Voting Members present: Chairman Michael Concannon, Alderman Lindsay Higgins, Alderman Richard Gately, Alderman Edward Tedesco, and Alderman Robert Ferullo

Non-Voting Members present: Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen, Alderman Joanne Campbell, and Alderman Mark Gaffney. Absent: President Michael Anderson

Also present: Mayor Scott Galvin

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**Order to transfer $980,000 from Mayor Salary Adjustments Acct to School Salary Adjust/Eval Acct. for school contract settlement:** Mayor Galvin said the money was set aside in an account to settle contractual agreements with municipal labor unions. He said a new 3-year contract was recently ratified by the teachers and calls for 2 percent raises each year. He said there is also a provision in the contract to allow more prep time for elementary school teachers. He said the school department will fill that time with art and music classes, so there is more than a half session per week. He said the negotiations went well. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the transfer "ought to pass;" approved, 5-0.

**Order to transfer $850,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance Acct. to Road Improvements Acct:** Mayor Galvin said the money in the transfer will supplement state Ch. 90 funds, in the amount of $1.2 million. He said he has submitted a list of streets along with the order. He said the plan has been mostly to re-pave the main roads first and then pave the less-traveled roads, evenly throughout each ward. Alderman Gately asked about the status of Russell and Winn streets, which were paved earlier in the year but are now in rough shape. Mayor Galvin said the pavement came apart because it was put down at the wrong time of year. He said the contractor has not been paid for the work. He said the contractor will be coming back to make repairs, and he is anticipating the job will be done correctly. He said there were similar issues on Wildwood Avenue. He said there will be a 1.5-inch layer of top coat on Russell Street, but the composition of the new pavement on Wildwood and Winn has not yet been determined. Alderman Gately asked if there are any plans to re-pave North Warren Street. Mayor Galvin said he wants to re-pave North Warren Street to Harrison Avenue. He said the contract will expire and then the city will go out with a new bid. Alderman Gately said the list is good. Alderman Higgins asked when re-paving will start. Mayor Galvin said the temperature needs to be at least 70 degrees to pave. He said expects paving to start no later than mid-May, but he hopes it can start as soon as possible. He said the pavement on the roads that are being paid has a 2-year warranty, so the job will be done right. Alderman Higgins asked if crosswalks will be painted because she has gotten calls about the lack of crosswalks by Ryan Park. Mayor Galvin said he will talk to DPW Supt. Jay Duran about crosswalks. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said this process is working and there is great collaboration between the mayor's office and the council. She said she appreciates have a list to work from. She asked if there are any other streets which will be repaired. Mayor Galvin replied he is trying to identify the streets that need repair. Alderman Mercer-Bruen said she

wants to commend Mayor Galvin for working to fix the problems on Wildwood Avenue and other streets are quickly as possible. Mayor Galvin said he will make sure those streets are done right. Alderman Ferullo said Commerce Way managed to survive the weather that the other streets did not. He said there was an unexpected drop in temperature and the weather never rebounded for the contractor to finish the job correctly. Motion made by Alderman Gately and seconded by Alderman Tedesco that the transfer "ought to pass;" approved, 5-0.


**Motion made by Alderman Tedesco and seconded by Alderman Higgins to adjourn**; approved, 5-0. Chairman Concannon adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.


Attest: _____

Gordon Vincent

Clerk of Committees