



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, July 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 8, 2024 at Hybrid Council Chamber, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Remote	
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	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	Present	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Absent	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING COUNCILORS:

COUNCILOR GOVAN SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT

COUNCILOR EDWARDS FINANCE

COUNCILOR DAVILA PILOT PROGRAM

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE PUBLIC SAFETY

Continued Items

Order (ID # 8020)

PEG Access and Cable Related Fund FY24 Q4 Franchise Fee Payment - \$152,642.64

HISTORY:

05/13/24	City Council	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 06/03/24		
06/03/24	City Council	LAY ON TABLE

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

Informational

1. Order (ID # 8120)

May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

2. Informational 2024-5

2024 State Primary Election Warrant

ATTACHMENTS:

- State Primary Election Warrant 2024 (PDF)
- Early Voting Calendar State Primary 2024 (PDF)
- 2024 Polling Location List (PDF)

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

Petitions

3. Petition (ID # 8112)

EVERSOURCE- Rencelau Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MATTHEW OF EVERSOURCE SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report City Council Rencelau St. (PDF)
- Rencelau St - IFP Rev0 (PDF)
- Rencelau St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)

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

4. Petition (ID # 8113)

EVERSOURCE -Willard Avenue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MATTHEW OF EVERSOURCE SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Willard Ave - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)
- Willard Ave IFR (PDF)
- Report City Council Willard Ave. (PDF)

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

5. Petition (ID # 8114)

EVERSOURCE - Alton Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HECTOR VELEZ, COS ENGINEER SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

MR. VELEZ GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE PROJECT.

INSTALLATION OF A NEW CIRCUIT IN THAT AREA THAT WILL SERVICE PUTNAM AND SCI-TECH.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Alton Street Report (PDF)
- 17184286 Alton St SPFLD Map (PDF)
- 17184286 Alton St SPFLD Sole Petition (PDF)
- 17184286 Alton St SPFLD Sole Order (PDF)

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

6. Petition (ID # 8115)

Allen Estates- Sewer Pipe

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

JOHN TOMCHESKI, RJA ASSOCIATES LLC.

CONSTRUCTING 140FT OF SANITARY SEWER TO SERVICE THE 14 NEW LOTS.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Springfield Water & Sewer REPORT Allen Street (PDF)
- Allen Estates emails (PDF)
- Plan Allen Estates (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

7. Petition (ID # 8138)

EVERSOURCE - Sumner Avenue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HECTOR VELEZ, COS ENGINEER SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

MR. VELEZ GAVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL EXPLANATION ON THIS PROJECT.

MR. VELEZ GAVE FURTHER EXPLANATION ON THE PROJECT INCLUDING REPLACEMENT OF MANHOLE COVERS AND ASPHALT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PetitionSketch1of5 (PDF)
- PetitionSketch2of5 (PDF)
- PetitionSketch3of5 (PDF)
- PetitionSketch4of5 (PDF)
- PetitionSketch5of5 (PDF)
- Sumner Ave. Springfield UG Petition (PDF)
- Sumner Ave. Report (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

Grants

8. Order (ID # 8117)

FY25 Municipal Community Mitigation Fund - No Match Required - \$2,864,800

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BRIAN CONNORS, SPRINGFIELD ECO DEV, SPOKE ON THE ITEM. HE NOTED THE REQUEST IS A CUMULATIVE REQUEST FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS.

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COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED WHAT THE SPRINGFIELD YOUTH PORTION OF THE GRANT IS FOR INCLUDING HOW MUCH OF THE FUNDS WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR THAT.

\$250,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- CD- MGC Mitigation Block Grant (PDF)

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

9. Order (ID # 8128)

FY24 MGC Transportation Construction Grant - No Match Required- \$1,500,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

GRANT TAKEN UP WITHOUT OBJECTION

ATTACHMENTS:

- CD- FY24 MGC \$1.5M- Grant Set Up & Backup (PDF)

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

10. Order (ID # 8136)

State 911 Support & Incentive Grant - No Match - \$1,117,816.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COMMISSIONER BJ CALVI SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED TO BE RECUSED DUE TO HIS EMPLOYMENT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Support & Incentive Grant Set Up forms (PDF)
- FY25 S&I - SPRINGFIELD (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Fenton
ABSENT:	Maria Perez
RECUSED:	Jose Delgado

11. Order (ID # 8116)

Order Accepting Mass Gaming Commission Grant Contract Amendment For \$1,210,383.40 to Reimburse Police Department FY25 Costs of Participation in the Gaming Enforcement Unit at MGM Springfield - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LT. TOLEDO SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED HER SUPPORT AND THANKED THE LIEUTENANT FOR HIS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THE GRANT COVERS OVERTIME.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Police- Request for Grant Set-UP GEU FY25 (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

12. Order (ID # 8122)

FY25 Council on Aging Grant - No Match Required \$427,854.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ROY GOODMAN SPOKE ON THE GRANT.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED IF THE AMOUNT WAS THE SAME ANNUALLY AND HOW MANY STAFF THE GRANT EMPLOYS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 COA Grant (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

AWAY: Tracye Whitfield

13. Order (ID # 8118)

Department of Mental Health Jail/Arrest Diversion Program - No Match Required - \$369,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LT. TOLEDO SPOKE ON THE GRANT.

HE DETAILED THE USAGE OF THE GRANT WHICH INCLUDES A JOINT EFFORT WITH BHN.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THE GRANT WAS ONLY FOR THE SALARY OF THE CLINICIANS.

LT. TOLEDO NOTED THAT THE FUNDING WOULD BE FOR THREE FT CLINICIANS AND A SUPERVISOR. 1 PER SHIFT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THAT ADDITIONAL CLINICIANS WOULD BE ADDED TO EACH SHIFT. HE NOTED THAT THE PROGRAM IS VERY

IMPORTANT AND OFFERED HIS ASSISTANCE ON INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CLINICIANS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DATA ON HOW MANY CALLS THE CO-RESPONSE CLINICIANS HAVE RESPONDED TO. LT. TOLEDO NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT USE OF THE CLINICIANS. COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR THE DATA TO SEE IF WE COULD USE ADDITIONAL CLINICAL RESPONSE STAFF.

LT. TOLEDO GAVE A SUMMARY OF HOW A CLINICAL CO-RESPONSE IS DISPATCHED OR ASSIGNED TO A CALL.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED HER EXPERIENCE AS A CLINICIAN. SHE AGREED WITH COUNCILOR WHITFIELD AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF USING OTHER COUNSELORS WITH CULTURAL COMPETENCIES.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THIS GRANT COVERS A YEAR. LT. TOLEDO NOTED THAT THIS GRANT COVERS FISCAL YEAR 25. JULY 2024 THROUGH JUNE 2025. HE NOTED AGAIN THE NEED FOR MORE CLINICIANS. HE ECHOED COUNCILOR WHITFIELD'S CALL FOR COUNCILORS FROM GROUPS SUCH AS THE AFRICAN DIASPORA.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Set-Up DMH Co-Response (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Davila, Curran, Edwards, Whitfield, Fenton
ABSTAIN:	Malo Brown, Brian Santaniello
ABSENT:	Maria Perez

14. Order (ID # 8137)

State 911 Training Grant - \$173,035.76

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Training Grant Set Up forms(PDF)
- FY25 TG - SPRINGFIELD (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Fenton
ABSENT:	Maria Perez
RECUSED:	Jose Delgado

15. Order (ID # 8130)

FY25 Local Consumer Aid Grant - No Match Required \$127,357.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MILAGROS JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF MOCA, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR DELGADO RECOGNIZED THE WORK THAT MS. JOHNSON AND HER STAFF DO ADVOCATING FOR CONSUMERS IN WESTERN MASS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 MOCI Grant Award Letter (PDF)
- FY25 MOCI REQUEST FOR GRANT SET UP (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

16. Order (ID # 8139)

2024 Quality Improvement Grant - No Match Required \$31,012.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2024 Quality Improvement Grant (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

17. Order (ID # 8134)

Parks - FY25 Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant - No Match Required - \$9,450

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks - Grant Set Up Form_AGO grant (PDF)
- Parks - Springfield - FY2025 HSYJ Standard Contract_Filled in (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

18. Order (ID # 8121)

FY25 Springfield Library Foundation Artists at Work - No Match Required \$6,000.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 SLF Artists At Work Grant (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

19. Order (ID # 8123)

Springfield City Library Donation - \$500.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Library \$500 Dumaine Donation_Redacted (PDF)

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

20. Order (ID # 8124)

Mason Square C-3 Community Engagement Sponsorship Award - \$500.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Library \$500 Mason Square C3 Youth Engagement Award_Redacted (PDF)

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

21. Order (ID # 8135)

Fire Department - Donation - \$25,000 - No Match Required

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire - Donation -Brock check redacted (PDF)

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

22. Order (ID # 8132)

BHN Donation - Police

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED WHAT THE AMOUNT OF THE DONATION WAS AND WOULD BE USED FOR.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Police - BHN Donation (PDF)

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

Orders**23. Order (ID # 8127)**

Special Act for Disability Retirement Benefits

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 23 & 24 BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE SPOKE ON THE ITEM. HE READ THE ORDER INTO THE RECORD.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A SPONSOR. SHE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE RETIREMENT BENEFITS PROPOSED IN THE ORDER AS WRITTEN. SHE ASKED IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR ANNUAL INCREASES. SOLICITOR BUONICONTI NOTED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR FORMER OFFICER RODRIGUEZ TO RECEIVE ANNUAL COLA INCREASES IN THE AMOUNT OF 3% AS DETERMINED BY THE SPRINGFIELD RETIREMENT BOARD.

SOLICITOR BUONICONTI RESPONDED FURTHER EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE ORDER.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO

COUNCILOR EDWARDS ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR GOVAN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER. SHE NOTED OFFICER RODRIGUEZ'S SERVICE AS A VETERAN. SHE NOTED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE MINDFUL OF THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH PASSAGE OF THE ORDER.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED TO BE ADDED TO THE ORDER AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED HOW LONG FORMER OFFICER RODRIGUEZ SERVED THE CITY. 28 YEARS WAS THE RESPONSE. COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED TO BE ADDED TO THE ORDER AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED TO BE ADDED TO THE ORDER AS A CO-SPONSOR. HE NOTED THE POSSIBLE NEED TO CLOSE THE LOOP HOLE FOR OCCURANCES AS THIS WHEN A PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THAT THE TRANSFER IS COMING OUT OF STABILIZATION RESERVES NOT FREE CASH.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO, ALLEN, BROWN AND CURRAN ASKED TO

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memo for Special Act for Special Benefits for Misael Rodriguez (PDF)
- Special Act for Disability Retirement Benefits - SPD - Misael Rodriguez - Revised (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

24. Order (ID # 8133)

Transfer - Stabilization Reserve to City Retirement Account - \$500,000.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - Stabilization Reserve to City Retirement Account - \$500,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD REQUESTED THAT ITEMS 23 & 24 BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Stabilization Reserve to Retirement Account (PDF)

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

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

ABSENT: Maria Perez

25. Order (ID # 8129)

Chapter 268 of the Acts of 2022 Economic Development Bill Earmark - No Match Required - \$500,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BRIAN CONNORS, COS ECO-DEV, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED WHY THE EARMARK IS GOING THROUGH THE ECO-DEV OFFICE AND WILL THE COS BE CHARGING ANY FUNDS.

MR. CONNORS NOTED THAT THE STATE REQUESTED THAT THE COS BE THE ENTITY TO

MR. MELENDEZ NOTED THAT THE EARMARK WAS AWARDED BY THE STATE AND IF APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL WOULD BEGIN JULY 8TH.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED HOW THE LEDC WOULD MARKET TO OTHER COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE "LATINO" COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE GRANTS.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED HOW BUSINESSES WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE FUNDS AND WHAT TYPES OF BUSINESSES WOULD BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THESE GRANTS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED SHE WOULD BE ABSTAINING FROM THIS VOTE BECAUSE SHE IS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW MUCH OF THE EARMARK WOULD BE GIVEN OUT AS GRANTS. MR. MELENDEZ NOTED THE \$300K WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AS GRANTS AND \$200K WOULD BE FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND THE EXPANSION OF THE LEDC.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE ASKED FOR DETAILS ON THE PROCESS FOR A BUSINESS LOOKING TO APPLY FOR THE GRANTS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED IF THE LEDC WOULD BE USING THE GUIDELINES PROPOSED BY REPRESENTATIVE GONZALEZ REGARDING HOW MICRO-BUSINESSES ARE DEFINED.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED AT 9:06PM IF SHE COULD ABSTAIN FROM THIS VOTE.
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED AS WELL TO ABSTAIN.

ATTACHMENTS:

- EcoDev- Chpt. 268 2022 ED Bill Earmark Grant Set Up (PDF)

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

26. Order (ID # 8125)

Appropriation Order for Taking Damages for Nine (9) Properties on Liberty Street
\$634,000.00 (Mayor

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TINA QUAGLIATO-SULLIVAN SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

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

27. Order (ID # 8126)

Order of Taking of Land for Community Preservation

ATTACHMENTS:

- (Karen) Abbey Brook Conservation Area Expansion Interdepartmental Grant Agreement - FINAL (DOCX)
- DRAFT Abbey Brook OConnell Oil CR 070124 v1 (003) (PDF)

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

28. Order (ID # 8140)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - (AFSCME) Local 1596A

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

WILLIAM MAHONEY, HR/LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- AFSCME 1596A Tentative Agreement 5-16-24 (PDF)
- AFSCME #1596A CAFO CERT (PDF)
- AFSCME 1596A 2025-2028 Letter to City Council (PDF)

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

Ordinances

(29.) **ORD-2024-1 Amendment to Article V of Chapter 385 of the Ordinances of the City of Springfield**

CHAPTER 385, Vehicles and Traffic:

BY ADDING A NEW SECTION AFTER SECTION 385-17 AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 385-17A- Veteran Use of Municipal Parking Meters.

Any veteran who holds a Veteran License Plate, as defined bellow, shall be able to utilize all municipal parking meters in the City provided for in chapter 385 without a fee to utilize said meter. A Veterans License Plate shall be defined as a license plate that is issued to a veteran, as defined by Massachusetts General Law chapter 4, Section 7, clause 43, by the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles that includes the wording "Veteran" on said plate. The veteran must be driving a vehicle with the Veterans License plate on the vehicle to be able to utilize the municipal parking meters referenced above without a permit of fee. This ordinance shall not extend to any veteran that is utilizing a vehicle without a Veterans License plate. This ordinance shall not be interpreted to include a veteran's usage of a handicapped parking spot without the required placard.

RESULT:	FIRST STEP
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Next: 9/16/2024 7:00 PM

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA GAVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE AMENDMENT.

HE NOTED THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS BORROWED FROM EXISTING ORDINANCES IN HOLYOKE AND CHICOPEE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA REQUESTED THAT THE CLERK READ THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE INTO THE RECORD. HE NOTED THAT HIS INTENTION IS TO PASS FIRST STEPS TODAY AND TO MEET IN COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FURTHER BEFORE 2/3 STEPS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED IF THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING A VETERANS PLATE.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SHARED THE MEMBERS OF HER FAMILY WHO SERVED IN THE MILITARY.

SHE THANKED THE COUNCILORS WHO ARE SPONSORING THE AMENDMENT.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE NOTED HIS SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT.