



City Council

Hearings Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, August 19, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Hearings

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on August 19, 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	Remote	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

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Resolutions

1. Resolution 2024-4

SNAP Restaurant Meal Plan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR AND SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED IF THE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM HAD AN AGE CAP AND IF THERE WAS DATA ON THE USAGE. COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE HAS RESPONDED AND URGED ANY COUNCILORS WHO HAD ANY AMENDMENTS TO DO SO.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SUGGESTED THE ADDED LANGUAGE OF "AND ALL FAMILIES THAT USE SNAP BENEFITS" AFTER THE WORD HOMELESSNESS ON THE SECOND LINE OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SUGGESTED THAT A NEW RESOLUTION SHOULD BE CREATED. COUNCILOR WHITFIELD DISAGREED. THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LANGUAGE ON THE AMENDMENT.

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

Motion to Amend the Resolution

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE RESOLUTION.

"AND ALL FAMILIES THAT USE SNAP BENEFITS" AFTER THE WORD HOMELESSNESS ON THE SECOND LINE OF THE THIRD PARAGRAPH.

THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LANGUAGE ON THE AMENDMENT.

Orders

2. Order (ID # 8177)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - UFCW Local 1459

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR BILL MAHONEY SPOKE ON THE ITEM

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR DETAILS ON THE RETROACTIVE PAY.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS AGREEMENT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED WHAT AFFECTED EMPLOYEES WOULD BE COVERED BY THIS AGREEMENT. HE ASKED IF THE COS WAS COMPETITIVE WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED IF THE BONUS WAS A HIRING AND RETENTION BONUS AND WHAT THE STIPULATIONS WERE PERTAINING TO RECEIVING THE BONUS.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN OF HOW THE RAISES ARE DISTRIBUTED BY DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD FOR DETAILS ON THE PAY INCREASE PER LICENSE. MR. MAHONEY NOTED THAT COUNCILOR WHITFIELD WAS REFERRING TO THE OTHER CBA AGREEMENT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- UFCW 1459 Ratification CAFO Cert (PDF)
- 2024-08-05 UFCW City Council Order & TA(PDF)

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

3. Order (ID # 8176)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Local 3065 (AFSCME 3065)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR BILL MAHONEY SPOKE ON THE ITEM

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED WHERE THIS AGREEMENT PUTS THE COS IN COMPARISON TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES. DIRECTOR MAHONEY NOTED THAT THE COS IS PRETTY COMPETITIVE.

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED HER SUPPORT AND BELIEF THAT IT WOULD HELP THE COS REMAIN COMPETITIVE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED HER CONCERN THAT INDIVIDUALS THAT RECEIVE THE BONUS COULD LEAVE EVEN AFTER RECEIVING THE BONUS. SHE ASKED ATTY MAHONEY IF THERE WAS A WAY TO CHANGE THE LANGUAGE IN THE AGREEMENT. ATTY. MAHONEY NOTED THAT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN RATIFIED AND NO CHANGES CAN BE MADE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- AFSCME 3065 Ratification CAFO Cert (PDF)
- 2024-08-05 AFSCME 3065 City Council Order & TA (PDF)

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

Special Permits

4. Special Permit (ID # 8160)

For a Special Permit for Motor Vehicle Sales/Leasing at the Properties Known as 365 Cadwell Drive (02195-0155) and NS Cadwell Drive (02195-0158 & 0162) (Book#25377/Page#14957), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.1.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	6S T Springfield MA, LLC
By:	James J. Amyx

Petitioner: 6S T Springfield MA, LLC
By: James J. Amyx

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

RICARDO SOUSA SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER. HE NOTED THAT GREG HANNAH WAS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONERS.

HE GAVE SPECIFICS ON THE USAGE FOR THE PROPERTY AND IMPACT TO THE ABUTTERS.

KATHLEEN BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE EAST SPRINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THE BUSINESS WOULD BE HIRING FELONS

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW MANY JOBS WOULD BE CREATED

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED IF THE OWNER WOULD A GOOD CORPORATE SPONSOR

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF THE LOCATION WOULD USE ROBOTS

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cadwell_Dr_365_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Cadwell_Dr_365_2024 (PDF)

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

ON THE REASONS

COUNCILORS WALSH, ALLEN, DELGADO, CLICK-BRUCE, GOVAN, CURRAN, BROWN, EDWARDS, WHITFIELD, PEREZ AND FENTON VOTED TO APPROVE THE REASONS FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO WAS MARKED AS AWAY.

5. Special Permit (ID # 8046)

For a Special Permit for an Accessory Wall Sign(S), Above the First Floor, at the Property Known as 35 Heywood Street (06580-0015) (Book#21986/Page#314), as Authorized by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 9, Section 9.8.17.

Request: See Above
Owner: Behavioral Heath Network
By: Catherine Anastasia, Agent
Petitioner: Behavioral Heath Network
By: Catherine Anastasia, Agent

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE DUE TO HIS RELATIONSHIP TO THE PETITIONER.

MR. DEJUAN BROWN SPOKE ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED HER SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED ABOUT THE ILLUMINATION

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE NOTED HIS INTENTION TO TOUR THE FACILITY. MR. BROWN STATED THAT BHN IS WORKING ON CREATING A VIRTUAL TOUR OF THE FACILITY.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Heywood_St_35_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Heywood_St_35_2024 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]

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

ABSTAIN: Malo Brown

ON THE REASONS

COUNCILORS WALSH, ALLEN, DELGADO, CLICK-BRUCE, GOVAN, CURRAN, SANTANIELLO, EDWARDS, WHITFIELD, PEREZ AND FENTON VOTED TO APPROVE THE REASONS FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR BROWN ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON THE REASONS.

6. Special Permit (ID # 8162)

For a Special Permit for the Re-Use of an Existing Structure(S) (More Than 26 Dwelling Units/41 Units), at the Properties Known as 195 State Street (11110-0623) (Book#23920/Page#129) and ES Maple Street (08218-0204) (Book#23920-/Page#129), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-2.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	City of Springfield
By:	Stephen Lonergan, City Collector/Treasurer
Petitioner:	Merrick Park Apartments, LP
By:	Gordon Pulsifer

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

GORDON PULSIFER, 2001 WASHINGTON ST. HANOVER, MASS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT

COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT

COUNCILOR CURRAN CONGRATULATED MR. PULSIFER ON HIS WORK ON THE KNOX BUILDING. HE ASKED FOR THE SIZE OF THE NEW CONSTRUCTION APARTMENTS. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT THE IMPACT OF INCREASING THE SIZE FROM 450 SQ FT TO 500 SQ FT. HE ASKED IF MR. PULSIFER THOUGHT INCREASING THE MINIMUM TO 500 SQ FT WOULD BE A HINDRANCE TO DEVELOPERS.

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED THAT THE ARMORY QUADRANGLE ASSOCIATION HAS SENT HER AN EMAIL SUPPORTING THE PROJECT. SHE IS IN FAVOR OF THE PERMIT.

COUNCILOR DELGADO NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THIS SPECIAL PERMIT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State_St_195_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- State_St_195_2024 (PDF)

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

ON THE REASONS

THE COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REASONS.

7. Special Permit (ID # 8163)

For a Special Permit for the Re-Use of an Existing Structure(S) (More Than 26 Dwelling Units/52 Units), at the Properties Known as 310 State Street (11110-0072) (Book#12146/Page#463), 300 State Street (11110-0070) (Book#12146/Page#463) and ES Spring Street (11040-0108) (Book#13009/Page#0444), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-2.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Residents at the Vault, LP
By:	Gordon Pulsifer
Petitioner:	Residents at the Vault, LP
By:	Gordon Pulsifer

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

GORDON PULSIFER, 2001 WASHINGTON ST. HANOVER, MASS.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED WHERE THE PARKING WOULD BE SITUATED AND WHEN CONSTRUCTION WOULD START.

MR. PULSIFER RESPONDED BY SAYING JANUARY.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED WHY IT WAS CALLED THE VAULT. SHE NOTED HER SUPPORT FOR THIS AND FUTURE PROJECTS.

MR. PULSIFER GAVE A DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE BUILDING.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED WHERE THE LOTTERY APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State_St_310_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- State_St_310_2024 (PDF)

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

ON THE REASONS

COUNCILORS WALSH, ALLEN, DELGADO, CLICK-BRUCE, GOVAN, CURRAN, BROWN, EDWARDS, WHITFIELD, PEREZ AND FENTON VOTED TO APPROVE THE REASONS FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO WAS MARKED AS AWAY.

Petitions (Under Suspension)

8. Petition (ID # 8180)

Honorary Street Sign - Jerald "Jay" Griffin Sr.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE NOTED THAT COUNCILOR BROWN WAS A CO-SPONSOR AND WOULD BE PRESENTING THE HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR BROWN AND COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE SPOKE ABOUT MR. GRIFFIN'S COMMUNITY WORK AND HOW DESERVING MR. GRIFFIN IS OF THE HONOR.

MR. CLICK-BRUCE IS RECUSING HIMSELF FROM THE VOTE DUE TO A DISTANT FAMILY RELATION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED HER SUPPORT FOR THE HONORARY STREET SIGN AND ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR GOVAN THANKED DESI JACKSON, COUNCILORS BROWN AND CLICK-BRUCE FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THIS SIGN. SHE ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS NOTED MR. GRIFFINS WORK ON THE HARAMBE FESTIVAL AND ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED TO BE ADDED TO HONORARY STREET SIGN.

COUNCILOR FENTON ASKED FOR ALL COUNCILORS TO BE ADDED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 24-18 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSTAIN:	Lavar Click-Bruce
AWAY:	Brian Santaniello

9. Petition (ID # 8179)

Honorary Street Sign - Rev. Juan Carde

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

NORMAN ROLDAN SPOKE AS A PETITIONER FOR THE HONORARY STREET SIGN FOR REV. JUAN CARDE.

COUNCILOR PEREZ SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET SIGN. SHE NOTED THAT THE NNCC MET ON JUNE 11 AND VOTED TO SUPPORT THE STREET NAMING.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 24-16 (2) (PDF)

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

10. Petition (ID # 8178)

Honorary Street Sign- Bishop Talbert Swan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR

COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR THE HONORARY STREET SIGN AND ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

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

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET SIGN AND ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

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

COUNCILOR PEREZ

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED WORKING WITH REV. SWAN AND OTHERS ON THE NATHAN BILL PROTESTS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED HIS SUPPORT AND ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS, CURRAN AND PEREZ ASKED TO BE ADDED AS CO-SPONSORS.

TINA BURSTON SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE HONORARY STREET SIGN NAMING.

REVEREND SWAN SPOKE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 24-17 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Ward 5 City Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton