



City Council
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Wednesday, April 26, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 26, 2017 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Bud L. Williams	At-Large Councilor	Absent	

II. Public Portion

III. Ordinances

Councilor Adam Gomez stated he was in favor of a lottery system to pick vendors so the public thinks it is a fair process instead of first come first serve for the 6 designated spots.

Chris Cignoli stated that he chose 6 spots because they didn't think they would even fill 6 but is in favor of adding 2 more.

Councilor Gomez made a motion to amend the spots from 6 to 8 in both locations, Councilor Walsh seconded the motion, all in favor, no one was opposed.

The Occupancy Manual-DPW fees will be discussed on the floor at the City Council Meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017.

1. Ordinance (ID # 3946)

Mobile Food Trucks

There are two parts to the Mobile Food Truck regulations. One is the actual ordinance and the other is the Occupancy Manual and Permit Application created by Engineering (DPW).

HISTORY:

04/10/17

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Chris Cignoli spoke in favor of the ordinance. He further explained the permitting process for vendors. He stated that no permit will be allowed for a location within 500 feet of a residential area.

Councilor Marcus Williams spoke in favor of the ordinance and he explained the effort expended that the Young Professionals Special sub-committee in developing the ordinance.

Chris Russell, Executive Director of the Business Improvement District, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Councilor Gomez had a conversation in spanish with a member of the audience whom he identified as Williams Sanchez. Councilor Gomez explained the fee structure of the proposed ordinance to this person.

Councilor Marcus Williams moved to amend section **279-43(C)(1)** of the proposed ordinance to read as follows:

Within fourteen (1) days of the submission of a completed application, the DPW shall either issue or deny the application for a permit. Any application not acted on within sixty (14) days shall be deemed denied.

Councilor Marcus Williams moved to add subsection C to section **279-56** which would state:

Application fees will not be prorated.

Both motions were seconded by Councilor Edwards. The amendments passed unanimously.

Councilor Rooke moved to amend the ordinance to state:

John Verducci be allowed remain at the location between fat cats and adolf's on worthington street until December 1st, 2017.

Seconded by Councilor Bud Williams.

Councilor Marcus Williams stated that he did not support Councilor Rooke's amendment as it was preferential treatment.

Councilor Gomez expressed concern about the motion.

Councilor Edwards spoke against the motion.

Councilor Rooke asked for a roll call vote on the motion.

Edwards	no
Allen	no
Rooke	yes
Gomez	yes
Walsh	no
M. Williams	no
Ashe	yes
Twiggs	absent
Shea	no
Fenton	no
Hurst	no
B. Williams	yes
Ramos	no

Councilor Rookes motion failed.

Councilor Ashe moved to send the amendment back to committee. Seconded by Councilor Rooke. Motion failed by voice vote.

In response to a question from Councilor Hurst, Mr. Cignoli stated that the spaces in the downtown area will be allocated on a "first-come-first-serve" basis.

Councilor Gomez stated that he would like to see the downtown locations assigned randomly rather than by "first-come" basis.

Councilor Fenton moved to add subsection C to section 279-44 to read:

If there are more than 6 interested applicants under A or B during any quarter than Director of DPW shall conduct a lottery to determine the lottery holders.

Seconded by Councilor Gomez.

Councilor Shea spoke against the amendment stating that it causes a delay in the issuance of the permits.

Councilor Edwards spoke against the amendment.

Councilor Fenton withdrew his motion.

Councilor Gomez stated that a "first-come-first-serve" permit issuance is unfair.

Councilor Ashe made a motion to send the ordinance to committee. Seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Referred to general government

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mobile Food Trucks_Ch. 279_4-5-2017 (DOCX)

2. Ordinance (ID # 3949)

Occupancy Manual-DPW

This is being presented by Chris Cignoli of DPW. It is related to the Mobile Food Truck Ordinance, but also has other changes he'd like to discuss.

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Motion to committee by Councilor Walsh. Seconded by Councilor Gomez.

Referred to general government

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2017 Occupancy Manual - Food Truck Ordinance Update--DRAFT FINAL (1) (2) (PDF)
- Appendix E-Mobile Food Truck Vendor Permit Application (DOCX)