

AGENDA FOR THE CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC COMMENT

LAI D ON THE TABLE

1. 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
.-. UPDATE TO FY2025 .
TOTAL: \$108,695.56
TO:
19412-57630 SOLICITOR - CLAIMS & DAMAGES \$108,695.56
TOTAL: \$108,695.56
2. MAGRATH-SMITH - Ordered, that the Director of Economic Development and Planning come into the Finance Sub-Committee to discuss the use of cannabis impact fee funds and future implications for us as a city.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. From City Clerk Brenna Murphy Leary and Admin. Assistant Jeffery Anderson-Burgos, meeting minutes from September 18, 2024
4. Memorandum of Agreement by and Between the City of Holyoke and NAGE R1-180, Clerical Union
5. From Linda Vacon-Sex Har HPD, Investigation of Complaints Against Manuel Reyes
6. Grant-Completion-Form-for-Fund-0689 FY24 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant
7. From Board of Fire Commissioners, meeting minutes from August 19, 2024
8. From Stephen Superba, Email to Council accompanying document on Investigation of Complaint Against Manuel Reyes(1)

PETITIONS

9. Speed Hump Petition from Hampshire Street Residents
10. Petition of Peter Hannoush for a renewal for a Second Hand License at 50 Holyoke St.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

11. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that an ordinance be created that establishes a public process for approving the installation of raised crosswalks that includes input from safety departments and the public and a determination from engineering.
Recommended that the order be adopted.
12. The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order that Holyoke double the tax abatement for veterans as authorized by the Hero Act: Expanding Veteran Property Tax Exemptions.
Recommended that the order be adopted.
13. -- The Committee on Ordinance to whom was referred an order To explore creating a zoning and code enforcement position in the building department.
Recommended that the order has been complied with.
14. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIVE THOUSAND SIXTY NINE AND 13/100 Dollars (\$5,069.13) as follows:
FROM:
11351-51106 AUDIT-PROF ACCOUNTANT HPD \$5,069.13
TOTAL: \$5,069.13
TO:
11522-53009 PERSONNEL-PROF SERVICES \$5,069.13
TOTAL: \$5,069.13
Recommended that the order be adopted.
15. 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 EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$58,500) as follows:
FROM:
11751-51109 PLANNER II \$58,500
TOTAL: \$58,500
TO:
11751-51106 PLANNER I \$58,500
TOTAL: \$58,500
Recommended that the order be adopted.
16. 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:
14101-51101 PAY-ENGINEER \$19,000
14101-51105 PAY-SR CIVIL ENGINEER 14,000
TOTAL: \$33,000
TO:
14102-53010 PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES \$33,000
TOTAL: \$33,000
Recommended that the order be adopted.

17. 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 "MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY EMPG GRANT, \$5,000, 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.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

18. The Committee on Finance to whom was referred an order that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51107	PATROLMEN	\$200,000
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12101-51105	SERGEANT	50,000
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TOTAL:	\$250,000
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FROM:

12101-51300	OVERTIME	\$250,000
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TOTAL:	\$250,000
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Recommended that the order be adopted.

19. 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 TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY EIGHT AND 00/100 Dollars (\$22,378) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51103	POLICE CAPTAINS	\$22,378
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TOTAL:	\$22,378
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TO:

12101-51117	DISPATCHERS	\$17,404
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12101-51110	PRINCIPAL CLERKS	4,974
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TOTAL:	\$22,378
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Recommended that the order be adopted.

20. 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 "HPD EQUIPMENT DONATION: THERMO SCIENTIFIC TRUNARC HANDHELD NARCOTICS ANALYZER, FAIR MARKET VALUE \$40,871.91".

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council's next agenda.

Recommended that the order be adopted.

21. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order Petition of Francisco Martir, Food Vendor License Application for 415 Main St. Awaiting disposition
22. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia-Elms College Lease Agreement for the use of Mackenzie Field Awaiting disposition
23. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order From Mayor Joshua Garcia- Valley Blue Sox Lease Agreement for use of Mackenzie Stadium Awaiting disposition
24. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order to declare Holyoke Assessors Parcel 030-08-004, 285 Main Street, Holyoke, MA as surplus property and sell to abutter, Johnna Caizan-Torres with an address of 10215 Jamaica Avenue, Apartment 2L, Richmond Hill, NY 11418, for \$15,000.00. This property is valued under \$35,000.00 and therefore exempt from procurement requirements. Awaiting disposition
25. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order that the City Council approve the Resolution for the Certified Housing Development Incentive Program Project including a Local Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) Agreement with Elliott Properties, LLC for the redevelopment of 174 Lyman Street (Assessors Map 012, Block 04, Parcel 001) into downtown market rate housing. Awaiting disposition
26. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order From Marco Crescentini-CCC-2024-06-14 City Council Chambers Plan Memo & Sketches Awaiting disposition
27. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order The conservation commissioner be invited to attend a future DGR meeting to provide an update on the construction in and around Scott's Tower. Please be prepared to address the issue of water run-off to the pond owned by the abutter at 5 Lindor Heights. Refer to DGR and Conservation Commission. Awaiting disposition
28. The Committee on Development and Governmental Relations to whom was referred an order HPD and MA DOT work to promote a pedestrian safety plan for the employees contracted to work at the Soldiers' Home. MA DOT expects to have up to 300 employees working on site for the next three years. The employees are scheduled to park at Lot Q at H.C.C. during that time. Refer to HPD, MA DOT District 2 and the

Development and Governmental Relations Committee for a follow-up.
Awaiting disposition

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS

29. ANDERSON-BURGOS - Ordered that the DPW repair the sidewalk in front of 86 Beacon St. This is a pressing concern as the sidewalk is severely uneven, causing elderly residents to trip in a poorly lit area. Please prioritize this.
30. Bartley- The public safety committee invite the DPW Superintendent and City Forester to a future meeting to discuss tree trimming, tree stump removal, tree planting, and Holyoke's tree nursery.
31. Bartley- The city of Holyoke work with DCR to allow the state access to city property to plant trees at the top of the 391 interchange. Receive and refer to DGR.
32. Bartley- HG&E review the lighting in the parking lot behind City Hall to see if it's properly illuminated. Receive and Refer to HG&E and request a communication by November's first meeting.
33. DEVINE, RIVERA, J. - Ordered, 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.
34. DEVINE - Ordered that a proclamation be given to Kate McCoy for 44 years of dedication as the payroll clerk and other duties in the HPD
35. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY ONE AND 26/100 Dollars (\$7,861.26) as follows:

FROM:
12201-51103 CAPTAIN \$3,663.90
12201-51105 FIREFIGHTERS 4,197.36
TOTAL: \$7,861.26

TO:
12201-51180 INJURED ON DUTY (PAY PERIOD #6) \$7,861.26
TOTAL: \$7,861.26
36. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY AND 64/100 Dollars (\$21,930.64) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51105 SERGEANTS \$7,135.36

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 14,795.28

TOTAL: \$21,930.64

TO:

12101-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$21,930.64

TOTAL: \$21,930.64

37. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY TWO AND 98/100 Dollars (\$25,892.98) as follows:

FROM:

12101-51105 SERGEANTS \$7,135.36

12101-51107 PATROLMEN 18,757.62

TOTAL: \$25,892.98

TO:

12101-51180 INJURED ON DUTY \$25,892.98

TOTAL: \$25,892.98

38. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000) as follows:

FROM:

8810-10400 CITY GENERAL STABILIZATION \$150,000

TOTAL: \$150,000

TO:

13003-58000 SCHOOLS-CAPITAL OUTLAY \$150,000

TOTAL: \$150,000

39. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000) as follows:

FROM:

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION \$150,000

TOTAL: \$150,000

TO:

13003-58000 SCHOOLS-CAPITAL OUTLAY \$150,000

TOTAL: \$150,000

40. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, ONE HUNDRED NINETY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 Dollars (\$192,500) as follows:

FROM:

8811-10400 CAPITAL STABILIZATION \$192,500

TOTAL: \$192,500

TO:

14223-58001 CAPITAL OUTLAY-FUEL DEPOT \$192,500

TOTAL: \$192,500

41. DEVINE - Ordered, that there be and is hereby appropriated by transfer in the fiscal year 2025, FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000) as follows:

FROM:

12941-51104 PAY-TREE CLIMBER \$50,000

TOTAL: \$50,000

TO:

12942-53010 CONTRACT FORESTRY SERVICES \$50,000

TOTAL: \$50,000

42. 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:

11752-53010 CONTRACTED SERVICES \$5,000

TOTAL: \$5,000

TO:

11751-51112 LICENSING AGENT \$5,000

TOTAL: \$5,000

43. DEVINE - Ordered, that in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Sec. 53A, the City Council hereby accepts the provisions of the "COMMUNITY COMPACT GRANT-SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN, \$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.

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44. JOURDAIN, GIVNER, RIVERA, I..- Ordered, 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.
45. JOURDAIN - That the DPW please repair the potholes on Old Bassett Rd.
46. MAGRATH-SMITH - Ordered, that the DPW Director and Conservation Director provide an update either in writing or in person as to the progress made in implementing the Urban Forestry Grant monies for 24-25.
47. MAGRATH-SMITH - Ordered, that City Council approve a scope of work change for a contract between Wistariahurst and the CPA Committee so remaining funds from a CPA project which came in under budget can be used to include plaster work in the Marble Lobby, the Great Hall, the Music Room, and the Silk Room.

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