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Degnan decided upon this as that was the procedure the council had gone through to initially put the CPA question on the ballot, and the council has to follow the same procedure to put the question back on the ballot.

Councilor Kevin Jourdain felt having to approve the reduction as a council in order to put the question on the ballot was worth it in order to allow the public to vote on the issue.

"Without this step the citizens would not be allowed to vote and they should be allowed to vote," Jourdain said.

However, other councilors were hesitant to vote to approve the reduction, as they did not want the public to believe that that was their opinion as a city council.

Other councilors felt that this vote did not have to reflect personal opinions about the CPA reduction, but was really more a matter of allowing the question to be on the ballot.

They argued that they could put the language in the ballot summary to clarify that the council's vote did not mean they were officially taking a position on the matter, but rather doing a procedural step to get the question on the ballot.

"None of us have said we have to take a position on it...it would be changing it from 1.5 to 1 and we're not taking a position as a city council on it, however we take the vote," Councilor Linda Vacon said.

Additionally, councilors wanted to ensure that the public was fully informed on what reducing the surcharge from 1.5% to 1% would do.

They felt that misinformation had been spread regarding the CPA surcharge and how much it costs the city, and they did not want that information to sway voters inaccurately.

Therefore, some proposed publishing further information on the CPA for people to access. Councilor Meagan Magrath-Smith also proposed adding clarifying

language to the ballot question summary for people to read over before voting.

"I wonder if the body would be interested in amending the language to allow more clarity in terms of the outcome of the vote," Magrath-Smith said. "Would it make sense to include language that would name for the voter what the outcome would be?"

Reducing the surcharge from 1.5% to 1% would only reduce the tax for the average single-family home by \$12.78. In 2023 the average single-family home paid \$38.34, this reduction would take it down to \$25.56.

Magrath-Smith also wanted to ensure that the benefits of the CPA fund were well-known.

The CPA has been greatly beneficial to building structures in the city, such as the Miracle League playground which opened this past fall.

Other councilors felt the public was capable of doing the research on their own to learn about the CPA and what impacts reducing the surcharge would have.

The council wound up voting 7-6 to approve the rate reduction and put it on the ballot, with councilors Divine, Givner, Magrath-Smith, Murphy-Romboletti, Israel Rivera, Jenny Rivera and Anderson-Burgos voting against it.

Those who voted against this are not necessarily against putting the question on the ballot, but rather do not want the public to believe that it is the council's opinion that the surcharge should be reduced.

They want the public to go in without an opinion from the council, one way or another, on the matter.

"They should vote on this, absolutely, it's their money," Councilor Juan Anderson-Burgos. "I want this to get on the ballot, I want to be clear."

Jourdain then made a motion to reconsider the council's actions and table the discussion for another meeting. Therefore, the council will discuss this again in the future.

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For a complete copy of the application and site plan, contact the Planning Department at (413) 322-5575.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
Docket No. HD24P0279EA  
Estate of:  
Richard Allen Jalbert  
Also Known As:  
Richard A Jalbert  
Date of Death:  
Dec 31, 2023**

**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Thomas J Jalbert of Chicopee MA**

has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without** surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

03/01/2024

**CITY OF HOLYOKE Office of Purchasing REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES RFP 2024-40P&R**

The City of Holyoke is soliciting proposals for management services to operate the Jones Ferry River Access Center. Services required range from facility maintenance and security to water based recreational programming. Applicants should demonstrate a record of successful experience with contracts of this magnitude, more importantly with projects of similar nature in Massachusetts in the recent past. Requests for Proposals are available from the City of Holyoke through its Purchasing Department at the address below.

Proposals are to be submitted on or before **March 20, 2024, at 2PM** to:

**Ms. Jaime Morrow  
Chief Procurement Officer**  
Purchasing Department  
Room 3,  
City Hall Holyoke, MA  
01040  
(413) 322-5650

No Electronic Submissions allowed. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.  
03/01/2024

**PUBIC NOTICE**

The Holyoke License Board will be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 5:15 pm. You can join via Zoom.com; ID **86073263075**; CALL IN: **\*67 646 558 8656** or in person at City Hall Annex 20 Korean Veterans Plaza Room 403, regarding the application for a **Change of Location of an All Alcohol Liquor License (Off- Premises) from Rani Corporation DBA Jubinville Package Store, 370 Main Street transferring to Rani Corporation DBA Jubinville Package Store, 392 Main Street.**, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch.138.

Applicant: Rani Corporation  
License Board:  
Anthony Luciano, Chairman  
02/23/24, 03/01/24

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD24C0061CA  
In the matter of:  
Cynthia Velazquez  
CITATION ON  
PETITION TO CHANGE  
NAME**

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by: **Cynthia Velazquez of Holyoke, MA**

requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: **Cynthia Morales**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Hampden Probate and Family Court before 10:00a.m. on the return day of 03/26/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 23, 2024

**Rosemary A Saccomani**  
Register of Probate  
03/01/24

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampshire Probate and Family Court  
15 Atwood Drive  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413)586-8500  
Docket No. HS24P0110PO**

**In the matter of:  
Zabik Irrevocable Real Estate Trust  
TRUST CITATION**

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: **Alexandria Zabik-Maki of Southwick, MA**

requesting Removal of a Trustee and Appointment of a Successor Trustee.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 03/27/2024.**

**This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Diana S. Velez Harris**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 23, 2024

**Michael J. Carey**  
Register of Probate  
03/01/2024

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