

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

LAID ON THE TABLE

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee and Admin. Assistant, minutes from the February 20, 2024, meeting, plus communication from Admin Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos
2. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, meeting minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting
3. From City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak, Holyoke, MA Financial Statements 22 - Final
4. From City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak, Holyoke, MA Management Letter 22 - Final
5. From City Auditor Tanya Wdowiak, Holyoke, MA Independent Auditor's Reports
6. From Alicia Zoeller, FY2024 CDBG Allocation recommendations and Resolution
7. From Holyoke Economic Development and Industrial Corp, February 1, 2024 meeting minutes
8. From Board of Public Work, communication regarding City Engineer position
9. From Eversource, notification of applying herbicides
10. From Commonwealth of MA Department of Environmental Protection, Notice for Holyoke Water Works to acquire certain lands or rights
11. From Stephen Superba, Open Meeting Law Complaint Form
12. From Melissa Lafond, communication regarding speed hump petition from September 28, 2022

PETITIONS

13. Petition of Tai W. Kang for a renewal of a Second Hand License at 311 High St. Holyoke

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

14. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that the position of Crime Analyst be created and added to Ordinance Schedule A.
Recommended that the order be adopted.
15. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order With support from the city's Veterans Benefit Department, that the City Council update its ordinances to provide free municipal parking for veterans that have an official Veteran License Plate.
Recommended that the order be adopted.
16. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order That a stipend be added to Ordinance Salary Schedule C for \$10,000.00 for the duties associated with Assistant Director of Public Works.
The additional duties for the Asst Director are as outlined in city ordinance Section 2-231 which outlines several responsibilities beyond the engineering tasks assigned.
Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.
17. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order From Alicia Zoeller, Administrator Office of Community Development, FY2024 CDBG Spreadsheet and Proposal Book
Recommended that the allocation recommendations and the resolution accepting the home funds be adopted.
18. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order From Erin Linville, Holyoke Public Schools, Erin Linville, HPS - School Rezoning Update
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
19. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order From Anthony Soto, Superintendent of Holyoke Public Schools letter re: Petition the MA DESE to release the City of Holyoke from State Receivership.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
20. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order From Jeffrey C Riley, Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, Receipt of petition to end receivership.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
21. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order Holyoke Mayor Joshua A. Garcia's response To Education Commissioner Riley's message On Holyoke's Schools' receivership
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
22. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order that Someone who is in charge of Shool Buses ,to come in an explain to parents, why kids not getting busses and if they ever going to get them.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
23. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order That the Joint Committee on City Council and School Committee review and respond to the Receivership response from Commissioner Riley & the Holyoke High &

District 23-24 District Report Card that was released by Mass DESE. Documents attached.

Recommended that the order has been complied with.

24. The Committee on Joint Committee of City Council and School to whom was referred an order Referred from the School Committee - Update re: Purchase of 225 High Street Recommended that the order has been complied with.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

25. Murphy-Romboletti- Ordered that the City Council invite the Mayor, Police Department and relevant financial department heads to a future meeting of the Finance Committee to provide an update on the status of the off-duty police account and former vendor Off-Duty Blue.
26. Devine- Ordered, that the Law Department render an opinion as to whether the current CPA ballot question in the Finance Committee that reduces the % from 1.5% to 1.0% be placed on the November ballot after the City Council voted 8-5 NOT to reduce the % from 1.5% to 1%.
27. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY SEVEN AND 22/100 Dollars (\$2,457.22) as follows:

FROM:

12201-51105	FIREFIGHTERS	\$2,457.22
TOTAL:		\$2,457.22

TO:

12201-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$2,457.22
TOTAL:		\$2,457.22

28. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVEN AND 37/100 Dollars (\$30,107.37) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51105	SERGEANTS	\$10,493.16
12101-51107	PATROLMEN	19,614.21
TOTAL:		\$30,107.37

TO:

12101-51180	INJURED ON DUTY	\$30,107.37
TOTAL:		\$30,107.37

29. Devine-Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF LABOR & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT WORKPLACE SAFETY GRANT, \$11,000, 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.

30. Devine- Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "FFY2023 MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EMPG GRANT, \$12,350, 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.

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31. Devine- Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE ON DISABILITY, \$89,850, 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.

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32. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, TWENTY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$21,300) as follows:

FROM:

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION \$21,300

TOTAL: \$21,300

TO:

15412-52500 R&M BUILDINGS & GROUNDS \$21,300

TOTAL: \$21,300

33. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, EIGHTY SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$87,000) as follows:

FROM:

14101-51101	PAY-ENGINEER	\$20,000
14251-51106	PAY-PROP MAIN & DEMO	22,000
14301-51103	PAY-REFUSE LABORER	20,000
14251-51107	PAY- HIGHWAY LABORER	14,000
16501-51106	PAY-HMEO PARKS	10,000
16501-51106	PAY-HMEO PARKS	1,000
TOTAL:		\$87,000

TO:

14102-53010	PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$20,000
14252-52600	R&M STREETS	22,000
14301-51300	PAY-REFUSE OVERTIME	20,000
14221-51300	PAY-CITY PROPERTY OVERTIME	14,000
16501-51300	PAY-PARKS OVERTIME	10,000
14211-51300	PAY-ADMIN OVERTIME	1,000
TOTAL:		\$87,000

34. Magrath-Smith- Ordered, that the City Council review for approval the FY24 projects recommended for funding by the Holyoke Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC).

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