or trailer, in the vehicle, in some easily accessible place. The records of the RMV constitute the official status of the vehicle registration.
- **Change of Address:** By law, you must report any change of address to the RMV within 30 days. Visit mass.gov/rmv to change your address. Once you have reported the address change to the RMV, please write corrected address in box provided above.
- **No Insurance Card Required:** Massachusetts law does not require an insurance card. M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 34, and Chapter 175, Section 113A, requires the vehicle's owner to maintain a compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance policy or bond for bodily injury coverage and property damage insurance. The insurer is required by law to electronically notify the Registry of Motor Vehicles if coverage lapses. The vehicle owner is then notified by the RMV to obtain new insurance within 10 days or the registration will be revoked. Bonds are filed with the State Treasurer's Office.
- **Transferring Your Plates:** Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 2) allows you to transfer valid registration plates from this vehicle to a newly acquired new or used motor vehicle or trailer while you obtain insurance and a new registration. See the Transferring a Registration Section on the RMV's website at mass.gov/rmv for more information.
- **Cancel the registration plates if:**
 - The vehicle has been sold or junked and the registration is not going to be transferred to another vehicle.
 - You move to another state and you register the vehicle in that state.
 - The insurance policy is not renewed or is cancelled and there is no plan to obtain a new policy.

Skip the Line, Go Online! Visit Mass.Gov/RMV for list of available transactions.

PL5530997

Expires:

06-07-28

**Disabled Persons
Parking Identification Placard**



SANTOS

ELJAH

**Commonwealth of
Massachusetts**





Mayor Joshua A. Garcia

Lisa A. Ball, Esq.

City of Holyoke

City Solicitor

Kathleen E. Degnan, Esq.
Jane L. Mantolesky, Esq.
Michael D. Bissonette, Esq.
Tasheen Davis, Esq.
Mary E. Gotham, Paralegal

February 3, 2025

Holyoke City Council
City Of Holyoke
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040

RE: St. Vincent Street & Route 5

Councilors:

Please see enclosed proposal from Heritage Land Survey & Engineering, Inc. As previously discussed at the City Council, the School Department no longer has a public need for the parcel; see enclosed letter dated November 29, 2021. It has been expressed at the City Council that the parcel be potentially subdivided in three (3) separate lots for housing. At present, the parcel is still only one (1) lot.

Please advise as to which direction the City Council would like to go with this parcel and direct as to whether or not the City Council would wish to proceed with the proposal from Heritage Land Survey & Engineering, Inc.

Very truly yours,

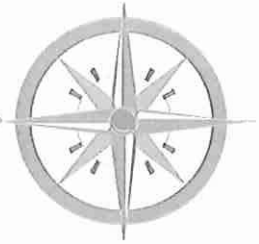
Jane Mantolesky
Assistant City Solicitor

Enclosures

HERITAGE

Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

241 College Highway & Clark Street
Post Office Box 90
Southampton, Massachusetts 01073-0090
(413) 527-3600



Date: January 23, 2025

Jeff Burkott / Assistant Director of Planning, Principal Planner
Office of Planning & Economic Development
City of Holyoke
20 Korean Veterans Plaza, Suite 401
Holyoke, MA 01040

RE: Request for Proposal
St. Vincent Street & Route 5
Holyoke, MA 01040

Dear Mr Burkott:

This letter is in response to your request for professional services at the above-mentioned site in Holyoke, MA. The scope of services below is based on our discussion on 23 Jan 2025. A description of work to be performed, as well as an estimated cost are described below:

Task #1 ~ Approval Not Required Plan: Estimated Cost = \$1,305.00

Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., shall prepare an Approval Not Required plan showing proposed three conforming parcels, or one proposed parcel as required

Task #2 ~ Monumentation: Estimated Cost = \$1,620.00

Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc., shall perform sufficient fieldwork to set monuments at the boundary corners of the proposed parcels.

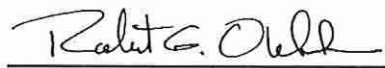
Total estimated cost = \$2,925.00

This proposal does not include any filing fees or meetings with the City of Holyoke . All survey work will comply with established standards for the performance of similar surveys within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Field information will be obtained using electronic measuring and data collection equipment. Office computations and drafting will be performed using CAD computer software.

We would be able to begin within 1 to 2 weeks of receipt of written authorization to proceed and receipt of the retainer. Other work requested and authorized by the client will be billed at our hourly rates in effect when the work is performed.

Please contact this office if there should be any questions, comments, or suggested modifications to the proposal. Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to submit the proposal.

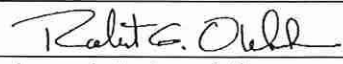
Sincerely,



Robert G. Oleksak
Associate Land Surveyor

Payment Terms	Invoices will be rendered to the client monthly or periodically as the work progresses, in accordance with rates in effect when the work is performed. Invoices will be due and payable upon receipt, and subject to service charges of 1.5% per month if unpaid 30 days from the invoice date. The client agrees to pay costs of collection and reasonable attorney's fees, if required.
Ownership of Documents	All original documents, including but not limited to plans, drawings, field notes, electronic data, written or typed letters and reports, etc., assembled or created during the course of the described project, shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. Any plans provided under the Scope of Services described above shall not be altered or expanded upon. With permission, plan data can be used as base data for plans subsequently produced by the project architect, provided that appropriate credits are made for the base data, and such plans do not give the appearance of being prepared, endorsed, or certified by Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

COMPANY	City of Holyoke Office of Planning & Economic Development	COMPANY	Heritage Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.
NAME	Jeff Burkott	NAME	Robert G. Oleksak
SIGNATURE		SIGNATURE	
TITLE	Assistant Director of Planning, Principal Planner	TITLE	Associate Land Surveyor
DATE		DATE	January 23, 2025

This proposal will be kept open for 30 days. Please sign and return this original and retain a copy for your records.



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Anthony Soto, Receiver / Superintendent

Mildred Lefebvre, Vice Chair, Holyoke School Committee

11/29/2021

President Todd McGee
Holyoke City Council
City Hall
Holyoke, Ma, 01040

Dear President McGee,

This letter is to inform you that the Holyoke School Committee, in its authority, at their November 15, 2021 meeting transfers to the city of Holyoke the St. Vincent st. property effective November 15, 2021. We have deemed that this property serves no need for the Holyoke Public schools. Reference exhibit attached.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anthony Soto

Mildred Lefebvre

Cc: Mayor Garcia
City Solicitor Lisa Ball



The sketch shown above is only intended to assist with internal discussions and is not an assurance that the property is suitable for development. Prospective buyers of the property would need to complete their own assessment of the development potential of property. Field survey and filing of an ANR plan to the Planning Board would be required to establish any new lots.



**MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT**

City of Holyoke, MA makes no claims and no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the validity or accuracy of the GIS data presented on this map.

Geometry updated 08/23/2019
Data updated 11/19/2018

Print map scale is approximate. Critical layout or measurement activities should not be done using this resource.

Potential Residential Development of School Department Property at St. Vincent and Ingleside Streets

Request for Appropriation Transfer Between Classifications

Date 4/29/2025

Personal Services _____ Expenses X Capital Outlay X

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Planting of the Council on Aging

Mayor

Name Yemrich Robe
Council on Aging

* replaces attached denied order for \$38,600

Senior Center Painting Quotes Tabulation			
Name of Submitter	Materials Cost	Labor Cost	Quote Total
Aplary Painting	\$11,000	\$65,000	\$76,000
Cornerstone Building Services	\$6,960	\$35,338	\$42,298
Scholar Painting	\$57,170	\$106,150	\$163,320
National Painting Services, LLC	\$5,200	\$30,000	\$35,200
Fox Painting Co. Inc.	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$35,000
King Painting Inc	\$4,500	\$50,500	\$55,000
Larochelle Construction Inc	\$52,400	\$37,500	\$89,900
FRG Contractor Corp	\$10,884	\$58,500	\$80,770
Northeast Painting Associates, Inc.	\$3,000	\$43,500	\$55,450

FORMS

The Following Forms are to be completed and submitted with quote

- Quote Form
- Certificate of Non-Collusion
- Tax Certification Form
- Debarment Form
- Prevailing Wage Rate Statement of Compliance
- Copy of Insurance Certificate

The Following Forms are included for reference to potential submitters

- Copy of City Services Contract
- Current Mass Prevailing Wage Sheet

QUOTE SUBMISSION FORM

Cost for Materials:

Ten Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$ 10,000.00)
Written Figure Dollars & Cents

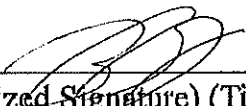
Cost for Labor:

Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$ 25,000.00)
Written Figure Dollars & Cents

Total project costs inclusive of all labor, materials, and disposals:

Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$ 35,000.00)
Written Figure Dollars & Cents

The undersigned understands that the City of Holyoke Purchasing Director reserves the right to make no award, to reject any or all quotes, contractor is certifying that quote is good for 45 days.

4/16/2025  President
(Date) (Authorized Signature) (Title)

Fox Painting Co., Inc. PO Box 630 / 23 Park St Arlington, MA 02474
(Official Company Name) (Business Address) (City & State)

04-3306848 781-646-0900
(Company Social Security or Federal Identification No.) (Tel. No.)



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536 Dwight Street #3
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(413)-322-5650

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND
RETURNED WITH YOUR BID OFFER OR CONTRACT**
(PLEASE PRINT)

CORPORATE AFFIDAVIT FORM

Fox Painting Co., Inc.	04-3306848	781-646-0900
COMPANY NAME	FID OR SOCIAL SECURITY	PHONE NUMBER

169052623	foxpaintingcoinc@aol.com
DUNS NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)	EMAIL ADDRESS

PO Box 630 / 23 Park St	Arlington	MA	02474
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

	President
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE	TITLE

Sam Bouboullis	President
PLEASE PRINT NAME OF AUTHORIZED SIGNER	TITLE

FAX NUMBER 781-646-0993

PHONE NUMBER 781-646-0900

PLEASE CHECK WHERE APPROPRIATE

MINORITY OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE _____

WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE _____

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I,

Sam Bouboulis

President

(Name of signatory party)

(Title)

do hereby state:

That I understand and will pay or supervise the payment of the persons employed by

Fox Painting Co., Inc.

on the Council on Aging

(Contractor, subcontractor or public body)

(Building or project)

and that all mechanics and apprentices, teamsters, chauffeurs and laborers employed on said project will be paid in accordance with wages determined under the provisions of sections twenty-six and twenty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws.

Signature



Print Name Sam Bouboulis

Title President

Date 4/17/2025

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TAX CERTIFICATION FORM

CHAPTER 233 (SECTIONS 35 AND 36) of the ACTS AND RESOLVES OF 1983, enacted the Revenue Enforcement and Protection Program effective July 1, 1983. One aspect of the law requires providers of goods and/or services to attest under the penalty, that he/she is in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes.

To comply with this requirement, YOU MUST SIGN THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR BID OFFER, ANY PERSON FAILING TO SIGN THE ATTESTATION CLAUSE SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO OBTAIN, RENEW OR EXTEND A LICENSE, PERMIT OR CONTRACT.

PURSUANT TO MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 62C, SECTION 49A, I CERTIFY UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT I, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, HAVE FILED ALL STATE TAX RETURNS AND PAID ALL STATE TAXES REQUIRED UNDER THE LAW.

FURTHERMORE, I HAVE NO OUTSTANDING OR LATE CITY TAXES.

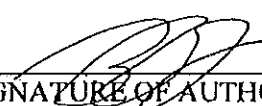
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ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
		<u>President</u>	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE		TITLE	
<u>Sam Bouboulis</u>		<u>4/16/2025</u>	
PRINT NAME-AUTHORIZED SIGNER		DATE SIGNED	

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**THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED &
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CONTRACT (PLEASE PRINT)**

CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION FORM

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person as used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club, or other organization, entity, or group of individuals.



SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED PERSON SIGNING PROPOSAL

Sam Bouboulis

PRINT NAME

Fox Painting Co., Inc.

NAME OF BUSINESS

04-3306848

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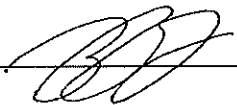
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DEBARMENT DISCLOSURE FORM

The said undersigned certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from doing public construction work or from contracting or subcontracting with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Section 29F of Chapter 29 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any Rule or Regulation promulgated hereunder, nor is the said undersigned presently debarred from entering into contracts for the furnishing of supplies, services or construction to any public agency, and/or any federal & state agency.

NAME OF BIDDER: Fox Painting Co., Inc.

BY:



Sam Bouboulis

President

PLEASE PRINT NAME & TITLE OF AUTHORIZED
PERSON SIGNING

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ADDRESS

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CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

04/14/2025

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

PRODUCER Cross Insurance-Wakefield 401 Edgewater Place Suite 100 Wakefield MA 01880	CONTACT NAME: Stephen Gill PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (781) 914-1000 FAX (A/C, No): (781) 224-5777 E-MAIL ADDRESS: steve.gill@crossagency.com																					
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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR VWD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	☒ COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY ☐ CLAIMS-MADE ☒ OCCUR GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: ☐ POLICY ☐ PROJECT ☐ LOC OTHER:			ZDNH411642	11/09/2024	11/09/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 2,000,000 DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 10,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 2,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 4,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 4,000,000 \$
B	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY ☐ ANY AUTO ☒ OWNED AUTOS ONLY ☒ SCHEDULED AUTOS ☒ HIRED AUTOS ONLY ☒ NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			AWN410940	11/09/2024	11/09/2025	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$ \$
C	☒ UMBRELLA LIAB ☒ OCCUR ☐ EXCESS LIAB ☐ CLAIMS-MADE DED RETENTION \$			UHN H413169 04	11/09/2024	11/09/2025	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 AGGREGATE \$ 1,000,000 \$
C	WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory In NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	WHNH410928	11/09/2024	11/09/2025	☒ PER STATUTE ☐ OTHER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 500,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000
D	Pollution Liability			CPLMOL123383	04/21/2024	04/21/2025	Per Occurrence 1,000,000 General Aggregate 3,000,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

CERTIFICATE HOLDER**CANCELLATION**

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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References

<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Town of Southboro - Exterior Painting & Selective Repairs @ Southboro Senior Center/Cordaville Hall \$51,000.00	Oct 2024	Ray Guertin 508-843-2924 <u>ray@rtgarchitect.com</u>
Town of Milford – Police Station - Demolition of 3 Locker Rooms \$138,000.00	Aug 2024	Carlos Benjamin 508-498-1750 <u>cbenjamin@townofmilford.com</u>
Town of Arlington – Cupola Demolition - Demolition of Town Hall Cupola \$227,860.00	May 2024	Jim Feeney 781-316-3010 <u>jfeeney@town.arlington.ma.us</u>
Town of Hingham – Old Tree & Barn Building - Exterior Painting* \$50,000.00	April 2024	Jeff Pizzi 781-804-2426 <u>pizzij@hingham-ma.gov</u>
Lexington Housing Authority - 155130 - Fascia Repair and Exterior Painting \$47,000.00	March 2024	Ray Falke 617-325-3216 <u>rayfalke@rca-arch.com</u>
Town of Clinton – Clinton Senior Center - Exterior Painting Senior Center \$268,000.00	July 2023	Debra Goodsell 978-733-4747 <u>debgoodsell@msn.com</u>
Billerica Housing Authority - Exterior Painting 16 River Rd \$53,500.00	June 2023	Bob Correnti 978-667-2175 <u>bcorrenti@billericahousing.org</u>
New Bedford Housing Authority 23-107 Exterior Painting (65 units) \$372,970.00	May 2023	John Fernandes 508-965-8815 <u>john.fernandes@nbha-ma.org</u>
Pepperell Town Hall 2nd Floor Restoration \$124,900.00	April 2023	Jennifer Gingras 978-433-0336 <u>jgingras@town.pepperell.ma.us</u>
Milford Senior Center - Exterior Painting \$71,000.00	Sept 2022	Richard Villani 508-634-2303 <u>rvillani@townofmilford.com</u>
Cambridge Housing Authority - Corcoran Park Exterior Painting \$75,000.00	Aug 2022	Melvina Valentine 617-499-7141 <u>mvalentine@cambridge-housing.org</u>

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Beverly Housing Authority • On Call Annual Painting • \$82,000.00	July 2022	Chad Stetson 978-810-5860 <u>cstetson@beverlyhousing.net</u>
Town of Arlington • Various Schools • Interior Painting • \$40,000.00	June-Aug 2022	Fergal O'Brien 781-389-7891 <u>FOBrien@town.arlington.ma.us</u>
Woburn Housing Authority • 19-1 Spring Court Ext • Exterior Painting • \$92,000.00	July 2022	Thomas Maher 781-935-0818 <u>TMaher@woburnhousing.org</u>
Framingham Housing Authority • Treads Stairway Repair/Painting • \$104,000.00	June 2022	Paul Landers 508-879-7562 <u>planders@framha.org</u>
Bridgewater State University • Kelly Gym Painting & Wood Repairs • \$100,817.50	June 2022	Dave Coonan 508-443-7155 <u>Dcoonan@bridgew.edu</u>
Milford Senior Center • Interior Painting • \$74,700.00	April/May 2022	Richard Villani 508-634-2303 <u>rvillani@townofmilford.com</u>
Town of Mendon • Exterior Painting Mendon Town Hall • \$98,000.00	April 2022	Laura St. John-Dupuis 508-473-2312 <u>Dupuis@mendonma.gov</u>
Milford Town Hall • Exterior Painting • \$ 264,500.00	Aug 2021	Richard Villani 508-634-2303 <u>rvillani@townofmilford.com</u>
Hatch Shell: Teak Repair • Teak Repair • \$ 258,000	2020	Joshua Kane 978-930-8177 <u>josh.kane@state.ma.us</u>
City of Springfield: Painting - Schools • Interior Painting at various schools • \$ 285,500	2020	Stephen Robinson 413-787-6226 <u>robinsonst@springfieldpublicschools.com</u>

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Town of Middleborough • MGED Administrative Office project • \$57,500	2020	Sandra Richter 508-946-3702 <u>srichter@mged.com</u>
Town of Cohasset: Town Hall • Exterior painting and wood repairs • \$ 97,500	2019	Michelle Leary 781-383-4100 x5114 <u>MLEary@cohassetma.org</u>
Town of Westford: Town Hall • Exterior painting and wood repairs • \$ 54,680	2019	Paul Fox 978-399-2435 <u>pfox@westfordma.gov</u>
City of Springfield: Kiley Middle School • Interior painting of the Kiley Middle School \$ 88,000	2019	Jonathan Carignan 413-787-6279 <u>JCarignan@springfieldcityhall.com</u> Stephen Robinson 413-787-6226 <u>robinsonst@springfieldpublicschools.com</u>
Town of Andover: On Call Painting • *Year contract, work performed Throughout the year \$ 182,900 • Painting various schools for the Town of Andover	2018*	Ihor Raniuk 978-623-8200 <u>iraniuk@andoverma.gov</u>
Town of Lincoln: Bremis Hall • Exterior painting of Bremis Hall \$ 15,000	July 2018	Amy Pearson 781-259-9400 x 4304 <u>apearson@lincnet.org</u>
Natick Housing Authority: Natick FISH 202112 • Exterior Painting and Brick Repair Coolidge Gardens 667-5 \$ 37,000	May- June 2018	Jeffrey Baxter 978-408-5215 <u>JBaxter@chelmsfordha.com</u> Randy Waters 508-653-2971 <u>rwaters@natickha.org</u>
Town of Brimfield: Annex Building • Interior painting of the Annex Building \$ 14,000	Jan- Feb 2018	Carol Camorata 413-245-4100 x4 <u>selectmen@brimfieldma.org</u>
Town of Lunenburg: Town Hall • Exterior Painting of Town Hall And replacement of rotted wood \$ 85,761.72	Nov 2017	Heather Lemieux 978-582-4130 x 143 <u>hlemieux@lunenburgonline.com</u>

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Town of Townsend: Police Station Painting of the Townsend Police Station \$14,000	Nov 2017	Carolyn Smart – 978-597-1700 csmart@townsend.ma.us
City of Springfield: Commerce High School Interior Painting of Commerce High School \$ 23,000	Aug 2017	Theo Theocles – 413-784-6284 ttheocles@springfieldcityhall.com
Town of Northbridge: Town Hall Restoration Great Hall Paint Restoration \$ 65,600	Mar – Apr 2017	Wendall Kalsow - 617-625-8901 wendall@mcginleykalsow.com
Town of Andover: Andover High School Painting Interior Painting of Andover High School \$ 28,645	Jun - Jul 2017	Ihor Raniuk – 978-623-8200 iraniuk@andoverma.gov
Bristol Community College	2016	Leo Racine – 774-357-2448
Manchester By The Sea – Town Hall Painting	2016	Debra Morong – 978-526-2000
Town of Andover (Various Painting Projects)	2016	Ihor Raniuk – 978-623-8200
Exterior Painting of Town Building Wayland MA	2016	John Moynihan 978-877-7159
Wakefield Post Grad Class Room Project	2015-2016	Maria Monks Serrao 781-246-6400 x6476
Town of Weston (Fire Station Repairs)	2015	Jerry McCarty 781-786-5270
City of Chicopee (Chicopee pool)	2015	Carolyn Porter – 413-302-5713
Burlington Town Hall (Column Replacement)	2014	Lee Hemenway – 617-241-2807 (K B Architects)
Greenfield School Dept (Cladding)	2014	Lane Kelly – 413-772-1567 x102
Hanson Town Hall	2014	Ron San Angelo – 781-293-2131
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<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Andover Town House Painting Rehabilitation	2014	Ihor Raniuk – 978-623-8200
Boston Water & Sewer Commission	2014	Jim O'Brien – 617-989-7217
City of Everett (Parlin School)	2014	Lona DeFeo – 617-394-2291
Cambridge Housing Authority (195 Prospect St Building)	2013	Donna Gallant – 617-520-6220
Pelham Hill Church Museum	2013	Rick Ademcek – 413-253-5245
Burlington High School Gymnasium	2013	Kevin Buckley – 617-512-5101 (K B Architects)
City of Everett (Adams School)	2013	Lona DeFeo – 617-394-2291
Johnson Realty (Various projects*)	2010 - 2013	Richard Johnson – 781-648-2124
Burncoat School (Worcester, MA)	2012	Gene Olearczyk – 508-799-3151
Stratton Manor (Bernardston, MA)	2012	Bruce Hunter – 413-863-9781
Whitinsville Town Hall	2012	John Hecker – 617-625-8901
Arlington - Dallin Museum	2011	Domenic Lanzillotti - 781-316-3003
Natick Housing Authority	2011	Jeff Harmon – 508-308-7321
Barnstable Housing Authority	2011	Sandra Perry – 508-771-7222
Saugus Housing Authority	2011	Steven Whitehurst – 781-233-2116
Plymouth Memorial Hall	2010	Pamela Hagler - 508-747-1620
Witch House* (Salem, MA)	2010	Thomas Watkins – 978-619-5695
Harvard Public Library	2007	Pat Tompkins – 617-268-1410
Stockbridge Town Offices	2007	Ken Jodrie – 413-594-2800

*Historical Jobs

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Fox Painting Co., Inc.

*P.O. Box 630
Arlington, MA 02476*

foxpaintingcoinc@aol.com

*Work: 781-646-0900
Cell: 781-608-7370*

References

<u>Project</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Contact</u>
City of Everett (Webster School)	2006	Lona DeFeo – 617-394-2291
UMASS Lowell Garage	2006	Joe Appuzese – 508-473-2580
Fall River – Vacant Apartments	2006	Jim Cavanah – 508-675-3594
Nantucket High School	2005	Dave Kanyock – 508-228-7285



City of Holyoke
City Council

- The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$38,600) as follows:

FROM

13003-58000 SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$38,600
TOTAL	\$38,600

TO:

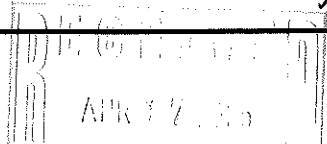
15412-52500 COA R&M BUILDING	\$38,600
TOTAL	\$38,600

Recommended that the order be denied.

In City Council, on April 15, 2025, the report of the committee received and denied two readings and adopted on a call of the roll of the yeas and nays.

YES:	(11)	David K. Bartley, Juan Anderson-Burgos, Kocayne S Givner, Kevin A. Jourdain, Meg Magrath-Smith, Tessa R. Murphy-Romboletti, Carmen Ocasio, Israel Rivera, Jenny Rivera, Michael Sullivan, Linda Vacon
NO:	(2)	Patricia Devine, Howard Greaney
ABSENT:	(0)	

Presented to the Mayor	Mayor's Office
For Approval <u>April 16 2025</u> <u>Brunna Leary</u> City Clerk	Holyoke, MA <u>April 16</u> 2025 Approved <u>[Signature]</u> Mayor



By auditor dept

A True Copy

Attest:

Brunna Murphy Leary
City Clerk

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Between Classifications

Dept. Name COA / School

Date 3/28/2025

Use as a basis for preparing a financial order to be placed in front of City Council. I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred between two or more of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications and as further detailed below:

Personal Services Expenses X Capital Outlay X

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
13003	58000	School - Cap Outlay	38,600	
15412	52500	COA Rem Building		38,600
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Reason for request:

Painting of COA Building

James Lemrick Rod
Head of Department.

[Signature]
Mayor



CHARLIE MANCINI
D.B.A Mancini Painting & Construction
390 Brush Hill Avenue
West Springfield, MA 01089
(413) 563-3224

November 12, 2024

Holyoke Senior Center
291 Pine St
Holyoke Ma 01040

Att: Matt

Re: Estimate Exterior Paint

Paint all dark Beige (color to be matched) to cover with Sherwin Williams SuperPaint low lustre

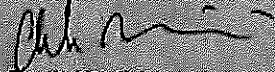
Approx gallons 45

Paint all light Beige (color to be matched) to cover with same as above , approx. gallons 25

Paint all white areas to cover same as above approx. gallons 5

Total L&M \$38,600.00

Thank You,


Charlie Mancini

Request for Appropriation Transfer
Between Classifications

Date 4.29.2025

Personal Services _____ Expenses X Capital Outlay X

[illegible]

replacing panel #2 in basement of
City Hall

Mayor

Maths 17
4/30/25

QUOTATION

Quote Number: 100124

Quote Date: Oct 1, 2024

Page: 1

Voice: 413-579-5982

Fax: 413-737-1370

MA License # 23446A

MA Business License # 666 A1

Quoted To:

City of Holyoke
Holyoke Purchasing Department
536 Dwight Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
United States

Customer ID	Good Thru	Payment Terms	Estimator
CHD	10/31/24	Net 30 Days	Jay Burns
Description			Amount
Labor			2,704.08
Material			2,808.11
Material Markup 5%			140.41
Work to be Performed:			
Replacing Panel #2 in Basement of City Hall			
Removal of existing "Panel #2"			
Installation of new back box interior and cover.			
Termination of existing branch circuits and feeders.			
Excludes labeling due to incorrect panel schedule. In order to label all circuits would need to be traced.			

All work is warrantied for 1 year.

All work completed will be in accordance with current
Massachusetts Electrical Codes and standards. NFPA 70, 2020.

New customers are subject to a 50% deposit and the remaining
balance due upon completion until payment terms are established.

All Quotes are estimates. Prices may be subject to change for
sights unseen.

Subtotal	5,652.60
Sales Tax	
TOTAL	5,652.60

Accepted By: _____



City of Holyoke,
Massachusetts
Birthplace of Volleyball

Tanya Wdowiak <wdowiakt@holyoke.org>

Fwd: City Hall "Panel 2" replacement quote

Matthew Sokop <sokopm@holyoke.org>

Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 3:44 PM

To: Tanya Wdowiak <wdowiakt@holyoke.org>, Matthew Peterson <petersonm@holyoke.org>

See below, the attached quote is still valid.

Thanks.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Matthew Peterson** <petersonm@holyoke.org>

Date: Fri, Apr 18, 2025 at 12:56 PM

Subject: Fwd: City Hall "Panel 2" replacement quote

To: Matthew Sokop <sokopm@holyoke.org>

Hi Matt S,

The attached please see below from HS Electric's shop manager confirming that the attached quote is still valid.

Thank you for trying to get the money for this to get done,

Matthew (Matt) Peterson
413 322 5645 Extension 5136 (landline)
Buildings Supervisor, Holyoke Public Works
413 561 5673 (text or voice)
PetersonM@Holyoke.org

----- Forwarded message ----- ~~~~~

From: **Tim Casey** <tim@hselectricco.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 16, 2025 at 9:06 AM

Subject: Re: City Hall "Panel 2" replacement quote

To: Matthew Peterson <petersonm@holyoke.org>

Cc: <service@hselectricco.com>, Jay Burns <jburns@hselectricco.com>, Stephen Sgroi <steve@hselectricco.com>

Good Morning Matt, Yes this price is still valid.

Thank You

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2 attachments

 **Quote 100124.pdf**
220K

 **Quote 100124.pdf**
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City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Between Classifications

Dept. Name School / DPW

Date 4/29/2025

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Personal Services _____ Expenses X Capital Outlay X

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
13003	50000	School - Cap Outlay	(27,546.90)	
99011	10400	Cap. Stabilization	(1,878.10)	
14222	52502	R & M City Hall		29,425.00
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Reason for request:

Fire panel replacement City Hall

Sean Mangano
Head of Department

[Signature]
Mayor

Form TR-1 (6/92)

[Signature]
4/30/25

HACKWORTH SYSTEMS, LLC

83 College Highway, Southamptn, MA 01073

(413) 203-2212

• FHACKWORTH@HACKWORTHSYSTEMS.NET

TO:

HOLYOKE CITY HALL
536 DWIGHT STREET
HOLYOKE, MA 01040

PHONE: MATT PETERSON 561-5673
PETERSONM@HOLYOKE.ORG

REP: TROY HACKWORTH
413-626-4688 CELL

FIRE PANEL REPLACEMENT (OUT OF DATE)
DEVICE REPLACEMENT FOR COMPATIBILITY
PROPOSAL VALID 4/3/25 -10/3/25

- 1 954 POINT ADDRESSABLE FIRE PANEL
- ES-1000X
- 90 PHOTO SMOKES W BASES
- 10 PULL STATIONS-ADDRESSABLE
- 1 FIXED TEMP HEAT DETECTORS W BASES
- 1 ADDRESSABLE MONITOR MODULE
- 2 ADDRESSABLE CONTROL RELAY MODULES
- 2 INTELLIGENT BEAMS
- 1 ALL TESTING & INSPECTIONS

TOTAL INSTALLED: \$29,425.00
PLUS PERMITS

1 year warranty on all parts and labor
50% deposit required to schedule work
Balance due upon completion.

Lic # 286 C / 685 D / SS 002458

CAPITAL STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE					
	EFF DATE	AMOUNT	COMMENTS	BALANCE	VOTE DATE
			FY2025		
	9/18/2024	-200,000.00	HOLYOKE WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATIONS	780,866.98	9/18/2024
		437.13	2025 INTEREST JULY-SEPT 2024	781,304.11	
	10/15/2024	-192,500.00	CENTRAL FUELING STATION DESIGN WORK	588,804.11	10/15/2024
	10/15/2024	-150,000.00	HPS MCMAHON BOILER	438,804.11	10/15/2024
	12/3/2024	-49,915.00	HVAC R&M PUBLIC LIBRARY	388,889.11	12/3/2024
	12/17/2024	927,778.00	TR FROM GENERAL STABILIZATION - INTEREST	1,316,667.11	12/17/2024
	12/17/2024	-927,778.00	SEWER SUBSIDY	388,889.11	12/17/2024
	2/14/2025	-30,000.00	WAR MEMORIAL BLDG R&M	358,889.11	1/21/2025
	2/14/2025	-293,439.63	DPW HIGHWAY - 3 PLOW TRUCKS	65,449.48	2/4/2025
	4/15/2025	-25,000.00	HPD ELECTRIC HANDICAP DOOR	40,449.48	3/18/2025
		379.39	2025 INTEREST OCT 2024-JAN 2025	40,828.87	
AGENDA	5/6/2025	-1,878.10	R&M CITY HALL - FIRE PANEL	38,950.77	

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Within a Classification

Dept. Name DPW

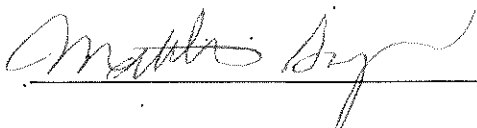
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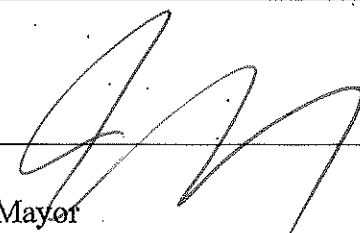
I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred *within one* of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications within my department and as further detailed below:

Personal Services X Expenses _____ Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
14301	51102	HMEO	0335 -	
14301	51300	Trash over time		0335 -
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Reason for request: Trash overtime


Head of Department


Mayor

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Within a Classification

Dept. Name DPW

Date 4.15.2025

I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred *within one* of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications within my department and as further detailed below:

Personal Services X Expenses X Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12941	5104	Tree Climber	(3066.54)	
12941	51300	Forestry overtime	()	3066.54
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Reason for request:

Car overtime

[Signature]

Head of Department

[Signature]
Mayor

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Between Classifications

Dept. Name DPW

Date 4/15/2025

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Personal Services X Expenses X Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12941	51104	Tree Climber	45525.58	
12942	53010	Contract Forestry Services		45,525.58
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Reason for request:

Tree work

Matthew J. Joy
Head of Department.

[Signature]
Mayor

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City of Holyoke
Request for Appropriation Transfer
Within a Classification

Dept. Name Fire

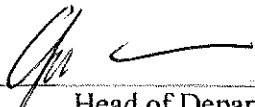
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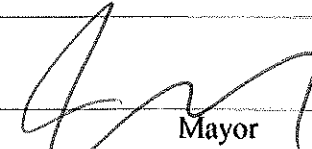
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Personal Services X Expenses _____ Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12201	51105	Firefighters	(27,000.00)	
12201	51300	Overtime	()	20,000.00
12201	51301	Arson	()	1,000.00
12201	51302	Haz Mat OT	()	6,000.00
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Reason for request: To cover until the end of the fiscal year


Head of Department


Mayor

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Within a Classification

Dept. Name Fire

Date 05 / 01 / 2025

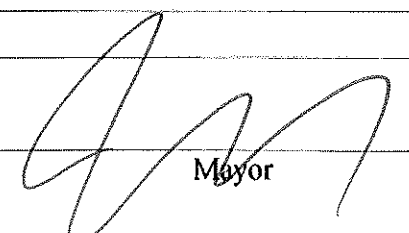
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Personal Services X Expenses _____ Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12201	51103	Fire Captain	(10,946.34)	
12201	51102	Deputy Fire Chief	()	2,214.95
12201	51104	Fire Lieutenant	()	8,476.42
12201	51109	Assistant Superintendent of Fire Alarms	()	254.97
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Reason for request: To cover until the end of the fiscal year


Head of Department


Mayor

Dept. Name Fire

Personal Services X Expenses X Capital Outlay

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Reason for request: To cover until the end of the fiscal year

Head of Department

Mayor

City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Within a Classification

Dept. Name Fire

Date 04 / 11 / 2025

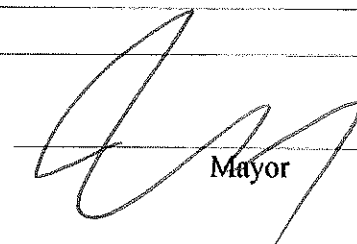
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Personal Services X Expenses _____ Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12201	51103	Fire Captain	(3,663.90)	
12201	51104	Fire Lieutenant	(3,142.74)	
12201	51180	PAY-INJURED ON DUTY	()	6,806.64
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Reason for request: PP #21 To cover payroll for injured on duty


Head of Department


Mayor

City of Holyoke
Request for Appropriation Transfer
Within a Classification

Dept. Name Fire

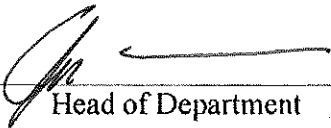
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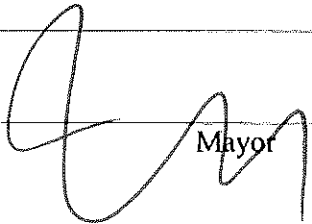
I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred *within one* of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications within my department and as further detailed below:

Personal Services X Expenses _____ Capital Outlay _____

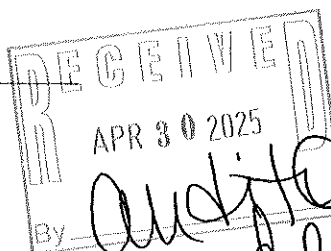
Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
12201	51103	Fire Captain	(3,663.90)	
12201	51104	Fire Lieutenant	(3,142.74)	
12201	51180	Injured On Duty	()	6,806.64
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Reason for request: PP #22 To cover payroll for Injured On Duty


Head of Department


Mayor

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City of Holyoke

Request for Appropriation Transfer Between Classifications

Dept. Name Mayor

Date 4/29/2015

Use as a basis for preparing a financial order to be placed in front of City Council. I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred between two or more of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications and as further detailed below:

Personal Services X Expenses X Capital Outlay _____

Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
11211	51104	CAFO	(5,000)	
11212	51200	Out of State Travel	()	5,000
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Reason for request:

replacement transfer for Tyler Connect
conference fee attached denied transfer

Head of Department

Mayor

Form TR-1 (6/92)



City of Holyoke
City Council

- DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND Dollars AND 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000) as follows:

	FROM	TO
1421 51102DPW HOISTING EQUIP		5,000
OPERATOR		
01010 57200 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL		5,000
	5,000	5,000

Presented to the Mayor	Mayor's Office
For Approval _____20	Holyoke, MA _____20
_____	Approved _____
City Clerk	Mayor

CITY OF HOLYOKE
BY CITY COUNCIL

DATE March 4, 25
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
Finance
BRENNAMURPHY LEARY CLERK



City of Holyoke,
Massachusetts

Birthplace of Volleyball

Tanya Wdowiak <wdowiakt@holyoke.org>

Denied transfer

Jeffery Anderson-Burgos <anderson-burgosj@holyoke.org>

Thu, Mar 27, 2025 at 10:53 AM

To: Tanya Wdowiak <wdowiakt@holyoke.org>, Matthew Sokop <sokopm@holyoke.org>

Tanya

As I'm finishing the minutes from the last Council meeting, I'm reminded that I meant to check on if there was a replacement transfer being submitted for one of the items that was denied last week. I've attached the transfer in question.

This was one of the 3 transfers to cover the expenses for some employees to go to the munis conference in May. The opposition to this particular one was that some councilors objected to the account the funds were coming from on the grounds that the department was still looking to fill the positions that this salary line was for. I know there is a time sensitivity to getting those funds approved before there's a price increase for the conference so I wanted to be sure it didn't get overlooked.

Thanks

Jeffery Anderson-Burgos (He/Him/His) (*what is this?*)

Administrative Assistant to the City Council

City of Holyoke

536 Dwight St, Room 10

O: 413-322-5525

E: Anderson-BurgosJ@holyoke.org

Web: www.holyoke.org/departments/city-council/

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today"

-- Abraham Lincoln



Item 8 2025-03-04 DEVINE - An order to transfer \$5,000 from DPW Hoisting Operator to Out of State

Travel.pdf

155K

City of Holyoke Request for Appropriation Transfer Within a Classification

Dept. Name DPW - ENGINEERING

5/1/2025

I hereby respectfully request that the following amounts be transferred within one of the following indicated (X) appropriation classifications within my department and as further detailed below:

Personal Services X

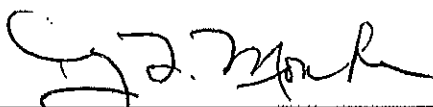
Expenditures X

Capital Outlay

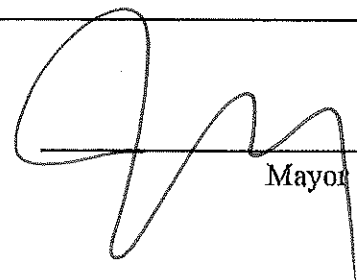
Account No.		Account Name	\$ Amount	
Organization	Object		From	To
14101	51105	PAY-SR.CIVIL ENGINEER	\$ 20,000.00	
14102	53010	PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING		\$ 20,000.00

Reason for request:

GEN ENGINEERING SERVICES



 Head of Department



 Mayor

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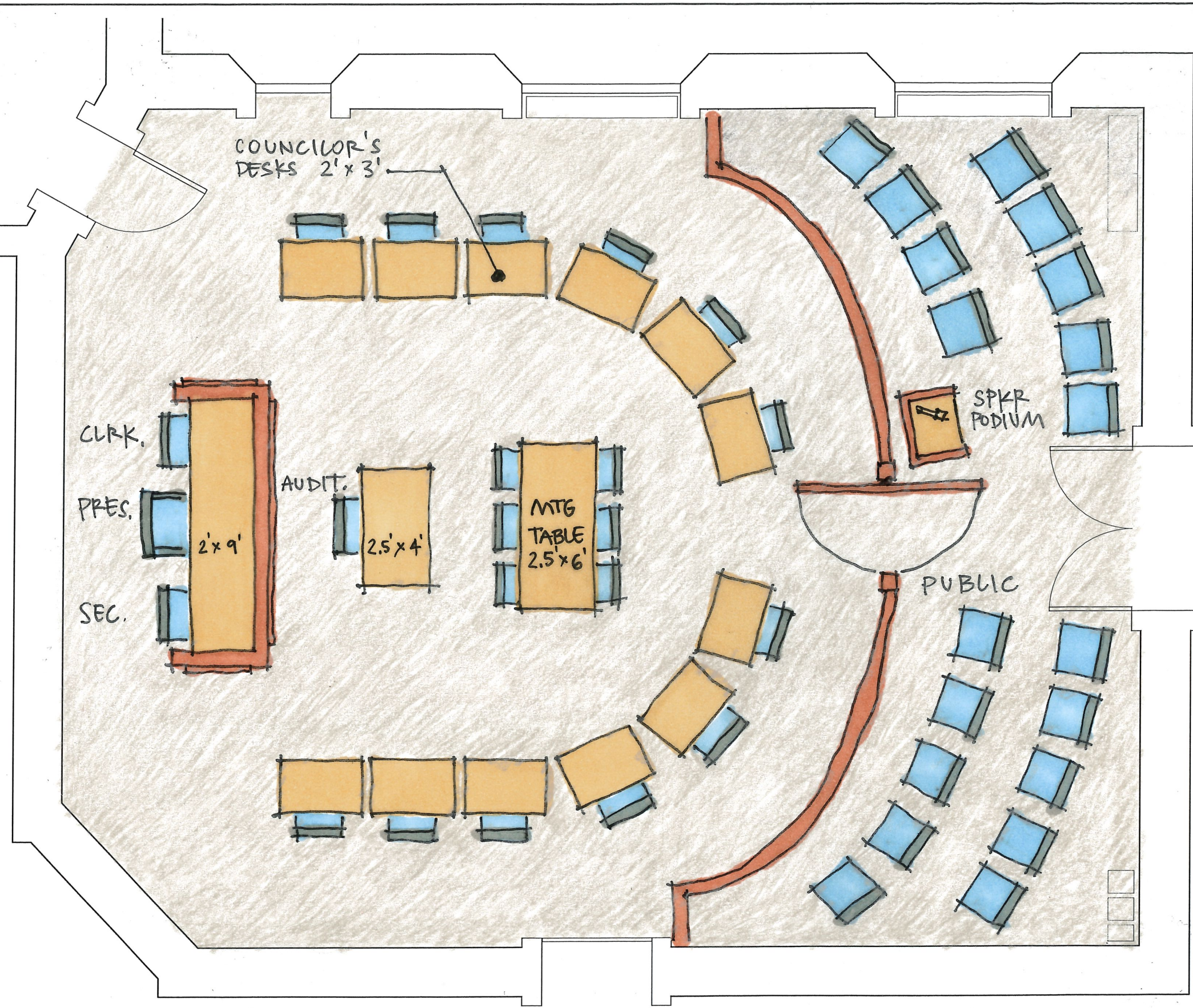
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Re: City Council Chambers Renovations - Scope of Work

The following is the scope of work list for the City Council Chambers renovation project. This project is part of the "On-Call" Architectural Design Services for City Hall Projects. AEL is working under a fixed Consultant Purchase Agreement that includes a \$50,000.00 fee and to date we have managed the work inside this Agreement amount. Final discovery and scoping, and method of bidding and contracting will allow us to finalize all required Architectural/Engineering fees and determine if the Purchase Agreement needs to be revisited. This Scope of Work list was developed using written documentation provided by Sean Sheedy (formerly with the DPW) in late 2023.

As a reminder, the Holyoke City Hall has a Preservation Restriction Agreement held by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) which states that any interior and exterior alterations, (unless minor in nature and not affecting the historical integrity of the building) must be approved by the MHC via a Project Notification Form (PNF). All relevant project scope of work, including additions to the list below will be coordinated with our historical consultant and documented in a PNF that will be submitted to the MHC.

Please review the Scope of Work list below to confirm included items and add others as needed.

Project Scope of Work:

1. Redesign of the layout/organization of space - all solutions will remove the raised platforms and maintain the existing public railing
2. Restoration of the existing wall murals - pending resolution of the water/moisture infiltration issues that are the suspected cause of the wall deterioration, (note that identification and resolution of the water/moisture infiltration issues is performed under a separate contract)
3. Evaluate existing system and provide new HVAC heating and cooling system design
4. Coordinate audio/visual media upgrades provided by Holyoke A/V vender
5. Provide new lighting design
6. Provide new flooring finish
7. Provide new furniture
8. Paint walls, trim, radiator covers and other selected components
9. Rehang existing City Council portraits inside the Council Chambers
10. Assess existing window treatments (horizontal blinds) and review options with the City
11. Investigate solutions to hide exposed existing wiring
12. Repaint walls and provide new flooring in the Meeting/Locker Room adjacent to the Chambers

13. Provide City Council portrait wall mounting details and layout at the south end of the First Floor Corridor wall adjacent to the Council Chambers

We look forward to receiving your scope of work comments so we can begin work on this project

Thank you,

Sincerely,



Marco Crescentini, Project Architect