



City Council

Special Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

5:30 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on September 27, 2023 at Hybrid Council Chamber, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Remote	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Absent	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Remote	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Remote	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Remote	
Jesse Lederman	President	Present	

II. Financial Orders

CPC Chairman Bob McCarroll gave a presentation on the 17 recommended CPC projects.

Councilor Govan noted that she would have to recuse herself from items #2 and #8.

Councilor Lederman noted that item #10 would be taken out of order at the end of the meeting as he and Councilor Edwards are board members of the Springfield Preservation Trust. Councilor Walsh will takeover the podium as Dean of the Council and preside over the vote on item #10.

Laura Walsh, Senior Planner from the Parks Department, spoke on behalf of the Parks department

Councilor Curran asked about the square footage of the apartments in the Kavanaugh Building. He also asked about the amount of ARPA that was awarded to this project (Item #9). Councilor Curran also asked if there was any discussion or concerns from Commerce High School or the neighboring schools or businesses regarding the types of residents that

will inhabit these apartments. We need to hold the feet of the developers to the fire. Council should contemplate instituting a minimum of 600 sq feet per unit. Boston has a 400sq foot minimum. Councilor Curran noted his reservations about the location of the project and the size of the units.

Councilor Whitfield spoke on this item and noted that Don Mitchell meeting with the Council. She noted that a partnership was formed with the former principal at Commerce. She noted that Mr. Mitchell will be reaching out with the new principal to partner with them. She noted that Mr. Mitchell is from the City of Springfield and is a good steward to the City of Springfield. She noted that this is another pot of money that will help get this project to the finish line. Councilor Whitfield asked for a copy of the CPC requests that did not make it to the recommendation page. She noted that the museum frequently gets money and noted the importance of spreading the funding around to other less popular projects.

Ms. Lee noted that the project requests are on the CPC website.

Councilor Govan noted that the MHA will be working with the residents of the apartments at the Kavanaugh Building.

Councilor Walsh noted that it's too late in the game not to help the Kavanaugh Building project.

Councilor Hurst noted that he concurred with the Councilors that this project is already well on it's way and should receive the CPC funding.

Councilor Curran asked how many people on the board of the museum board.

Councilor Fenton spoke on the separation of church and state on the CPC requests. He noted that the council can award funds to religious entities for non-religious reasons.

1. Financial Order (ID # 7641)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Abbey Brook Conservation Area Expansion

ATTACHMENTS:

- Abbey Brook (PDF)
- Abbey Brook (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Tracye Whitfield, At Large City Councilor
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

2. Financial Order (ID # 7642)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Indian Orchard Fire Station Rehab

ATTACHMENTS:

- Indian Orchard Fire Station (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [11 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSTAIN: Zaida Govan
ABSENT: Malo Brown

3. Financial Order (ID # 7643)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Historic Home Restoration Program

ATTACHMENTS:

- Historic Home Restoration (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

4. Financial Order (ID # 7644)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Gunn Block Building Reuse

ATTACHMENTS:

- Gunn Block Building (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

5. Financial Order (ID # 7645)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Angelina Park Improvements

ATTACHMENTS:

- Angelina Park (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

6. Financial Order (ID # 7646)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Kilroy House Exterior Restoration (Phase 3)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Kilroy (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

7. Financial Order (ID # 7647)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Alden Street Park Improvements

ATTACHMENTS:

- Alden Street Park (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

8. Financial Order (ID # 7648)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Myrtle Street Park Enhancements

ATTACHMENTS:

- Myrtle Street Park (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSTAIN:	Zaida Govan
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

9. Financial Order (ID # 7649)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Kavanagh Bldg. Reuse

ATTACHMENTS:

- Kavanagh Bldg Reuse (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Perez, Whitfield, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Davila, Lederman
NAYS:	Sean Curran
ABSTAIN:	Michael A. Fenton
ABSENT:	Malo Brown
AWAY:	Zaida Govan

10. Financial Order (ID # 7650)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund 7-9 Stockbridge Street Rehabilitation

ATTACHMENTS:

- 7-9 Stockbridge Street (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Curran, Davila
ABSENT:	Malo Brown
AWAY:	Zaida Govan
RECUSED:	Melvin A. Edwards, Jesse Lederman

11. Financial Order (ID # 7651)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Exterior Restoration (Phase 2)

ATTACHMENTS:

- D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

12. Financial Order (ID # 7652)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Gemini Townhomes

ATTACHMENTS:

- Gemini Townhomes (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [10 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Perez, Whitfield, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown
AWAY: Zaida Govan
RECUSED: Michael A. Fenton

13. Financial Order (ID # 7653)

Order Approving CPC Recommendations to Fund Daniel's New Bethel Church of God in Christ Repairs

ATTACHMENTS:

- Daniel's New Bethel Church (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

14. Financial Order (ID # 7654)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Trinity United Methodist Church Windows

ATTACHMENTS:

- Trinity United Methodist Church (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

15. Financial Order (ID # 7655)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Immaculate Conception Church

ATTACHMENTS:

- Immaculate Conception (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Jesse Lederman, President
AYES: Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT: Malo Brown

16. Financial Order (ID # 7656)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund Community Music School of Springfield (CMSS)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Music School(PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

17. Financial Order (ID # 7657)

Order Approviing CPC Recommendation to Fund Porch Restoration for 113 Mill Street

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mill Street (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED VOTE [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Malo Brown