



City Council

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, January 6, 2025

10:00 AM

City Hall -- Room 200

Call to Order

ROLL CALL

COUNCILOR WALSH - PRESENT

COUNCILOR ALLEN - PRESENT

COUNCILOR DELGADO - PRESENT

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - PRESENT

COUNCILOR GOVAN - PRESENT

COUNCILOR BROWN - PRESENT (REMOTE)

COUNCILOR DAVILA - PRESENT

COUNCILOR CURRAN - PRESENT

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - PRESENT

COUNCILOR EDWARDS - PRESENT

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - PRESENT

COUNCILOR PEREZ - PRESENT

COUNCILOR FENTON - PRESENT

I. Adoption of City Council Rules

NO CHANGES TO THE RULES FOR 2025

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES

COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES

COUNCILOR DELGADO - YES

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - YES

COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES

COUNCILOR BROWN - YES

COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES

COUNCILOR CURRAN - YES

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - YES

COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - YES

COUNCILOR PEREZ - YES

COUNCILOR FENTON - YES

II. Election of the City Council President

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO NOMINATED COUNCILOR MICHAEL FENTON. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GOVAN:

COUNCILOR WALSH - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR ALLEN - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR DELGADO - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR GOVAN - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR BROWN - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR DAVILA - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR CURRAN - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR EDWARDS - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR PEREZ - MICHAEL FENTON

COUNCILOR FENTON - MICHAEL FENTON

III. Election of the City Council Vice-President

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOMINATED COUNCILOR TRACYE WHITFIELD. SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE:

COUNCILOR WALSH - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR ALLEN - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR DELGADO - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR GOVAN - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR BROWN - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR DAVILA - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR CURRAN - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR PEREZ - TRACYE WHITFIELD
COUNCILOR FENTON - TRACYE WHITFIELD

IV. Drawing of Seats for the 2025 Legislative Session

COUNCILOR CURRAN - SEAT # 1
COUNCILOR ALLEN - SEAT # 2
COUNCILOR GOVAN - SEAT # 3
COUNCILOR WALSH - SEAT # 4
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - SEAT # 5
COUNCILOR DAVILA - SEAT # 6
COUNCILOR BROWN - SEAT # 7
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - SEAT # 8
COUNCILOR DELGADO - SEAT # 9
COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - SEAT # 10
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - SEAT # 11
COUNCILOR PEREZ - SEAT # 12

COUNCILOR FENTON - SEAT # 13

Zoning Change Referral (No Vote Required)

Zoning Change (ID # 8351)

To Amend the Springfield Zoning Ordinance by Amending Article 4, Section 4.7.100 (Registered Marijuana Dispensary and Off-Site Medical Marijuana Dispensary) and Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 13.4, as Set Forth in the Proposed Amendment Attached Hereto:

PETITIONER: Springfield Planning Board

ADDRESS: City Wide

CHANGE REQUESTED: Amendment to Article 4, Section 4.7.100 and Table 4-4, Section 13.4

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3250_MM_Formal (PDF)
- Amended_Zoning_Ordinance_Section_4_7_100_Final_2024 (PDF)
- 3250_MM_2025(PDF)

Zoning Change (ID # 8352)

To Amend the Springfield Zoning Ordinance by Amending Article 4 by Adding Section 4.7.120 (Accessory Dwelling Units) and Amending Article 4, Table 4-4, by Adding Section 2.9

PETITIONER: Springfield Planning Board

ADDRESS: City Wide

CHANGE REQUESTED: Amendment to Article 4 by adding Section 4.7.120 and amending Table 4-4 by adding Section 2.9

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3251_ADU_Formal (PDF)
- ADU - Zoning - 2024_Final (PDF)
- ADU_State_Law_2024_Final (PDF)
- 3251_ADU_2025 (PDF)

Zoning Change (ID # 8353)

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as ES East Columbus Avenue (04303-0625) from Business a to Business B.

PETITIONER: Genesis Digital Media, LLC

ADDRESS: ES East Columbus Avenue

CHANGE REQUESTED: Bus A to Bus B

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3252_ES_East_Columbus_Ave_Formal (PDF)
- 3252_ES_E_Columbus_Ave_2025(PDF)

Grants**1. Order (ID # 8398)**

Community One Stop for Growth- Housing Choice Grant Program - No Match Required - \$500,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING GERALDINE MCCAFFERTY SPOKE ON THE GRANT. HOUSING CHOICE GRANT THAT WAS AWARDED FROM THE STATE FOR PRE-DEVELOPMENT HOUSING IN THE FORMER BRIGHTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. WILL CREATE 55 UNITS OF HOUSING FOR SENIORS.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED IF THIS GRANT WAS WRITTEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH NEW NORTH CITIZENS COUNCIL, AND THE DIRECTOR STATE THAT IT WAS.

COUNCILOR BROWN WANTED TO THANK THE DIRECTOR BECAUSE HOUSING IS SOMETHING THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Housing Choice Grant Program - Springfield 1177 (PDF)
- Housing Choice Grant Set Up (PDF)

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

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

RECUSED: Maria Perez

Orders**2. Order (ID # 8397)**

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of SS Union St. (11750-0233) to Old Hill Infill, LLC for Consideration of \$500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR OF HOUSING GERALDINE MCCAFFERTY SPOKE ON THE ITEM. PART OF A NUMBER OF TRANSFERS IN THE OLD HILL NEIGHBORHOOD. WILL CREATE HOME OWNERSHIP.

COUNCILOR SANTANEILLO ASKED HOW THE \$500 AMOUNT CAME ABOUT? THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THIS WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE RFP PROCESS. FUNDED BY THE STATE, THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM. THERE IS A 15 YEAR RESTRICTION FOR THE GRANT.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED WHERE THE RFP REQUEST BEING ADVERTISED? THEY ARE LISTED ON THE REPUBLICAN, THE STATE REGISTRY AND A BROAD EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST. SHE JUST WANTED CLARIFICATION PUBLICLY.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THERE WAS A WAY TO ADJUST THE PRICING? THE MARKET RATE IS TOO MUCH. THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE PRICE IS THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT MINUS THE SUBSIDY. THE STATE CONTINUES TO WORK WITH THE CITY ON THIS. COUNCILOR BROWN WOULD LIKE THE LINK FOR THE RFP ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE. COUNCIL PRESIDENT STATED THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS.

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

Adjournment