



City Council

Hearings Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, June 17, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Hearings

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 17, 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	Absent	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Remote	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor	Remote	
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 # 8097)

24-13 StopSign- Fountain Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CITY ENGINEER HECTOR VELEZ SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO NOTED THAT HE LIVES NEAR FOUNTAIN STREET AND NOTED THE NEED FOR THE STOP SIGN. HE NOTED HE IS IN FAVOR OF THE PETITION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 6-5-2024 Agenda (PDF)
- 24-13 STOP SIGN (PDF)
- 24-13 Stop Sign Loc (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [12 TO 0]**

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

ABSENT: Zaida Govan

2. Petition (ID # 8098)

Honorary Sign - Stephen Athas Way

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR CURRAN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR LAVAR CLICK-BRUCE SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE ITEM

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED HER ATTENDANCE TO THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION MEETING AND THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET NAMING.

COUNCILOR ALLEN HAS NOTED HIS OVER 50 YEAR RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNCILOR ALLEN. HE NOTED MR. ATHAS' WORK DOING POSITIVE THINGS FOR THE SIXTEEN ACRES COMMUNITY.

COUNCILOR DELGADO NOTED HIS SUPPORT AND HOW WELCOMING MR ATHAS IS TO VISITOR'S OF THE GREENLEAF COMMUNITY CENTER.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE PETITION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 24-12 STEPHEN ATHAS WAY (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]

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

ABSENT: Zaida Govan

Special Permits

3. Special Permit (ID # 8025)

For a Special Permit Motor Vehicle Repairs (Light/Heavy) at the Property Known as 235 Mill Street (08675-0116) (Book#13971/Page#590), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.3(3/4).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	B A M B Realty, Inc.
By:	Keith Burger
Petitioner:	Adrian Reaves
By:	Adrian Reaves

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ADRIAN REAVES, HERMITAGE DRIVE, SPRINGFIELD MASS.

MR. REAVES SPOKE ON HIS PLANS FOR THE FACILITY.

HE NOTED HIS PLAN TO MENTOR YOUTH IN THE MOTOR REPAIR FIELD.

HE SPOKE ABOUT HIS CURRENT WORK OUT OF HIS HOME AND GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIS CURRENT NEIGHBORS.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF MR. REAVES HAS REACHED OUT TO PUTNAM OR THE OTHER SCHOOLS. MR. REAVES SAID HE HAS REACHED OUT AND WILL REACH BACK OUT TO PUTNAM WHEN THE SPECIAL PERMIT IS APPROVED.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED MR. DROMEY FOR CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE ITEM. IT WAS FOR THE WRONG ITEM.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THE ADDRESS WAS RESIDENTIAL. PHIL DROMEY CLARIFIED THAT IT WAS BEHIND THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OUTLINED IN THE PICTURES PRESENTED.

AFTER THE HEARING WAS CLOSED COUNCILOR EDWARDS SPOKE AND NOTED HIS BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE USE IN AN INDUSTRIAL SITE. HE NOTED THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL HAS BEEN BRIEFED AND IS IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT. HE NOTED THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO SPOKE ON HIS BEHALF AT THE NC MEETING WERE IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK BEING DONE,

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mill_St_235_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Mill_St_253_2024 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Zaida Govan

Reasons for Approval

COUNCILORS WALSH, ALLEN DELGADO, CLICK-BRUCE, BROWN, DAVILA, CURRAN, SANTANIELLO, EDWARDS, WHITFIELD, PEREZ AND FENTON VOTED YES ON APPROVAL OF THE REASONS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN WAS ABSENT.

4. Special Permit (ID # 7934)

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Motor Vehicle Junk Yard), Granted August 2006, by Amending/Deleting Conditions #5 (Installation of Work Pad), #9 (Outside Storage of Parts) and #10 (Buying and Selling of Parts), at the Property Known as 33 Oakdale Street (09190-0042) Book#10990/Page #0440), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.6.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	KTL, Inc.
By:	George Campbell
Petitioner:	The Truck Buyer, Inc.
By:	Alan Salem

HISTORY:**05/20/24****City Council****CONTINUE VOTE****Next: 06/17/24**

The petitioner did not attend the meeting.

Councilor Edwards made a motion to continue.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Perez.

Council President Fenton thanked Kathy Brown for attending the meeting to speak on the item.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ALAN SALEM, 33 OAKDALE STREET, SPRINGFIELD MASS.

MR. SALEM THANKED KATHY BROWN FOR BEING PRESENT AND NOTED THE CHANGES IN THE BUSINESS OVER THE TERM OF HIS OWNERSHIP. HE EXPLAINED HIS CURRENT BUSINESS MODEL AND THE NEED TO AMEND HIS CURRENT PERMIT IN ORDER TO STAY IN BUSINESS.

JEFF WILLIAMS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITIONER. HE NOTED THEIR WORKING RELATIONSHIP AND HOW THEY WORK TOGETHER.

KATHY BROWN, SPOKE ON THE ITEM. SHE NOTED THE ON SITE HEARING SESSION DONE AT THE LOCATION TO ALLAY THE CONCERNS OF NEIGHBORS. SHE NOTED THAT MR. SALEM HAS AGREED TO MAINTAIN THE EXTERIOR OF HIS PROPERTY AS THE INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS IS DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM RESIDENTIAL HOMES. SHE REFERRED TO THE SITE PLAN SUBMITTED AS A BASELINE REFERENCE FOR THE EXPECTED CONDITION OF THE PROPERTY. "HE HAS WORKED WITH US AND WE WISH HIM WELL".

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED THE PETITIONER HOW MANY TIMES HAS THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL DONE A SITE VISIT. MR. SALEM NOTED SEVERAL VISITS AND ONE VISIT TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONDENSING OF METAL.

9AM-4PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY WOULD BE THE EXPECTED HOURS OF "CONDENSING" THE CABS OF THE VEHICLES.

THE HEARING WAS CLOSED.

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED THAT THIS PERMIT WAS A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND AN ESTABLISHED BUSINESS WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND A SOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A BUSINESS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Oakdale_St_33_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Oakdale_33_2024_Final (PDF)

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ABSENT:	Zaida Govan

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COUNCILOR GOVAN WAS ABSENT.