



# Animal Control

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Thursday, December 19, 2024

10:00 AM

Hybrid Room 205

## Call to Order

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on December 19, 2024 at Hybrid Room 205, City Hall, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Keith Fleming	Police Department	Absent	
Camile Nelson Campbell	Deputy City Clerk	Present	
Joel Rosemond	Police Officer	Absent	
Megan Landry	Board Member	Present	
Veronica Johns	Board Member	Absent	

## Approval of Minutes

### October 17, 2024 Minutes

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read

**Board Member Edwards made a motion to accept the minutes the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.**

### Roll call votes on the motion

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

Motion passed by roll call votes 3-0

Minutes approved.

## Nuisance Hearing

- Nuisance Dog Hearing for a Dog Named Mia at 64 California Ave Owned by Peter Gallucci. First Hearing Held on July 18 and a Follow Hearing Held on August 15.**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Read.

**Complainant**

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

**Respondent**

Peter Gallucci stated he paid the \$300 fine he received.

**Rebuttal**

none.

**Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dog a Nuisance the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.**

**Roll call votes on the motion**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

Motion passed by roll call votes 3-0.

Board Edwards explained to Mr. Gallucci what could happen to his dog for getting out.

Mr. Gallucci asked if he should keep his dog on a leash in the back yard.

Board Edwards said yes.

Board Landry asked Mr. Gallucci if his yard is fenced in.

Mr. Gallucci said pretty much, and he has a runner in the back yard.

**The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following conditions on the animal:**

1. That the dog be humanely restrained. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-1 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.
2. That the dog be tethered when in the yard. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-9 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance

**Roll call votes on the conditions**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

The board voted to deem the dog a **Nuisance** with the above listed conditions by roll call votes 3-0.

**Non-Compliance Hearing**

**2. Dangerous Dog Hearing for a Dog Named Abby at 192 Harkness Ave Owned by Mark Tourangeau.**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Read.

**Complainant**

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

**Respondent**

Mark Tourangeau did not appear. This is the third hearing. The first hearing was July 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 and the second was October 17<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Rebuttal**

none.

**Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dog as Dangerous the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.**

**Roll call votes on the motion**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

Motion passed by roll call votes 3-0.

**The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following conditions on the animal:**

A Non-Compliance Hearing was held on December 19, 2024 by the Animal Control Advisory and Hearing Committee in accordance with Chapter 110, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance, 2012, as amended for dangerous dog hearing for your dog named Abby.

The committee had voted to deem your dogs as **Dangerous** at a previous dangerous dog hearing that was held on July 18, 2024 in which Abbey was ordered to be impounded, due to your absence from the hearing. An additional Dangerous Dog Hearing was scheduled on October 17, 2024 in which, you again, did not attend. At that meeting, again without your attendance, Abby was ordered to be euthanized. The euthanasia order was due to the fact that Abby had escaped three times, and had attacked two separate dogs on two separate occasions.

The Hearing Committee was hoping to hear your side of the story and potentially order conditions that would prevent Abby’s escape and attack on other animals but without your attendance, and evidence of the above-mentioned escapes and roaming of the City, coupled with two separate attacks, a Euthanasia Order was voted by the Committee.

At the December 19<sup>th</sup> Non-Compliance Hearing the Committee found the orders on July 18, 2024 and October 17, 2024 were valid orders and you failed to comply with said orders. For that reason, the Animal Control Advisory and Hearing Committee voted to fine you Five Hundred Dollars pursuant to Chapter 140 Section 157A. Please note transferring ownership or possession of your dog is prohibited under subsection (3) of Chapter 140 Section 157A. In addition, the order to have your dog euthanized is still a valid order. An appeal of this decision may be filed in District Court within 21 days of receiving this notice per Section 110-13(E) of the Springfield, MA ordinance.

**Roll call votes on the condition**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

The board voted to deem the dog as **Dangerous** with the above listed conditions by roll call votes 3-0.

**3. Dangerous Dog Hearing for a Dog Named Cuban at 67 Bowles Park Owned by Mya Gaskins**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Read.

**Complainant**

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

**Respondent**

Mya Gaskins stated she's moving at the of the month, and she has the liability insurance.

**Rebuttal**

none.

**Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dog as Dangerous the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.**

**Roll call votes on the motion**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

Motion passed by roll call votes 3-0.

**The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following conditions on the animal:**

1. That the dog must be leashed and muzzled when walked on or off the property in accordance with Chapter 110, Section 10-B-3 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.
2. That the owner or keeper of the dog provide proof of insurance in an amount not less than \$100,000 insuring the owner or keeper against any claim, loss, damage or injury to persons, domestic animals or property resulting from the acts, whether intentional or unintentional, of the dog or proof that reasonable efforts were made to obtain such insurance if a policy has not been issued; provided, however, that if a policy of insurance has been issued, the owner or keeper shall produce such policy upon request of the hearing authority or a justice of the district court; and provided further, that if a policy

has not been issued the owner or keeper shall produce proof of efforts to obtain such insurance provided to Thomas J. O’Connor within twenty-one (21) days.

3. A dangerous dog license shall be acquired annually at a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100). As defined in Chapter 110-2-B-10-C of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance

**Roll call votes on the conditions**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

The board voted to deem the dog as **Dangerous** with the above listed conditions by roll call votes 3-0.

**4. Nuisance Dog Hearing for a Dog Named Coco at 45 Redfern Dr Owned by Alexander Andino**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Read.

**Complainant**

Renee Robichaud, Animal Control Officer for Thomas J. O’Connor (TJO) and Adoption Center read their reports.

**Respondent**

Alexander Andino stated he's no longer living at 45 Redfern Dr. He is currently staying with a friend.

**Rebuttal**

none.

**Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dog a Nuisance the motion was seconded by Board Member Landry.**

**Roll call votes on the motion**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

Motion passed by roll call votes 3-0.

**The Advisory and Hearing Committee has imposed the following condition on the animal:**

1. That the dog must be leashed when not in the home or secured kennel, in accordance with Chapter 110, Section 10-A of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.

**Roll call votes on the condition**

Board Member Edwards	Yes	
Board Member Fleming		Absent
Board Member Johns		Absent
Board Member Landry	yes	
Board Member Nelson Campbell	Yes	

The board voted to deem the dog a **Nuisance** with the above listed condition by roll call votes 3-0.