



Animal Control

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Thursday, February 13, 2025

10:00 AM

Hybrid Room 205

Call to Order

10:00 AM Meeting called to order on February 13, 2025 at Hybrid Room 205, City Hall, Springfield, MA.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. December 19, 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	Yes
Board member Johns	Abstained
Board member Landry	Yes
Board member Nelson Campbell	yes

Motion passed by roll call votes.

Minutes approved.

Dangerous Hearing

2. Dangerous Dog Hearing for Two(2) Dogs Named Kuma and Nikita at 85 Narragansett St Owned by Cortney Cheney.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read.

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

Complainant

Krystin Wanczyk stated it's not the first, second or third time, at least one of the dog is dangerous to men and they are not safe dogs to be around.

Respondent

Cortney Cheney stated the first incident happened in October, and she felt like it was a disservice to the dogs by not properly introducing them by assuming they are all friendly animals. The dogs are not aggressive. The second incident was preventable, because they were aware not to let the dogs out unattended. She took the dog to the Vets, she feels terrible for what happened. Kuma is signed up behavioralist evaluation for his anxiety.

Tracy Cheney stated the dogs are good dogs and they are not aggressive. Cortney is very responsible from the day Kuma was born; she has done everything possible for Kuma. Krystin should take some of the responsibility for her action.

Rebuttal

Krystin Wanczyk stated most of the days the dogs are alone, and they are high energy. Their dogs have been outside unattended. Her dog was healthy and should still be her with her and there is nothing she can do to bring her dog back.

Cortney Cheney said she goes in and out on her lunch break on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. She has never let her dogs out unattended. It's a very unfortunate situation.

Tracy Cheney said the dog's just not vicious.

Board Member Edwards made a motion to deem the dogs dangerous the motion was seconded by Board Member Fleming.

Roll call votes on the motion

Board member Edwards	Yes
Board member Fleming	Yes
Board member Johns	No

Board member Landry	Yes
Board member Nelson Campbell	yes

Motion passed by roll call votes.

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

1. That whenever the dog is removed from the premises of the owner, the dog shall be securely and humanely muzzled and restrained with a leash having a minimum tensile strength of 300 pounds and not exceeding three feet in length. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-B-3 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.

Roll call votes on the condition

Board member Edwards	Yes
Board member Fleming	Yes
Board member Johns	No
Board member Landry	Yes
Board member Nelson Campbell	yes

Condition passed by roll call votes

Non-Compliance Hearing

3. Dangerous Dog Hearing for Dogs Named Charlie, Deja and Brenda at 66 Leyfred Ter Owned by Abdul Kabba.

He has failed to comply with the secure enclosure and has yet to provide proof of liability insurance.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read.

Complainant

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

Respondent

Abdul Kabba said his dogs are well behaved. He built the dog handle that he was asked to build. TJO O'Connor came and took pictures of the handle, so he's not aware if it's did not meet their expectation. The dogs does not leave his yard, they are surrounded.

Rebuttal

Officer Robichaud said the most visit on the 10th, it is missing one section of the wire. It is now a physical enclosure of some kind, which is progress. The recent pictures look much better.

Board Member Johns made a motion to imposed the five hundred dollar (500.00) fine for non- compliance the motion was seconded by Board Member Edwards.

Roll call votes on the motion

Board member Edwards	Yes
Board member Fleming	No
Board member Johns	Yes
Board member Landry	No
Board member Nelson Campbell	No

Motion failed by roll call votes.

Board Member Edwards made a motion that the secured enclosure to be completed by Monday, February 17th, 2025 the motion was seconded by Board Member Johns.

Roll call votes on the motion

Board member Edwards	Yes
Board member Fleming	Yes
Board member Johns	yes
Board member Landry	Yes
Board member Nelson Campbell	Yes

Motion passed by roll call votes.

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

1. That the secured enclosure to be completed by Monday, February 17th, 2025. Thomas J. O'Connor (TJO) will do a follow in the same week to make sure compliance are met. As defined in Chapter 110, Section 10-B-9 of the Code of the City of Springfield Ordinance.