



City Council

Regular Meeting

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, October 7, 2024

7:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 7, 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	Remote	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

COUNCILOR ALLEN REPORTED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDER OF TAKING DAMAGES FOR THE SUMNER AVE (ROUTE 83)

COUNCILOR GOVAN REPORTED ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

SOLAR ARRAY

COUNCILOR BROWN REPORTED ON THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

COUNCILOR DAVILA REPORTED ON THE PILOT REVENUE COMMITTEE

IDENTIFY NEW REVENUE

ADDING REAL ESTATE TO THE TAX ROLLS

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD REPORTED ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE

Zoning Change Referral

Zoning Change (ID # 8257)

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as ES Ingersoll Grove (06925-0025) from Residence a to Residence B.

PETITIONER: Regina B Jenkins

ADDRESS: ES Ingersoll Grove

CHANGE REQUESTED: Residence A to Residence B

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ingersoll_Grove_ES_formal (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/20/2024 6:00 PM
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Govan, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton	

Informational

1. Order (ID # 8270)

June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COMPTROLLER PATRICK BURNS SPOKE ON THE ITEM
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

ATTACHMENTS:

- June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
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2. Order (ID # 8271)

August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COMPTROLLER PATRICK BURNS SPOKE ON THE ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

Financial Order

3. Financial Order (ID # 8275)

Transfer - Stabilization Reserves to Law OTPS - \$1,200,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CITY SOLICITOR BUONICONTI SPOKE ON THE ITEM

COUNCILOR DELGADO

COUNCILOR ALLEN

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Stabilization Reserve to Law OTPS (PDF)

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

Orders

4. Order (ID # 8269)

Parks Department - PARC Grant - Blunt Park Phase II- \$500,000 - Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LAURA WALSH, PARKS DEPT, SPOKE ON THE GRANT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED FOR A TIMELINE ON THE PROJECT

MS. WALSH NOTED JUNE 2026 AS THE EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE.

COUNCILOR DELGADO, COUNCILOR CLICK- BRUCE, COUNCILOR BROWN, COUNCILOR PEREZ, COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE ON THE GRANT AND THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PARK.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Parks - PARC Grant - Blunt Park Phase II (PDF)
- Parks - Blunt Phase II (PDF)

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

5. Order (ID # 8277)

FY24 Brownfields Clean Up Grant - No Match Required - \$5,000,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BROWNFIELDS KNOWN AS ES PINEVALE. THE 16 ACRES SITE HAS BEEN VACANT FOR 30 YEARS. GRANT WILL FOCUS ON SOIL CLEANUP.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED, SUCH AS A CITY MATCH? GRANT WILL COVER THE ENTIRE PROJECT

COUNCILOR GOVAN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COS FY24 Brownfield Clean up Set up (PDF)
- FY24 Brownfield Clean up Cooperative Agreement (PDF)

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

6. Order (ID # 8260)

Springfield City Library Donation - \$300,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MOLLY FOGARTY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE DONATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SLF Donation \$300,000_Redacted (PDF)

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

7. Order (ID # 8259)

Springfield City Library Donation - \$100.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Libraries Donation \$100_Redacted (PDF)

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

8. Order (ID # 8261)

FY25 Libraries Cash Donations - \$89.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Library Cash Donation \$89 (PDF)

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

9. Order (ID # 8262)

FY25 Municipal Road Safety Grant - No Match - \$59,999.94

ATTACHMENTS:

- MRS25 Grant Set Up (PDF)

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

10. Order (ID # 8258)

Bills of Prior Year - Various Departments - \$4,395.03

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert BOPY's PDF (PDF)
- Elders Ricoh - FY24 BOPY (PDF)
- HRLR J. Hanson BOPY (PDF)
- PD BOPY - ACR INV #811886 (PDF)
- PD BOPY-JOHN GUILFOIL INV#5858 (PDF)
- TREASURER BOPY - WITMAN INVOICES 195 STATE (PDF)

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

11. Order (ID # 8272)

Appropriation Order for Taking Damages for the Sumner Avenue (Route 83) "The X" Improvement Project \$569,900 (Mayor Sarno)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ex. A Appropriation (PDF)

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

12. Order (ID # 8278)

Order of Taking Permanent and Temporary Easements the X Improvement Project

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE ORDER. HE PROVIDED BACKGROUND AND DETAILS ON THE FUNDING SOURCES, TIMELINE, REGIONAL IMPACT AND

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT EVALUATION. HE NOTED THAT THE COS HAS BEEN ON TARGET WITH THE PROJECT TIMELINE AND TONIGHT IS ONE OF THE FINAL STEPS BEFORE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE ON THE ORDER REGARDING THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROJECT. SHE NOTED IT HAS BEEN 10 YEARS IN THE MAKING AND NOTED THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF FEDERAL FUNDS IF THE COUNCIL DOES NOT APPROVE THE EASEMENT ORDERS TODAY. SHE NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS THIS GRANT WILL PROVIDE FOR. SHE NOTED HER SUPPORT FOR THE ORDER.

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED HER SUPPORT FOR THIS ITEM. HER MAIN CONCERN IS THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS IN THE SUMNER AVENUE CORRIDOR.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE ON THE HISTORY OF THE PROJECT. HE ASKED DIRECTOR CIGNOLI FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THE TIMING OF THE PROJECT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA YIELDED A MINUTE OF HIS TIME TO MR. ROBERT NASSAR.

MR. NASSAR SPOKE ON THE PROJECT AND THE IMPACT ON HIS PROPERTY. SANTANDER BANK IS HIS TENANT. HE IS ASKING THE CITY TO WORK WITH THE LAND OWNERS/TENANTS TO FIND A SOLUTION.

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED THAT THE X IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WAS NOT ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA. SHE NOTED THAT SHE WAS NOT COMFORTABLE WITH VOTING ON THIS PROJECT WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ABOUT THE CHURCH NEAR THE ASIAN MARKET. MR. CIGNOLI NOTED THE LOT WAS OWNED BY THE SPRINGFIELD PARKING AUTHORITY AND WAS SOLD ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO.

COUNCILOR ALLEN NOTED THE RESPECT AND TRUST HE HAS FOR DIRECTOR CIGNOLI. HOWEVER, HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSITION THE COUNCIL IS PUT IN BY BEING REQUIRED TO VOTE TONIGHT ON THIS ITEM. HE NOTED THAT HE WILL SUPPORT A VOTE TO COMMITTEE TO ALLOW FOR MORE TIME FOR COUNCIL REVIEW AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AFFECTED RESIDENTS, TENANTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO SPEAK.

ATTACHMENTS:

- X Order of Taking (PDF)

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

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

AWAY: Kateri B. Walsh

Motion to Committee

Councilor Walsh made a motion to committee

Councilor Allen seconded the motion committee

Councilor Whitfield noted that the Council knew that this was in the works. She noted that it would be fiscally irresponsible to risk this funding by not voting on approval tonight.

She asked how Calvary Church would be affected. She stated that sending the item to committee would detrimentally affect the community.

Mr. Cignoli noted that the church would be getting new sidewalks.

Councilor Perez noted the safety improvements that this project will bring. As a result she will be voting to approve the order of taking.

Councilor Santaniello suggested a vote in favor and then to schedule meetings with the affected residents and business starting tomorrow.

Councilor Davila noted that there is an ordinance regarding 30 day notice for financial orders. He noted his annoyance that the council is being presented with this vote in the form of an "ultimatum". Councilor Davila asked for the motion to be withdrawn.

Director Cignoli noted that the impact to the businesses is sidewalks. He noted that the DPW has been in communication with the affected businesses.

Councilor Click-Bruce spoke on the order. He noted that he would be supporting the project. He noted the need as a public safety need and referenced the Duggan improvements. He noted that the 30 day notice should be upheld.

Councilor Delgado noted the his concerns were the partial vs. permanent easements. Mr. Cignoli noted that the permanent easements pertain to a sign where the owner retains the right to the property. He noted his support for the project.

Mr. Allen noted his issue is not the benefits of the project. He noted his concern is giving the affected individuals an opportunity to take part in the process. Councilor Allen asked if people will have the opportunity to speak if they don't agree when the work is being done. He noted that the FPCA meets on Tuesdays once a month and asked Mr. Cignoli to attend.

Councilor Walsh noted that her concern is not with the safety of the project but the process. Councilor Walsh withdrew the motion to committee.

13. Order 2024-6

Amendment to Chapter 327, Solid Waste

HISTORY:

09/16/24

City Council

REFER COMMITTEE VOTE

Next: 10/07/24

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ORDINANCE.

CHANGES INCLUDE INCREASE IN FINES, BETTER DEFINED RULES AND REGULATIONS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED HIS SUPPORT OF THE CHANGE TO VET INDEPENDENT TRASH REMOVAL COMPANIES.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED ABOUT THE BULK TRASH PICKUP AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOLLOW UP INFORMATION REGARDING THE MATTRESS REMOVAL PROCESS, COST AND FINES.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ORDER TO AMEND.

COUNCILOR CIGNOLI ASKED FOR THE ITEM TO GO BACK TO COMMITTEE

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO SECONDED THE MOTION.

COUNCILOR FENTON SUGGESTED THAT THIS ORDER BE A JOINT MEETING OF THE MAINTENANCE AND FINANCE.

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED HER CONCERNS ABOUT THE MODIFICATIONS AND WILL SUPPORT OF SENDING TO COMMITTEE.

WHITFIELD MOVED THE QUESTION.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO WAS AWAY

THE REMAINING COUNCILORS VOTED TO REFER THE ITEM TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- § 327 (September 2024) - For City Council (PDF)

RESULT:

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 10/21/2024 7:00 PM

14. Order (ID # 8268)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - SPSA

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR EDWARDS ASKED FOR THE ITEM TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

WITHOUT OBJECTION THE ITEM WAS TAKEN AS THE 4TH ITEM.

ATTORNEY BILL MAHONEY, LABOR RELATIONS DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE CBA RATIFICATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Council Report SPSA (PDF)
- CAFO Cert SPSA Ratification PDF (PDF)
- Tentative Agreement SPSA (PDF)

RESULT:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES:

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