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here for you," said McGee. "Know you are always welcome and we want to work with you."

McGee acknowledged that passions and emotions will continue to run high in the council chambers, but he is ready to take on the challenge of running the meetings head-on.

McGee will run a council of 13 members. All were present on the council last term except Ward 6 Councilor Juan Anderson-Burgos, who replaces Jourdain. The two seats that were eliminated were at-large seats.

*"To the department heads and the entire public, we are here for you. Know you are always welcome and we want to work with you."*

**- Todd McGee**

McGee received 11 of 13 possible votes for council president. The other two votes went to Councilor Rebecca Lisi. Those votes came from Lisi, herself, and Councilor Jossie Valentin.

**No progress on budget**

The council was set to meet later in the evening with a short agenda. There were no orders regarding balancing the budget.

The previous council turned down three attempts by Mayor Alex Morse to



Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

**Members of the Holyoke City Council are administered the oath of office by City Clerk Brenna Murphy McGee at their inauguration ceremony Jan. 2.**

use the city's stabilization account and other line items to balance the budget. As a result, those who came to City Hall beginning last Wednesday saw a notice on entrance door.

It states there will be no Jan. 1 "actual bill" for property taxes. It states the bill will be sent out as soon as the budget is balanced and the City Council is able to establish the tax rate.

The memorandum also state bills will be due on May 1 and will be for both the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2018. It also states the city will accept voluntary payments of property taxes at any time, and those that pay will receive a credit once bills finally go out.

Anyone with questions should contact the tax collector at 413-322-5530.

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Zrike said the earliest that the new school would be built would be 2021. The plan will be to move the K-3 students who are served at the existing Lawrence School to other K-4 sites. Lawrence School would be demolished and replaced with one large middle school or two smaller middle school buildings, he said.

"The Lawrence School is a very old building and is not appropriate for 21st century schooling," Zrike said.

Before any construction takes place, Zrike said a series of steps is required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority, including the requirement of certain investments be made by the city.

"Through the state's agreement to be a part of this process, it gives the city license to move forward," he said. "The state will make a commitment to reimburse about 80 percent of the cost of construction, provided that we follow certain processes and work closely with them. Ultimately, the City Council must decide when and how we will move forward. This is the architectural design phase. It's a big deal to be accepted into this school building program by the state."

The middle school model would be the second major change to the underlying structure of Holyoke schooling under state receivership. Next school year, William J. Dean Technical High School and Holyoke High School will be merged into one unified Holyoke High, with north and south campuses, with the student body sorted into several academic "academies."

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**1864-66 Northampton Street**  
**Holyoke, MA 01040**  
 Property Owner/Applicant:  
 People's Bank, 330 Whitney  
 Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040  
**Wednesday,**  
**January 10, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**  
 Holyoke Senior Center

291 Pine St.  
 Holyoke, MA 01040  
**Doors open at 5:30 pm**  
 Contact: Debbie Oppermann  
 Holyoke Historical Commission  
 oppermannnd@holyoke.org  
 413-322-5655

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 413-322-5655  
 12/29/17, 1/05/18

**City of Holyoke**  
**Purchasing Department**  
**536 Dwight Street #15**  
**Holyoke, MA 01040-5078**  
**(413)-322-5650**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**#2017-005**  
**SALE OF**

**188 CHESTNUT STREET**  
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 sale and development of 188  
 Chestnut Street, Holyoke, MA  
 will be received by the Chief  
 Procurement Officer, Room 15,  
 Holyoke City Hall, Holyoke, MA  
 01040 up to **January 29, 2018**  
**at 2 PM;** in which time they will  
 be publicly opened and read.  
 Proposals will be available  
 be available electronically on  
 January 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM  
 by contacting belangerl@holy-

oke.org and/or sheridanb@  
 holyoke.org.  
 The City of Holyoke  
 reserves the right to reject any  
 and/or all proposals.

**Lori Belanger**  
 Chief Procurement Officer  
 Room 15- City Hall  
 536 Dwight Street  
 Holyoke, MA 01040-5078  
 (413) 322-5650  
 belangerl@holyoke.org  
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