



City Council

Regular Meeting

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, March 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 18, 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	Absent	
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Absent	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Absent	

Reports of Committee

Grants

1. Order (ID # 7933)

EOHHS Youth Homelessness Grant Increase - \$1,043,402.00 - No Match

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CAFO CATHY BUONO SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- EOHHS Grant Increase (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [9 TO 0]

AYES: Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Edwards, Perez

ABSENT: Sean Curran, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

2. Order (ID # 7944)

Parks - DCR Connecticut River Bikeway/Walkway Grant - No Match Required - \$75,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PETER KRUPCUK, PARKS DEPARTMENT, SPOKE ON THE ITEM

LIGHTING AND CAMERAS ARE THE MAIN ITEMS COVERED BY THIS GRANT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF THE CAMERAS AND LIGHTING WILL BE FOR THE ENTIRE PARK. HOW MANY CAMERAS EXIST AROUND THE CITY AND WHO MONITORS THEM?

MR. KRUPCUK NOTED THAT THE CITY HAS 20-25 CAMERAS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks PARC CT River Bikeway Grant (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 0]**

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

ABSENT: Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

Orders

3. Order (ID # 7943)

Bond Authorization - FY24 MSBA Projects- \$3,883,905

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PETER GARVEY, CAPITAL ASSETS AND CONSTRUCTIONS SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

MILTON BRADLEY AND REBECCA JOHNSON FOR NEW BOILERS 80% REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE MSPA.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE PROJECT

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED ABOUT THE AIR CONDITIONING WHICH CAUSED THE CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL DURING THE SUMMER.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED THE CAFO IF WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO BOND OUT FOR THE EXPEC

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Auth - FY24 MSBA ARP Projects Bond (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

4. 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**

03/11/24 **City Council** **FIRST READING**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA REVIEWED THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT MEETING

ALEX SHERMAN, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FORESTER, SPOKE ON THE ITEM AND NOTED THE ADDED DEFINITION OF CLIMATE MITIGATION.

SOLIDIFY THE RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC TREES AND SIGNIFICANT TREES. A VIOLATION FEE WAS ADDED FOR COMPANIES. GUIDELINES FOR WORKING ON TREES ARE ESTABLISHED.

COUNCILOR WALSH SPOKE ON THE AMENDMENT. SHE NOTED THAT COUNCILOR DAN WALSH AND LEONARD COLLAMORE WERE THE ORIGINAL CITY COUNCILORS WHO WORKED ON PROTECTING TREES.

COUNCILOR GOVAN SPOKE ON THE ITEM AND NOTED HER SUPPORT OF THE ORDINANCE.

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED THE ORGANIZATION SCANS (SPRINGFIELD CONSERVATION AND NATURE STEWARDSHIP) AND WELCOMED RESIDENTS TO JOIN.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

5. Order 2024-4

An Order Amending Chapter 16, Board Commissions and Committees

HISTORY:

03/11/24

City Council

FIRST READING**RESULT:****FIRST READING****Next: 4/8/2024 7:00 PM****6. Order (ID # 7935)**

Order Approving a Request for Proposal Solicitation by the City of Springfield School Department for a Contract for School Transportation Services for a Term of Five Years

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PATRICK ROACH, SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, SPOKE ON THE ITEM

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED FOR THE TERM OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND THE EXPIRATION DATE. HE ASKED FOR BENEFITS AND DETAILS ON THE 3 VS. 5 YEAR CONTRACT.

MR. ROACH GAVE A HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT'S TRANSPORTATION PURCHASING FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED IF THERE ARE SURVEYS/AUDITS ON FIRST STUDENT.

MR. ROACH SPOKE TO THE ACTIONS TAKEN REGARDING COMPLAINTS ON THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED WHAT THE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT WOULD BE WORTH FOR 5 YEARS. HE ALSO ASKED IF FIRST STUDENT REPORTED OUT DATA ON ACCIDENTS AND IF MR. ROACH COULD SHARE IT WITH THE COUNCIL. MR. ROACH NOTED IT WAS \$25 MILLION DOLLAR A YEAR CONTRACT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED WHAT OTHER CITIES AND TOWNS HAVE 5 YEAR CONTRACTS. THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WORKS WITH A CONSULTING FIRM BY THE NAME OF T.A.S. TO HELP NEGOTIATE

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order Approving School Transportation Contract - 5 years (PDF)

RESULT:**ADOPTED [10 TO 0]****AYES:**

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

ABSENT:

Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

7. Order (ID # 7939)

Amended Order of Taking of Permanent and Temporary Easements For "St. James Avenue and Tapley Street" Project (\$170,000) Mayor Sarno)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ATTORNEY ROBERT SHEWCHUK SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

TWO PERMANENT EASEMENTS IN THE NOTICE BE UPDATED TO TEMPORARY EASEMENTS.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON WHETHER IT WAS A SINGLE LANE OR A ROTARY. HE ASKED FOR MORE EXPLANATION FROM THE DPW DEPT HEAD.

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPTY CAFO, TAMARACK DRIVE. SHE NOTED THAT IT IS A DUAL LANE ROTARY. SHE OFFERED THAT THIS HAS BEEN PASSED AND APPROVED.

COUNCILOR BROWN AGREED WITH COUNCILOR ALLEN AND NOTED THAT PEOPLE WITH THE BAY AREA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT A ROTARY.

COUNCILOR BROWN SUGGESTED THAT IT BE SENT TO COMMITTEE

COUNCILOR PEREZ SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTORNEY SHEWCHUK REITERATED THAT THE PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED WHAT THE CHANCES ARE OF THE PROJECT PLANS CHANGING AT THIS POINT IN THE PROJECT.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED COUNCILOR BROWN IF HE STILL WANTS TO GO FORWARD WITH A MOTION TO COMMITTEE. COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIS COMMUNITY A VENUE TO SPEAK ON THE PLAN FOR A ROUNDABOUT.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED COUNCILOR BROWN IF THE MEETING WOULD BE INFORMATIONAL VERSUS DECISION MAKING.

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED THERE WAS A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 4, 2022. IT HAS BEEN 2 YEARS SINCE THE PROJECT WAS APPROVED. SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD PASS THE CHANGE IN LANGUAGE AND STILL HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING.

COUNCILOR BROWN WITHDREW THE MOTION

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton

Resolutions

8. Resolution 2024-1

Paint Stewardship Legislation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

CURRENTLY ON WAYS AND MEANS IN STATEHOUSE.

TOM IRWIN SPOKE ON THE PAINT STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM. HE EXPLAINED THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM. HE NOTED THE REDUCTION IN SOLID WASTE THAT WOULD RESULT FROM ADOPTING THIS PROGRAM. THIS IS THE 7TH TIME THIS LEGISLATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD TO THE LEGISLATURE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED HER SUPPORT OF THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO COMMENDED COUNCILOR BROWN AND MR. IRWIN FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING ON THIS ITEM. HE NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE RESOLUTION.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THIS PROGRAM HAS THE BENEFIT OF MAKING THE COST OF PAINT LESS EXPENSIVE. HE ASKED WHERE DOES THE FEE GO? MR IRWIN EXPLAINED THE PROCESS OF PAINT RECYCLING.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED HOW THIS PROGRAM WOULD AFFECT THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM. MR. IRWIN GAVE AN EXPLANATION.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE COMMENDED COUNCILOR BROWN FOR THE RESOLUTION.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Malo Brown, Ward 4 Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Edwards, Perez
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Tracy Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton
AWAY:	Brian Santaniello

9. Resolution 2024-2

Repeat Firearm Violent Offenders

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE SPOKE ON THE RESOLUTION AND READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD.

SENATOR GOMEZ SPOKE ON THE GUN BILL PASSED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

SENATOR VELIS SPOKE ON THE AMENDMENT WHICH SPEAKS DIRECTLY TO REPEAT FIREARM VIOLENT OFFENDERS.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Ward 5 City Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Edwards, Perez
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield, Michael A. Fenton
AWAY:	Brian Santaniello