

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Petition for Pole and Wire Locations. The Holyoke Gas and Electric Department requests permission to locate a line of wires, cables, poles and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way or ways:
One (1) street light hole between property line of 31 O'Connor Ave and 33 O'Connor Ave. Holyoke

PUBLIC COMMENT

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COMMUNICATIONS

2. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Mark Cutting of 40 Briarwood Dr., to HEDIC. Mr. Cutting will service a three-year term expiring June 30, 2027.
3. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing L. Dorothea MacNeil of 226 Beech St. to serve as the Republican Member for the Board of Registrar of Voters. Ms. MacNeil's will serve a three year term expiring on March 31, 2027.
4. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Lizabeth Rodriguez of 193 Brown Ave. to the Historical Commission. Ms. Rodriguez will serve a three-year term expiring April 16, 2027
5. From Mayor Joshua Garcia, letter reappointing Christopher Gauthier of 1 Taylor St. to the Historical Commission. Mr. Gauthier will serve a three-year term expiring on May 1, 2027.
6. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, meeting minutes from April 2, 2024
7. From Councilor Bartley, Minutes of DGR meeting
8. From Holyoke Redvelopment Authority, minutes for November 15, 2023, January 17, 2024 and February 21, 2024 meetings.
9. From HEDIC, minutes from February 29, 2024 meeting
10. From Holyoke Historic Commission, minutes from January 8, 2024 and December 12, 2023 meetings

PETITIONS

11. Petition from various Holyoke residents, petition regarding CPA rate change

12. Petition from Ivory Billards Lounge for 17 pool tables

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

13. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order etition for Speed Humps for Laurel Street.
Recommended that the petition be granted.
14. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that an ordinance be established to address the 2/3 majority vote of the body for votes. Legal please provide the language necessary for review.
Recommended that the order, with two separate legal drafts, be referred to the Council without recommendations.
15. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that we ban single use plastic bags, straws, and/or food containers.
Recommended that the order be given a leave to withdraw.
16. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order Settlement Agreement by and Between the City of Holyoke and N.A.G.E. R1-180 Clerical Union
Recommended that the order be referred to the Council without recommendation.
17. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, SIXTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$60,000) as follows:

FROM:

11211-51276 MAYOR-CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS: \$60,000

TO:

11411-51102 ASSISTANT ASSESSOR: \$3,000
11411-51125 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-ASSESSOR: \$3000
14221 -51105 DPW PROPERTY BUILDING CUSTODIAN: \$6,000
16931-51101 WAR MEMORIAL SR BUILDING CUSTODIAN: \$3,000
16931-51102 WAR MEMORIAL BUILDING CUSTODIAN: \$3,000
11611-51105 2ND ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: \$5,000
11611-51126 SR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-CITY CLERK: \$3,000
11611-51125 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-CITY CLERK: \$3,000
11631-51103 ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF VOTERS: \$3,000
12401-51126 SR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-BUILDING & CODES : \$3,000
15101-51126 SR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT-BOARD OF HEALTH: \$3,000
15101-51109 SANITARIAN I: \$10,000
15101-51104 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE: \$2,000
11461-51106 SR DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR: \$5,000
11451-51131 SR PAYROLL SPECIALIST: \$5,000

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

18. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that the City Council review for approval the FY24 projects recommended for funding by the Holyoke Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC).
Recommended that the Appleton Mill project be referred to the full Council without recommendation all and other projects be adopted
19. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order The DPW and Mayor consider repairing the sidewalk and tree belt proximate to 548 South St. Send copy to Finance. Request appropriation from Mayor if this Order makes sense.
Recommended that the order be referred to the mayor.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

20. Givner- Ordred the DPW install a handicap sign at 199 Beech St for Pablo Gonzalez. Handicap Placard PL2280794.
21. Magrath-Smith- Ordered, that City Ordinance section 74-34 be revised to remove (2):
"Any entity that does not receive city solid waste collection services will be exempt from this section if they can prove that the cost of implementing such a plan, over a 12-month period, would cost more than their current solid waste removal plan."
22. Ocasio- ordered that the DPW install a handicap sign at 624 South East St. #202 for Syliva Reyes. Handicap Placard PL780517
23. Ocasio- Ordered that the DPW install a sign at the Entrance to Holyoke coming North on Route 5 ,that notifies drivers Not to use Air Brakes unless Emergency
24. Ocasio- Ordered that the School Department provides a Crossing Guard at the corner of South Bridge St and Sargent St. To protect the children and families crossing the street. Coming to and from Morgan School this is a very dangerous situation that needs immediate attention.
25. Ocasio- Ordered that a Don't Block Driveway sign be installed at Elliott Place on Main Street.
26. Ocasio- Ordered that all the Money meters throughout Holyoke be checked, to see if broken or just need a change of (9V) battery.
27. Ocasio- Order that the Speed Humps in front of Dean School and Raised Crosswalks be repainted, yellow to help distinguish them from the roadway to improve safety and effectiveness.
28. Bartley, Rivera, Sullivan- DPW install a STOP sign at Charles St. where it intersects Laurel St. Receive, Adopt, Refer to DPW and please follow-up with the admin. Assistant in 45 days to advise if/when installed.
29. Bartley, Sullivan, Rivera- HPD enforce the STOP sign at Brown Ave and Laurel St. Receive, Adopt, Refer to HPD for implementation and send to Public Safety for a follow-up meeting in 2 months to review results.

30. Bartley, Rivera- DPW install “warning” sign to motorists of 3-way STOP signs at Charles St. // Washington Ave. Receive, Adopt, Refer to DPW. Send order to Public Safety for a follow-up and send communication to Admin Asst in 45 days to advise if/when installed.
31. Bartley, Sullivan, Rivera- Have the HPD advise on the status of formation of a traffic bureau and a code enforcement.
32. Bartley, Rivera, Sullivan- The mayor and the DPW finance speed humps at Laurel St. Please see the Petition approved in ordinance 4/10/24 and (I hope) at full city council 4/17/24. Refer to Mayor and Finance.
33. Bartley- The fencing around the Fitzpatrick Rink – especially along the N-side of Parenteau Dr. – is disgraceful and in desperate need of repair. Please notice the glorious Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the vendor operating the rink. The vendor to its credit as done great work to repair the fence along S. Elm St. Refer to state DCR, the vendor for the Rink, and Rep. Duffy. Please copy Public Safety to follow-up on this in 60 days with a status report.
34. Bartley- OPED please provide status on 245 High Street. Building sits across High St from City Hall and the windows are boarded with plywood. Minutes from DGR meeting are attached as a communication. Refer to OPED, Mayor and Law Dept.
35. Bartley- DPW conduct the following on the ‘way finder’ signs in Smith’s Ferry: fix the damaged ‘Holyoke Country *Club’ sign on the southbound side of Rt 5 and install a new sign on the northbound side of Rt 5 as it’s been missing now for a few years. Receive, Adopt and Refer to DPW. Copy to Public Safety to follow-up in 45 days.
36. Bartley, Vacon- DPW remove the broken metal pole protruding from the tree belt near the Shell Station on Whiting Farms Rd. Receive, Adopt and Refer.
37. Bartley- DPW repair the “Hamshire St” street sign located at corner of Pine St. Sign is damaged. Receive, Adopt and Refer. Copy to Public Safety for follow-up in 45 days.
38. 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 FIREFIGHTER \$2,457.22
 TOTAL: \$2,457.22
TO:
12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY (PAY PERIOD #20) \$2,457.22
 TOTAL: \$2,457.22
39. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, TWENTY THREE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN AND 20/100 Dollars (\$23,797.20) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51105 SERGEANTS \$10,493.16

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 13,304.04

TOTAL: \$23,797.20

TO:

12101-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$23,797.20

TOTAL: \$23,797.20

40. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, THIRTY TWO THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE AND 00/100 Dollars (\$32,975.00) as follows:

FROM:

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION \$32,975

TOTAL: \$32,975.00

TO:

16303-58001 RECREATION CAPITAL OUTLAY-VEHICLES \$32,975

TOTAL: \$32,975.00

41. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$80,160) as follows:

FROM:

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION \$80,160

TOTAL: \$80,160

TO:

12203-58000 FIRE DEPT. - CAPITAL OUTLAY VEHICLES \$80,160

TOTAL: \$80,160

42. Devine- Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2024, TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000) as follows:

FROM:

15101-51103 SANITARIAN II \$11,000

15101-51107 SANITARIAN III 6,000

15101-51109 SANITARIAN I 5,000

15101-51111 FLOATING CLERK 3,000

TOTAL: \$25,000

TO:

11512-53010 SPECIAL COUNSEL \$20,000

11512-53006 PROFESSIONALSERVICES -OTHER 5,000

TOTAL: \$25,000

43. Devine- Financial Order: That the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) is appropriated for the purpose of financing the demolition, remodeling, reconstruction, engineering, construction, and equipping or re-equipping of various city parking

facilities, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto. 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 or any other enabling authority.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any state aid available for the project; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects.

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.

44. Devine- Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "MASSDEP FY24 SEWAGE NOTIFICATION ASSISTANCE GRANT, \$50,000, NO MATCH" grant and authorizes the establishment of a Fund or other method appropriate for the accounting of the receipts and expenditures of all resources associated with the administration of said grant.

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.

45. Devine- Ordered, that the amount of ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 Dollars (\$1,950) be authorized from the COMPUTER Department's SOFTWARE LICENSE/USAGE FEES (11552-53100) appropriation in fiscal year 2024 for services rendered in fiscal year 2023 which were unencumbered at the 2023 fiscal year end.
46. Devine- ordered that the handicapped access ramp from the City Hall parking deck into City Hall be replaced as finances allow.
47. Devine-That City Council rule 9 (Committees) Section (P) be amended to change 45 days to 60 days. New language: All orders sent to any subcommittee be acted upon (taken up, not disposed of) within 60 days shall be deemed tabled.

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