



City Council

Special Meeting

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

5:00 PM

Hybrid Council Chamber

Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on November 12, 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	Remote	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Remote	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Absent	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Absent	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Remote	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor	Absent	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Remote	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Absent	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Present	

VOTE TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION NOTES:

SOLICITOR BUONICONTI PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE CASE BEING SETTLED BY THE CITY LAW DEPARTMENT. GEORGE PERROT

HE PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, THE STRENGTH OF THE CASE AND THE FINAL SETTLEMENT.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

SOLICITOR BUONICONTI NOTED THAT THE CITY COULD BE EXPOSED FOR UPWARDS OF \$30 MILLION DOLLARS.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED WHY THE ATTORNEYS FOR GEORGE PERROT WOULD AGREE TO SETTLE.

COUNCILOR FENTON ASKED IF THERE WAS MORE TO THE TESTIMONY THAN "HE SAID/SHE SAID". WE DON'T HAVE ANY EVIDENCE WHERE ARE THE VICTIMS IN ALL THIS.

SOLICITOR BUONICONTI NOTED THE VICTIMS ARE ALL DECEASED.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF HEIGHTENED MIRANDA RIGHTS.

SOLICITOR BUONICONTI GAVE AN EXPLANATION.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED FOR THE SOLICITOR TO REPEAT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE CITY.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED ABOUT MR. PERROT'S FAMILY AND THEIR PARTICIPATION BACK IN THE 1980'S.

VOTE TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss strategy with respect to Perrot litigation where it has been declared that such a discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, to reconvene in open session.

Order (ID # 8305)

FY24 Free Cash to Law Department Settlement Account - \$3,375,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss strategy with respect to litigation where it has been declared that such a discussion may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, not to reconvene in open session.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Law F (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Davila, Curran, Edwards, Fenton
ABSENT:	Govan, Brown, Santaniello, Whitfield, Perez