



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, March 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 11, 2024 at Hybrid Council Chamber, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

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

Reports of Committee

COUNCILOR EDWARDS - FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING OF HHS AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Zoning Changes - Referral Vote

1. Zoning Change (ID # 7893)

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as 400 Maple Street (08218-0106) from Residence a to Business A.

PETITIONER:

Quinfield Realty

ADDRESS:

400 Maple Street

CHANGE REQUESTED:

Residence A to Business A

HISTORY:**02/21/24****City Planning Board****APPROVED****ATTACHMENTS:**

- 3245_400_Maple_St_Formal (PDF)
- 3245_400_Maple_St_2024 (PDF)
- 3245_400_Maple_St_2024_PB_Report (PDF)

Informational**2. Informational 2024-1**

Confirmation of Appointment

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE ON MS. ZORZI'S APPOINTMENT

MS. ZORZI ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL GIVING AN OVERVIEW OF HER INTEREST IN ARCHITECTURE AND SERVING COMMISSION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE IN FAVOR OF MS. ZORZI'S APPOINTMENT

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED MS. ZORZI TO SHARE HER EDUCATIONAL CREDENTIALS

COUNCILOR BROWN AND COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- zorzi appt letter(PDF)

RESULT:**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]****AYES:**

Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

3. Order (ID # 7915)

January Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PAT BURNS, COMPTROLLER, SPOKE PRESENTED THE JANUARY REV VS. EXPENDITURE REPORT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- January Revenue Vs Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]****AYES:**

Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

Petitions**4. Petition (ID # 7909)**

Juliet Street- Private Way Conversion

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Master report Pet 10,303 (PDF)
- Petition Letter 10,303 (PDF)
- 2019 0628 Juliet St Final Plans (PDF)
- Juliet Street Order (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

5. Petition (ID # 7913)

Providence St.- Discontinue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON WHAT HAPPENS WITH A DISCONTINUED PROPERTY

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON HOW THE DISCONTINUANCE HAPPENS AND WHY THERE WAS NOT COMMUNICATION WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

DIRECTOR CIGNOLI NOTED THAT MASS MUTUAL PURCHASED THE PROPERTIES ON PROVIDENCE AND BUCHOLZ STREET.

DIRECTOR CIGNOLI NOTED THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS DID TAKE PLACE.

COUNCILOR BROWN MADE A MOTION TO COMMITTEE, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FENTON.

THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SEND ITEMS 5 & 6 TO THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Street Discontinuance Petition - Providence St (PDF)
- Report Providence Street (PDF)
- 4242500D-2 (PDF)
- Providence ORDERED (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

6. Petition (ID # 7914)

Bucholz Street -Discontinue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

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ATTACHMENTS:

- Buchholz ORDERED (PDF)
- Report Buchholz Street (PDF)
- Street Discontinuance Petition - Buchholz St (PDF)
- Buchholz D-1 (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

7. Petition (ID # 7919)

GONETSPEED- Phillips Ave.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report-Phillips Ave. (PDF)
- Springfield OLT # 2 - City of Springfield - Board of Public Works - Infrastructure Petition (01-18-24) (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

RECUSED: Timothy C. Allen

8. Petition (ID # 7922)

EVERSOURCE- Ellsworth Avenue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED WHAT MATERIALS WOULD BE USED IN THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SIDEWALK. DIRECTOR CIGNOLI GAVE DETAILS ON

ATTACHMENTS:

- MA-SPR-PIP-24-017 - Ellsworth Ave - FPO Drawing - REV00 (PDF)
- Springfield City Council Letter - Ellsworth Ave (PDF)
- Report City Council Ellsworth Ave. (PDF)
- Order City Council Ellsworth Ave. (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran,
Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

9. Petition (ID # 7923)

EVERSOURCE - Freeman Ter.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Petition Sketch Freeman Ter (PDF)
- Freeman Ter Springfield UG Petition (PDF)
- Freeman Ter. Report (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran,
Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

10. Petition (ID # 7912)

Eversource Gas - Breckwood Blvd.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Breckwood Blvd. (PDF)
- Breckwood Blvd - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)
- Breckwood FPO COMBINED (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran,
Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

Grants**11. Order (ID # 7928)**

FY23 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant - No Match - \$49,778.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 11-14 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire - FY24 FFSE Grant (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello,
Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

AWAY: Jose Delgado

12. Order (ID # 7926)

FY24 Workplace Safety and Education Grant - No Match - \$6,000.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW Workplace Safety Grant (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello,
Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

AWAY: Jose Delgado

13. Order (ID # 7927)

Fire - Hazardous Materials Grant Program (HMEP) - \$5,000 - No Match Required

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire - 23-24 HMEP Grant (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello,
Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

AWAY: Jose Delgado

14. Order (ID # 7917)

Springfield City Library Donation - \$100.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Library Donation \$100.00_Redacted (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello,
Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

AWAY: Jose Delgado

Orders

15. Order (ID # 7925)

Order Authorizing Expenditure of FY25 Chapter 90 Funds - \$3,588,375.14

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Chapter 90 (PDF)
- FY25 Paving List (PDF)
- State Notification Letter FY2025 Chapter 90 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

16. Order (ID # 7804)

Transfer - FY23 Certified Free Cash to Opioid Settlement Fund - \$1,521,535.00

HISTORY:

12/18/23 **City Council** **REFER COMMITTEE VOTE**

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY23 Certified Free Cash to Opioid Settlement Fund - \$1,521,535.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THIS ITEM

SECONDED BY COUNCILOR ALLEN

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED THAT A PROCESS ON DECISION MAKING SHOULD BE PUT INTO PLACE INCLUDING THE COUNCIL AND NUMEROUS DEPARTMENTS

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - FY23 Free Cash Opioid Transfer (PDF)

17. Order (ID # 7924)

PEG Access and Cable Related Fund FY24 Q3 Franchise Fee Payment - \$152,609.70

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO HACKETT SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED ABOUT TRANSLATION

ATTACHMENTS:

- PEG24 Receipt (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

18. Order (ID # 7916)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of WS Oak Street (09180-0022).

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BRIAN CONNORS SPOKE ON THE ITEM

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton

19. Order 2024-1

Ordinance Amending Chapter 268 - Trees

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Springfield, in session assembled, that the Code of Ordinances of the City of Springfield, is hereby amended by deleting Chapter 368, in its entirety, and replacing it with the following:

HISTORY:

02/12/24 **City Council** **FIRST READING**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA REPORTED OUT ON THE ORDINANCE

WE CONFIRMED THAT THE PASSAGE TONIGHT WOULD BE FIRST STEPS

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED THE ORDINANCE NEEDS MORE TIME IN COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN AGREED THAT THIS ITEM NEEDS TO SPEND ADDITIONAL TIME IN COMMITTEE

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THAT SHE SUPPORTED THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE AND NEEDED TO HEAR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ORDINANCE AND IT'S AFFECT ON HOMEOWNERS WISHING TO REMOVE TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPERS CLEARING LA

RESULT:	FIRST READING	Next: 3/18/2024 7:00 PM
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20. Order 2024-4

An Order Amending Chapter 16, Board Commissions and Committees

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21. Order (ID # 7918)

Bills of Prior Year - Treasurer Department

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TREASURER LONERGAN SPOKE ON THE ITEM

CAFO CATHY BUONO WAS INTRODUCED TO THE COUNCIL AND SPOKE BRIEFLY.
COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN OF THE APP

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - BOPYS (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton