



City Council

Finance Sub-Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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~ Agenda ~

Gladys Oyola-Lopez
413-787-6096

Monday, June 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Hybrid Room 200

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 26, 2023 at Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

1. Discussion of Rule 20 Analysis.

III. Orders

1. Order (ID # 7474)

Transfer - FY22 Certified Free Cash to Neighborhood Enhancement Fund - \$3,000,000

HISTORY:

06/12/23 City Council

06/20/23 City Council

CAFO PLANTE SPOKE ON THE ITEM

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED WHAT THE SPECIFIC FUNDING WAS FOR.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED HOW THE FUND WOULD WORK. WOULD IT BE GOING TO DEVELOPERS TO BUILD IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS? DISAGREED WITH TRANSFERRING MONEY BEFORE A PROCESS HAS BEEN CREATED FOR SPENDING THE MONEY. NOTED THAT SHE WILL VOTE AGAINST THE TRANSFER.

MR. PLANTE NOTED THAT IT WOULD GO TO CITY DEPARTMENTS. THE REQUESTS WOULD BE COMING FROM THE NEIGHBORHOODS.

COUNCILOR HURST NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL DID THE SAME THING WITH THE ARPA FUNDING. HE NOTED THAT APPROVING THE MONEY BLINDLY DOES NOT MAKE SENSE. HE NOTED HE WILL NOT VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE TRANSFER.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS ITEM. NOTED THAT GOING TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS FOR INPUT WOULD BE IMPORTANT.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THE BODY'S FIDUCIARY DUTY AND THE FACT THAT THIS MONEY IS TAXPAYER'S MONEY.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF ANYONE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION HAS A FORMAL LIST OF PROPOSED PROJECTS. NOTED HE IS NOT COMFORTABLE VOTING FOR THIS ITEM TONIGHT. COUNCILOR DAVILA MADE A MOTION TO COMMITTEE. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE. MOTION TO COMMITTEE FAILED.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED TJ IF THIS REQUEST FOR TRANSFER CAME ABOUT FROM THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DONE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS. MR. PLANTE NOTED THAT THE CREATION OF THIS FUND DID COME OUT OF THE WORK THAT WAS DONE IN THAT NEEDS ASSESSMENT BUT COULD NOT BE PAID FOR WITH ARPA FUNDS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR A COPY OF ANY NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT WAS DONE.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THAT SHE CONTINUES TO OPPOSE APPROVING THIS ITEM WITH OUT A PLAN.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT HE IS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THIS VOTE. HE NOTED THE LACK OF PROCESS FOR THE DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS, NOTED THE ARPA FUND ROLL OUT. COUNCILOR DAVILA INVOKED RULE 20 WHICH ENDED DEBATE AND REFERRED THE ORDER TO THE COMPTROLLER. COUNCIL PRESIDENT LEDERMAN AGREED THAT INVOKING RULE 20 WAS APPROPRIATE PARLIAMENTARY PROTOCOL. DEBATE WAS ENDED AND THE COUNCIL WILL WAIT TO RECEIVE A REPORT BACK FROM THE COMPTROLLER.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY22 Certified Free Cash to Neighborhood Enhancement Fund - \$3,000,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Neighborhood Enhancement Fund (DOCX)

2. Order (ID # 7520)

Reserve for Contingencies to Fire Salaries & Wages - \$270,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire reserve for contingency - CAFO CERT (DOCX)

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Division of Administration
and Finance

To: Springfield City Council
From: Timothy J. Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer
Date: June 13, 2022
Re: Order for Council Meeting – June 13, 2022
Cc: Mayor Sarno

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the June 13, 2022 City Council meeting. This order is needed to appropriate \$3,000,000 in FY22 Certified Free Cash to the Neighborhood Enhancement Fund.

Background: Funding transferred to the neighborhood enhancement fund will provide citywide neighborhood beautification and improvements.

CAFO Certification: This memorandum will confirm that in my professional opinion, as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in this City Council Order, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

This certification is made in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

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To: Springfield City Council
From: Timothy J. Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer
Date: June 26, 2023
Re: Order for Council Meeting – 6/26/2023
Cc: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the June 26, 2023 City Council meeting that requests a transfer in the sum of \$270,000 from the Reserve for Contingencies Account to the Fire Department Salaries & Wages Account.

Background: The transfer of \$270,000 will be utilized to fund projected deficits for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023. These deficits are due to the retroactive salary paid out after the IAFF ratification.

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Attachment: Fire reserve for contingency - CAFO CERT (7520 : Reserve for Contingencies to Fire Salaries & Wages - \$270,000)