



# City Council

## Hearings Meeting

~ Final ~

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, April 29, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

## Hearings

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 29, 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   | Remote  |         |
| Michael A. Fenton | President               | Present |         |

### *Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance*

## Petitions

### 1. Petition (ID # 7938)

Waltham Ave. - Tow Away

#### HISTORY:

03/25/24

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#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HECTOR VELEZ EXPLAINED THE PETITION

THE PETITIONERS WERE PRESENT IN CHAMBERS AND SPOKE ON THE PETITION

COUNCILOR BROWN REPORTED THAT THE PETITIONERS MET WITH THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THE M&D COMMITTEE REPORTED IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION.

COUNCILOR GOVAN SUGGESTED A CHANGE IN THE NO PARKING SIGN THAT WOULD NOT ESCALATE TO A TOW.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED THE PETITIONER ABOUT THE HOURS OF THE NO PARKING  
COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF COUNCILOR BROWN WOULD SPEAK ON THE PETITION

HECTOR VELEZ NOTED THAT THE NO PARKING WOULD BE FROM 8AM TO 5PM.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THE PETITIONERS

HE MADE A MOTION TO CHANGE

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 24-02 (PDF)
- 24-02 map (PDF)
- 2-7-2024 Agenda (PDF)
- TRAFFIC comm mins 2.7 2024 (PDF)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 1]**

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

**NAYS:** Zaida Govan

***Amendment to the Petition***

An amendment to change the hours of operation from 7am - 5pm

**2. Petition (ID # 7995)**

Springfield Cultural Partnership - Crosswalk Painting

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

CALLI GREEN AND KAREN FINN OF THE SPRINGFIELD CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

PREVIOUSLY APPR

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- pride crosswalk proposal 14Mar2023.docx (PDF)

**RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

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

**3. Petition (ID # 7996)**

Wilbraham Ave. - Discontinue from King St. to Alden St.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

STATE REP. BUD E. WILLIAMS SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE PLANS TO CLOSE OFF ALDEN AND HICKORY STREET.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE BARBARA GRESHAM NOTED THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY WAS AN ISSUE BROUGHT FORTH AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- plan new 10299(PDF)
- Report Wilbraham Ave. 10299 (PDF)
- Petition 10,299 (PDF)
- Wilbraham Ave .10,299 (PDF)

**4. Petition (ID # 7997)**

Wilbraham Ave. -Discontinue from Alden St to Hickory St.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 70875 RD DISCONTIN-Layout1 (PDF)
- Wilbraham Ave Petition #10,303 (PDF)
- Report Wilbraham Ave. 10303 (PDF)

## Special Permits

**5. Special Permit (ID # 7855)**

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Mechanical Public Car Wash), Granted November 2023, by Allowing a Change to the Approved Plans, at the Property Known as 710 Liberty Street (07770-0201) (Book# 20067/Page# 143), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.3(2).

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Request:    | See Above                   |
| Owner:      | Tinkham Glen Realty, LLC    |
| By:         | Antonio Dos Santos, Esquire |
| Petitioner: | Hutton ST 21, LLC           |
| By:         | Seth Stratton, Esquire      |

**HISTORY:**

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**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

ATTORNEY SETH STRATTON OF FITZGERALD LAW FIRM SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONERS.

HE NOTED THE TRAFFIC CONCERNED AT THE PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE ISSUE OF ACCESS/EGRESS WAS RAISED BY COUNCILORS DAVILA AND ALLEN.

ATTORNEY STRATTON DISPLAYED A MAP WITH THE PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SITE PLAN.

COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED THAT COUNCILORS DAVILA AND ALLEN

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 710\_Liberty\_St\_Tax\_Formal (PDF)
- Liberty\_St\_710\_2024 (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [10 TO 2]</b>                                                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Walsh, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez |
| <b>NAYS:</b>   | Timothy C. Allen, Michael A. Fenton                                                    |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Tracye Whitfield                                                                       |

***On the Reasons***

COUNCILORS ALLEN VOTED NO ON THIS ITEM

COUNCILORS WALSH, DELGADO, CLICK-BRUCE, GOVAN, BROWN, DAVILA, CURRAN, SANTANIELLO, EDWARDS, WHITFIELD, PEREZ AND FENTON.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD WAS LOGGED OUT AND AWAY.

**6. Special Permit (ID # 7954)**

For a Special Permit Motor Vehicle Repairs (Light) at the Property Known as 491 Allen Street (00280-1202) (Book#23153/Page#291), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.3(3).

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Request:    | See Above                     |
| Owner:      | Sham Petroleum, LLC           |
| By:         | Mohamed Hussein               |
| Petitioner: | Roylan Francisco Jose Reynoso |
| By:         | Roylan Francisco Jose Reynoso |

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

MOHAMED HUSSEIN, LONGMEADOW, OWNER OF THE GAS STATION AT 491 ALLEN STREET, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PERMIT WAS FOR LIGHT MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIRS.

MR. LUNA WHO WOULD BE THE TENANT LEASING FROM MR. HUSSEIN EXPLAINED THE PROPOSED PURPOSE FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

FRANK RYAN, 720 ALLEN, SPOKE ON THE ITEM. HE SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT AND NOTED THE BACKGROUND OF BOTH THE OWNER AND THE LESSEE WHO WOULD BE REPAIRING CARS.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED THE PETITIONER ABOUT THE RECENT HISTORY OF THE PROPERTY.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED THE PETITIONER ABOUT THE PURCHASE AND FORMER TENANT OF THE PROPERTY. HE NOTED THAT ANOTHER AUTO REPAIR PLACE ALSO EXISTS ON THE SAME STRETCH OF ROAD WHICH HAS POSED A CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUE.

MR. LUNA NOTED EXPLAINED HIS PLANS FOR THE BUSINESS AND HIS INTENTION OF MAKING IT A CLEAN AND COMMUNITY FRIENDLY BUSINESS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PARKING SPACES.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Allen\_St\_491\_Tax\_Formal (PDF)
- Allen\_St\_491\_2024 (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez, Fenton |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Tracye Whitfield                                                                                      |

***On the Reasons***

ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT VOTED YES ON THE REASONS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD WAS LOGGED OUT AND AWAY.