



# City Council

Maintenance and Development Sub-Committee <http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

## ~ Agenda ~

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

2:00 PM

Hybrid Room 200

### I. Call to Order

2:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 28, 2025 at Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

### II. Public Portion

### III. Resolutions

#### 1. Resolution (ID # 8326)

Support of Stearns Square Bench Return Plan & Timetable

#### HISTORY:

11/18/24 City Council

COUNCILOR GOVAN SPOKE ON THE ITEM AND READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD.

COUNCILOR PEREZ SPOKE ON THE ITEM NOTING THE SEVERE DETERIORATION OF BENCH AND THE REMOVAL FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY. SHE NOTED THAT SHE HAS ASKED THE CHAIR OF THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT TO HAVE A MEETING ON THIS ITEM . SHE MADE A MOTION TO THE M&D COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE A DETAILED PLAN FOR RETURN OF THE BENCH TO STEARNS SQUARE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR ERICA SWALLOW TO COME TO THE PODIUM TO SPEAK ON THE CONDITION OF THE BENCH. MS. SWALLOW SPOKE ON HER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT CONDITION AND LOCATION OF THE BENCH.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT THE BODY CAN VOTE TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AND ALSO MEET IN THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE BENCH BEING RESTORED.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE IN AGREEMENT WITH BOTH COUNCILOR DAVILA AND COUNCILOR PEREZ. SHE NOTED THAT THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD HAS A COMMUNICATION PROBLEM.

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED WHO WOULD BE REPAIRING THE BENCH.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING CPA FUNDS FOR RESTORATION OF THE BENCH.

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED THAT SHE WOULD BE SUPPORTING THE MOVE TO COMMITTEE AS A COURTESY TO COUNCILOR PEREZ.

COUNCILOR PEREZ NOTED HER CONCERN WITH THE RESOLUTION IS THAT THE RESOLUTION IS NOT A CONCISE PLAN. SHE AGREED WITH COUNCILOR BROWN THAT WE

SHOULD HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ALL HISTORIC BENCHES THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE NOTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION DID SEND AN EMAIL REGARDING THE REMOVAL OF THE BENCH.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS NOTED THAT EVERYONE IS IN AGREEMENT ON THE RETURN OF THE BENCH. HE NOTED THAT THE CHAIR OF THE M&D COMMITTEE HAS AGREED TO HAVE A MEETING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED THAT ALL COUNCILORS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPECT AS WARD COUNCILORS.

COUNCILOR PEREZ MADE A MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL COUNCILORS VOTED TO SEND THE RESOLUTION TO THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXCEPT COUNCILOR GOVAN. COUNCILOR DELGADO WAS ABSENT.