



City Council

Regular Meeting

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, February 10, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on February 10, 2025 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor	Present	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Absent	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Absent	
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	Remote	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

ALLEN - FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

BROWN & PEREZ - MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

DAVILA - PILOT REVENUE SUBCOMMITTEE

DAVILA - GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

DELGADO - AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

SANTANIELLO - JOINT HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES AND SENIOR

Informational

1. Informational (ID # 8350)

Confirmation of Michael D. Langone to the SRA Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA INTRODUCED MICHAEL LANGONE AND GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF MR. LANGONE'S EXPERIENCE AND BACKGROUND.

MR. LANGONE SPOKE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

COUNCILORS GOVAN AND CLICK-BRUCE WERE ABSENT

COUNCILORS CURRAN, ALLEN, WALSH, EDWARDS, DAVILA, BROWN, WHITFIELD, DELGADO, SANTANIELLO, PEREZ AND FENTON ALL VOTED IN SUPPORT OF MR. LANGONE'S APPOINTMENT.

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

2. Order (ID # 8410)

Confirmation of the Re-Appointment of Yong No as the Director of Internal Audit

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DELGADO SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE REAPPOINTMENT

MR. NO ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL

COUNCILOR ALLEN, SANTANIELLO, WALSH SPOKE IN SUPPORT

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED HOW THE AUDITOR DETERMINES THE HOURS THAT AN AUDIT WOULD TAKE AND WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE TO THE CITY. THE AUDITOR RESPONDED WHEN HE DOES HAVE AVAILABLE HOURS, THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH PROJECTS THEY ARE ABLE TO TAKE ON.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Yong Reappointment Letter Signed 2025 (PDF)

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

3. Order (ID # 8469)

November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 3 AND 4 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER IN 1 (ONE) VOTE

ACTING COMPTROLLER STEPHEN LONERGAN PRESENTED THE REPORTS

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF STATE FUNDING CUTS WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT AND IF SO WHEN.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Rev Exp Report - Nov 24(PDF)

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

4. Order (ID # 8470)

December Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 3 AND 4 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER IN 1 (ONE) VOTE

ACTING COMPTROLLER STEPHEN LONERGAN PRESENTED THE REPORTS

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF STATE FUNDING CUTS WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT AND IF SO WHEN.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Rev Exp Report - Dec 24 (PDF)

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

Petitions**5. Petition (ID # 8460)**

EVERSOURCE GAS - Winter Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE PETITIONS

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED ABOUT SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERSOURCE

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report City Council Winter Street (PDF)
- 20240722_Winter St IFC Rev 00 (PDF)
- Winter St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan

6. Petition (ID # 8467)

EVERSOURCE GAS - Abbe Ave.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE PETITIONS

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED ABOUT SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERSOURCE

ATTACHMENTS:

- Abbe Ave - Overview Drawing (PDF)
- Springfield City Council Letter - Abbe Ave (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [11 TO 0]**AYES:** Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton**ABSENT:** Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan**7. Petition (ID # 8468)**

EVERSOURCE -30 Piedmont Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER

DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE PETITIONS

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED ABOUT SCHEDULING MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERSOURCE

ATTACHMENTS:

- 30 Piedmont St. Report (PDF)
- 19795986 SKETCH (PDF)
- 19795986 PIEDMONT ST SPFLD (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [11 TO 0]**AYES:** Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton**ABSENT:** Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan**Grants/Donations****8. Order (ID # 8459)**

Donation of Goods to HHS - Blankets, Hats, Gloves and Scarves

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PRESS RELEASE - City of Springfield Department of Health Human Services collecting blanket donations this winter (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

9. Order (ID # 8415)

Donation of Goods to Elder Affairs - Big Y Foods Inc.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elders Donation of Goods (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

10. Order (ID # 8434)

Donation of Goods to Veterans - Adult Winter Coats and Children's Toys

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FW_ Donations Veterans (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

11. Order (ID # 8419)

Elder Affairs Donation- \$2,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elders Donation Country Bank_Redacted (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan

12. Order (ID # 8464)

Parks Department - Donation - \$2,381.70 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks - Bench Donation (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

13. Order (ID # 8466)

TJO Donation - \$6,600.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO BF Conference Sponsorship (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

14. Order (ID # 8457)

HHS Workforce Retention Grant - No Match Required - \$18,934.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Workforce Retention Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

15. Order (ID # 8427)

High Visibility Enforcement Pilot Program - No Match Required - \$22,554.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Police - Illegal Passing Grant Set Up (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

16. Order (ID # 8425)

Project Safe Neighborhood Grant - No Match Required - \$30,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Police - PSN25 Request for Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

17. Order (ID # 8424)

COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant - No Match Required - \$30,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS 8 -21 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER AS 1 (ONE) VOTE AS THE ITEMS ARE UNDER THE 100,000 THRESHOLD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Police - AHO25 Request for Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT: Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY: Jose Delgado

18. Order (ID # 8414)

FY25 Council on Aging Grant Amendment Increase - No Match Required \$30,561.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 COA Grant Amendment (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT: Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY: Jose Delgado

19. Order (ID # 8465)

FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant - No Match - \$35,521.67

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Signed FF Safety Equipment Request for Grant Setup (PDF)
- FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Standard Contract Form_Part244 (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT: Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY: Jose Delgado

20. Order (ID # 8426)

FY25 DPW Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) Grant - No Match - \$58,500

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW RDP SMRP Award Letter \$58,500 (PDF)
- FY25 DPW RDP SMRP Grant Set Up Form (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT: Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY: Jose Delgado

21. Order (ID # 8456)

FY25 East Springfield Construction Planning and Design Grant- Match Required \$100,000.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- MBLC East Springfield Construction Planning and Design Grant (PDF)
- CAFO Cert - MBLC Construction East Springfield Library PDF (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

22. Order (ID # 8422)

DPW FY25 Rural Roadway Program Grant \$184,721

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THIS IS A STATEWIDE PROGRAM IN ITS SECOND YEAR. SPRINGFIELD IS RECEIVING 184k THAT WILL BE ADDED TO CHAPTER 90 PAVING PROGRAM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 DPW Rural Roadway Program \$184,721 (PDF)
- FY25 DPW Rural Roadway Grant-Set Up Form (PDF)

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

23. Order (ID # 8423)

FY25 Complete Streets Funding Grant- \$230,250.27

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM. SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO MASS DOT FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK ON BELMONT AND WOODLAWN STREETS. ADJACENT TO WASHINGTON SCHOOL. MASS DOT GAVE APPROVAL FOR THIS LOCATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 CSFY25R Grant Setup (PDF)
- CSFY25R2 Merged Letters (PDF)

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

24. Order (ID # 8421)

FY25 MBLC State Aid to Public Library - No Match Required - \$613,755.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR MOLLY FOGARTY SPOKE ON THE ITEM. STATE AID FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Libraries MBLC State Aid Grant (PDF)

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

25. Order (ID # 8394)

FY25 Shannon CSI Grant - In-Kind Match Required - \$1,247,411.92

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

KYLA RAIMER, GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR, PRESENTED DETAILS ON THE GRANT. ANNUAL GRANT FROM JANUARY- DECEMBER. WILL FUND YOUTH VIOLENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE 15 PARTNERS THAT WORK WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

LT. MATT BENOIT FROM THE SPD SPOKE ON THE GRANT

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED IF THIS IS MORE OR LESS THAN WE USUALLY RECEIVE? KYLA STATED THAT IT IS THE SAME AMOUNT FROM LAST YEAR. SHE ALSO INQUIRED ON WHO THE NEW PARTNERS WERE, KYLA STATED THE SPRINGFIELD PARKS DEPARTMENT AND DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTER.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE ORGANIZATIONS WHO RECEIVED FUNDING? KYLA DID NOT HAVE THAT INFORMATION, SPECIFICALLY, BUT DUNBAR WILL AIM TO EMPOWER FEMALE YOUTH AND HAVE THEMATIC WORKSHOPS. COUNSELORS WILL COMBINE WITH UMASS SPRINGFIELD TO HELP THE YOUTH IN SPRINGFIELD.

LT. MATT BENOIT FROM THE SPD SPOKE ON THE GRANT, AND ADDRESSED QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL. THE PARTNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION" PIECE. THE SHANNON GRANT DOES NOT INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS, THAT IS COVERED BY PROJECT HOPE, AND HOPE 2.0.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Shannon FY25 Request for Grant Set Up (Signed) (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan
AWAY:	Jose Delgado

26. Order (ID # 8420)

Health Services for the Homeless Grant- No Match Required \$2,362,888.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COMMISSIONER CAULTON SPOKE ON THE GRANT. MEDICAL, DENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PARTNERS INCLUDE THE FORMER FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS AND MERCY HOSPITAL.

COUNCILOR DELGADO RECOGNIZED THE COMMISSIONER ON HER AWARD AT THE STATE HOUSE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY25 Health Services for the Homeless Grant (PDF)

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

27. Order (ID # 8463)

Parks - FY24 Community Project Funding Grant - No Match Required - \$4,116,279

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DPW DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE GRANT. LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS AROUND UNION STATION. THE DPW WILL WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE PARKS DEPARTMENT. HANDICAP RAMP AND SIDEWALK IMPROVMENTS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS GRANT FROM HUD.

COUNCILOR CURRAN CONGRATULATED DIRECTOR CIGNOLI.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ROAD WORK ON BRISTOL STREET? THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT NEW CROSSWALK BUMP OUTS, THE YELLOW HOLES ARE REFLECTORS THAT PROMPTS DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUMP ON STATE STREET? THE DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETE. THE BUMP IS MEANT TO BE SEVERE TO PREVENT FURTHER PEDESTRIANS BEING STRUCK.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks - FY24 CPF Grant - Union Station Streetscapes (PDF)

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

Orders

(28.) ORD-2025-1 Amending Chapter 73 Article II a of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as Amended, by Deleting Article II § 73-8(A) and Inserting a New Article II § 73-8(A)

AMENDING CHAPTER 73 ARTICLE II A OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING ARTICLE II § 73-8(A) AND INSERTING A NEW ARTICLE II § 73-8(A)

1. CHAPTER 73 ARTICLE II § 73-8(A) of the revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as amended, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new ARTICLE II § 73-8(A), hereto as follows:

“§73-8 Condition of Employment.

(A) Except as provided for in this article, every person first employed by the City of Springfield on or after March 17, 1995, shall, within 24 months of the start of employment, be a resident of the City of Springfield and shall not cease to be a resident during his/her employment by the City.”

2. The amendment listed above shall be made effective for employees hired by the City of Springfield on or after September 1, 2023, and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved as to form,

Associate City Solicitor

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 3]
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Brown, Davila, Santaniello, Edwards, Perez, Fenton
NAYS:	Jose Delgado, Sean Curran, Tracye Whitfield
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DIRECTOR MAHONEY SPOKE ON THE SUNSET PROVISION IN THE AMENDMENT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT THE SENTIMENT OF THE COUNCILORS PRESENT AT THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT WAS TO REMOVE THE SUNSET CLAUSE THAT WAS ADDED IN THE PREVIOUS MEETING. THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE ORDINANCE MOVE FORWARD AS ORIGINALLY STATED WITHOUT THE SUNSET CLAUSE. COUNCILOR DAVILA EMPHASIZED THAT IF SOMEONE IS HIRED WITH THE CITY, AND THEN TRANSFERS DEPARTMENTS, THE CLOCK DOES NOT START OVER. THAT EMPLOYEE WOULD STILL HAVE TWO YEARS TO MOVE INTO THE CITY.

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR BILL MAHONEY STATED THAT WITHOUT THE SUNSET, THE CITY COUNCIL STILL HOLDS THE POWER TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE. THE OTHER CONCERN THAT HR HAS THAT IT MAY BE TOUGH TO EXTEND ANY TIME AS IT GETS CLOSE TO THE SUNSET 9/1/2026. THE OFFER LETTERS WOULD HAVE TO READ SPECIFIC, AS IT STANDS IT WOULD CONFUSE NEW HIRES.

COUNCILOR DELGADO NOTED THAT HE SUGGESTED THE SUNSET CLAUSE AND NOTED THAT HIS CONCERNS ARE THAT THIS IS A "SNAP SHOT IN TIME" AND OPINED THAT THERE ARE PLenty QUALIFIED SPRINGFIELD RESIDENTS THAT TO FILL THE VACANT POSITIONS. DOES NOT WANT TO SET A TREND WHERE THE COUNCIL IS ADDING YEARS ON, OR EVENTUALLY GETTING RID OF RESIDENCY.

COUNCILOR PEREZ THANKED THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE THERE WAS A LOT OF CLARIFICATION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THAT THE CITY SHOULD DO MORE TO TRAIN INTERNAL CANDIDATES FOR POSITIONS THAT THE CITY IS HAVING TROUBLE FILLING. DOES NOT WANT TO KEEP RELYING ON WAIVERS. SHE ALSO ECHOED COUNCILOR DELGADO'S SENTIMENT THAT THE CITY NEEDS TO DO BETTER ON ADVERTISING VACANCIES (NOT JUST ON THE CITY WEBSITE).

COUNCILOR DELGADO AGREED WITH COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. HE NOTED THAT PARTNERING WITH THE SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS. COUNCILOR DELGADO WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE A MENTORSHIP OR APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM WITH THE CITY, SIMILAR TO THE CADET PROGRAM WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

COUNCILOR WALSH MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE THE SUNSET AMENDMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PEREZ.

COUNCILOR CURRAN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE SUNSET CLAUSE AND IF IT HAD TO DO WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC STATE. COUNCILOR DELGADO STATED THAT FROM 09/2023 - 09/2026 WOULD ALLOW 2 YEARS TO MOVE INTO THE CITY. AFTER 09/2026 IT WOULD REVERT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL ONE YEAR.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD QUESTIONED ATTORNEY MAHONEY ABOUT AN EMPLOYEE BEING PROMOTED, IF THE 2 YEARS START OVER? BILL MAHONEY STATED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THE 2 YEAR PERIOD STARTED OVER. SHE WANTED CERTAINTY, SO SHE ASKED ATTORNEY SHEA. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE 2 YEARS BEGINS AT THE EMPLOYEES HIRE DATE, EVEN IF THEY TRANSFER OR ARE PROMOTED.

MOTION TO REMOVE THE AMENDMENT:

COUNCILOR CURRAN - NO
COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES
COUNCILOR GOVAN - ABSENT
COUNCILOR WALSH - YES
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES
COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES
COUNCILOR BROWN - YES
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - NO
COUNCILOR DELGADO - NO
COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO - YES
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - ABSENT
COUNCILOR PEREZ - YES
COUNCILOR FENTON - YES

29. Order (ID # 8462)

Bond Authorization - Body-Worn Cameras & Tasers - \$2,500,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED THAT ITEMS 29,31,32 BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY AFTER ITEM #21

CAFO CATHY BUONO PRESENTED ON THE ITEM AND REFERENCED THE FINANCE PACKAGE.

SUPERINTENDENT LAWRENCE AKERS GAVE A NARRATIVE ON HOW A TOTAL OF \$7.2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT OVER 5 YEARS. RECORDS MANAGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1994/1995. THE SUPERINTENDENT WANTS TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT TO THE 21ST CENTURY.

BODY WORN CAMERAS HAVE HELPED THE DEPARTMENT IMMENSELY. THE G-TECH CONTRACT IS EXPIRING, AND THEY ARE RETURNING 2 BODY CAMERAS PER WEEK. THE TASER PROGRAM ALSO NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. THE SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING IN SILOS AND WANTS ALL TECHNOLOGY HANDLED IN ONE PACKAGE. AXON IS PRESENT AND FAR SUPERIOR TO G-TECH. AXON IS ABLE TO BUNDLE THE TASERS AND BODY CAMERAS, INCLUDES SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE UPDATES. AXON CAN ASSIST COMPLIANCE METRICS, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADHERENCE.

COUNCILORS DELGADO, WALSH, SANTANIELLO, PEREZ, DAVILA AND BROWN ALL SPOKE NOTING THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BOND AUTHORIZATION.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT EVERY OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED THEIR OWN BODY CAMERA AND TASER THIS WILL HELP DECREASE LIABILITY TO THE CITY.

COUNCILOR ALLEN GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE SPD TO THE COUNCIL IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO TONIGHT'S MEETING. THEY ALSO PRESENTED EARLIER AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR AN ACQUISITION, IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING TIMELINE. THE SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE ABOUT ONE MONTH TO GET ALL THE OFFICERS TRAINED UP.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE HAD THE LOWEST MURDER RATE LAST YEAR THAN WE HAD IN DECADES.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Auth - Body Worn Cameras (PDF)

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

30. Order (ID # 8461)

Bond Authorization - FY25 MSBA Projects- \$1,050,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

JONATHAN CARRIGAN SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THIS PROJECT IS ELIGIBLE FOR 80 % REIMBURSEMENT.

CAFO CATHY BUONO LISTED THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS THIS COVERS ROOFS AT:

GLENWOOD, COMMERCE, INDIAN ORCHARD, BOWLES, AND SUMNER AVE SCHOOLS

WINDOWS AT:

POTTENGER, MILTON BRADLEY, REBECCA JOHNSON, AND CENTRAL

THIS WILL BE A 25 MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT AND SHE WILL BE RETURNING FOR ANOTHER BOND AUTHORIZATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Auth - FY25 MSBA Projects (PDF)

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

31. Order (ID # 8432)

Free Cash to Pay-Go (Police BWC & Tasers) - \$1,500,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED THAT ITEMS 29,31,32 BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY AFTER ITEM #21

CAFO CATHY BUONO PRESENTED ON THE ITEM AND REFERENCED THE FINANCE PACKAGE.

SUPERINTENDENT LAWRENCE AKERS GAVE A NARRATIVE ON HOW A TOTAL OF \$7.2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT OVER 5 YEARS. RECORDS MANAGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1994/1995. THE SUPERINTENDENT WANTS TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT TO THE 21ST CENTURY.

BODY WORN CAMERAS HAVE HELPED THE DEPARTMENT IMMENSELY. THE G-TECH CONTRACT IS EXPIRING, AND THEY ARE RETURNING 2 BODY CAMERAS PER WEEK. THE TASER PROGRAM ALSO NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. THE SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING IN SILOS AND WANTS ALL TECHNOLOGY HANDLED IN ONE PACKAGE. AXON IS PRESENT AND FAR SUPERIOR TO G-TECH. AXON IS ABLE TO BUNDLE THE TASERS AND BODY CAMERAS, INCLUDES SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE UPDATES. AXON CAN ASSIST COMPLIANCE METRICS, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADHERENCE.

COUNCILORS DELGADO, WALSH, SANTANIELLO, PEREZ, DAVILA AND BROWN ALL SPOKE NOTING THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BOND AUTHORIZATION.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT EVERY OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED THEIR OWN BODY CAMERA AND TASER THIS WILL HELP DECREASE LIABILITY TO THE CITY.

COUNCILOR ALLEN GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE SPD TO THE COUNCIL IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO TONIGHT'S MEETING. THEY ALSO PRESENTED EARLIER AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR AN ACQUISITION, IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING TIMELINE. THE SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE ABOUT ONE MONTH TO GET ALL THE OFFICERS TRAINED UP.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE HAD THE LOWEST MURDER RATE LAST YEAR THAN WE HAD IN DECADES

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Pay-Go (PD) (PDF)

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

32. Order (ID # 8435)

Police Department - Approval of 5 Year Contract for Body-Worn Cameras, Tasers, Software and Services

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED THAT ITEMS 29,31,32 BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER. THESE ITEMS WERE TAKEN INDIVIDUALLY AFTER ITEM #21

CAFO CATHY BUONO PRESENTED ON THE ITEM AND REFERENCED THE FINANCE PACKAGE.

SUPERINTENDENT LAWRENCE AKERS GAVE A NARRATIVE ON HOW A TOTAL OF \$7.2 MILLION DOLLARS WILL BE SPENT OVER 5 YEARS. RECORDS MANAGEMENT HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED SINCE 1994/1995. THE SUPERINTENDENT WANTS TO BRING THE DEPARTMENT TO THE 21ST CENTURY.

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UPDATES. AXON CAN ASSIST COMPLIANCE METRICS, SPECIFICALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADHERENCE.

COUNCILORS DELGADO, WALSH, SANTANIELLO, PEREZ, DAVILA AND BROWN ALL SPOKE NOTING THEIR SUPPORT OF THE BOND AUTHORIZATION.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT EVERY OFFICER WOULD BE ASSIGNED THEIR OWN BODY CAMERA AND TASER THIS WILL HELP DECREASE LIABILITY TO THE CITY.

COUNCILOR ALLEN GAVE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS BY THE SPD TO THE COUNCIL IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO TONIGHT'S MEETING. THEY ALSO PRESENTED EARLIER AT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR AN ACQUISITION, IMPLEMENTATION AND TRAINING TIMELINE. THE SUPERINTENDENT STATED THAT IT SHOULD BE ABOUT ONE MONTH TO GET ALL THE OFFICERS TRAINED UP.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE HAD THE LOWEST MURDER RATE LAST YEAR THAN WE HAD IN DECADES

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

33. Order (ID # 8429)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - United Public Service Employees Union - (UPSEU) Local 424

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR ATTORNEY BILL MAHONEY SPOKE ON THE ITEM. REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH UPSEU, WHICH COVERS APPROXIMATELY A VARIED GROUP 160 CITY EMPLOYEES.

CONTRACT COVERS 2 PERIODS JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025 (1 DOLLAR INCREASE AND \$1,500 SIGNING BONUS) AND JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30 2028 (2 % INCREASE FOR EACH OF THE 3 YEARS).

ALLOW EMPLOYEES 4 SICK DAYS FOR FAMILY SICK LEAVE. CHANGED VACANCY LANGUAGE FOR THE SELECTION OF EMPLOYEES TO GIVE DEPARTMENT HEADS MORE OPTIONS WHEN HIRING CANDIDATES. THIS WILL ALSO MAKE THE DISCIPLINARY LANGUAGE EQUAL ACROSS THE BOARD FOR ALL BARGAINING EMPLOYEES.

ATTACHMENTS:

- UPSEU T.A. & Letter to Council (PDF)
- CAFO Cert - UPSEU 424 (PDF)

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

Resolutions

34. Resolution (ID # 8428)

Bus Stop Camera House Bill H. 4940

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DELGADO SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THIS GIVES COMMUNITIES THE ABILITY TO PUT CAMERAS ON THE BUSES STOP SIGN. THIS WILL MONITOR THE CARS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH THE BUSES STOP SIGN WHILE THE STUDENTS ARE GETTING ON AND OFF THE BUS. THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONCERN AMONG PARENTS FOR MANY YEARS. SALEM AND PEABODY DID A PILOT RUN 1,755 CARS RUN THE BUSES STOP SIGN IN THE FIRST 6 WEEKS OF SCHOOL.

UNDER THIS LAW, MUNICIPALITIES WOULD HAVE TO OPT IN TO THIS PROGRAM.

THERE ARE ALSO FINES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS VIOLATION, SO IT WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY OF INCREASING REVENUE WHILE KEEPING OUR KIDS SAFE.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION ON THE LOCATION OF THE CAMERA. COUNCILOR DELGADO STATED THAT THE CAMERAS WOULD GO DIRECTLY ON THE STOP ARM AND NOT INSIDE THE BUS.

COUNCILOR ALLEN THANKED COUNCILOR DELGADO FOR HIS WORK ON THIS INITIATIVE.

COUNCILOR WALSH ALSO THANKED COUNCILOR DELGADO AND ENCOURAGED ALL THE OTHER COUNCILORS TO BE CO-SPONSORS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASKED IF ANY COUNCILOR WOULD OBJECT TO BEING A CO-SPONSOR. SINCE THERE WAS NOT, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT WILL BE ADDED AS CO-SPONSORS.

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

35. Resolution 2025-1

Support of ALL Liberians in the USA Excluded as Beneficiaries of the LRIFA

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON THE RESOLUTION AND HAD REVEREND TORRE WHO CAME IN FROM BOSTON TO SPEAK ON THE MATTER.

THE REVEREND SPOKE ABOUT THE RISE AND FALL ABOUT THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WHICH WAS FOUNDED BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. HE REFERENCED THAT MASSACHUSETTS IS A TREND SETTER IN THE NATION. OUT OF THE BESS COURT CASE, LIBERIA WAS BORN. HE HAS A COPY OF THE TREATY SIGNED BY THE KING ALLOWING LIBERIA TO BE A TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES. LIBERIANS WILL RETAIN AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP FOR 200 YEARS. CURRENTLY PEOPLE COMING TO AMERICA FROM LIBERIA CANNOT WORK OR STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE CITIZENSHIP. THE LEADERSHIP IN LIBERIA IS GETTING PAID AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS WHILE THE ROADS ARE UNPAID. THESE LEADERS ARE NOT HELD ACCOUNTABLE BY AMERICA.

THE REVEREND WOULD LIKE TO GET HELP FROM THE COUNCIL ON THIS INITIATIVE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA WOULD LIKE TO CO-SPONSOR AND THANKS COUNCILOR BROWN FOR BRINGING THIS MATTER FORWARD.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF AND WE HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER. SHE ALSO THANKED COUNCILOR BROWN AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CO-SPONSOR.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ASKED IF ANY COUNCILOR WOULD OBJECT TO BEING A CO-SPONSOR. SINCE THERE WAS NOT, ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT WILL BE ADDED AS CO-SPONSORS.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ALSO THANKED COUNCILOR BROWN BECAUSE HE WAS ENLIGHTENED ABOUT THE WRONGS COMMITTED.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ALSO THANKED COUNCILOR BROWN, SHE ALSO LEARNED SOMETHING NEW TODAY. SHE IS PROUD TO BE A CO-SPONSOR.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Malo Brown, Ward 4 Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Allen, Delgado, Brown, Davila, Curran, Santaniello, Edwards, Whitfield, Perez, Fenton
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Zaida Govan