



City Council

Finance Sub-Committee

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~ Agenda ~

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Monday, June 19, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 19, 2017 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

III. Orders

1. Order (ID # 4084)

May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

ATTACHMENTS:

- May Revenue vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

2. Order (ID # 4089)

CDBG Grant - No Match - \$3,490,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- CDBG Grant Set-Up (PDF)

3. Order (ID # 4090)

HOME Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$1,090,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- HOME Entitlement Grant Set-Up (PDF)

4. Order (ID # 4074)

Mass in Motion Grant Increase - No Match Required \$620,000.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mass in Motion Increase (PDF)

5. Order (ID # 4091)

HOPWA Grant - No Match - \$453,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- HOPWA Grant Set-Up (PDF)

6. Order (ID # 4092)

ESG Grant - No Match - \$319,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- ESG Grant Set-Up (PDF)

7. Order (ID # 4071)

FY16 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) - Match Needed- \$74,550.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire FY16 AFG Grant Set-up Form (PDF)
- FY16 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Award Package (PDF)
- CAFO Cert - Fire FY16 AFG Grant (PDF)

8. Order (ID # 4085)

Vulnerability and Preparedness Grant - No Match - \$26,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- Vulnerability Preparedness Grant (PDF)

9. Order (ID # 4072)

FY17 SHINE Grant Increase - No Match Required \$19,996.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- SHINE Increase (PDF)
- FW_ SHINE FY 17 Increase Email (PDF)

10. Order (ID # 4075)

Health and Human Services Donations - \$3,866.60

ATTACHMENTS:

- HHS Donations (XLSX)

11. Order (ID # 4073)

Elders Donations- \$382.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- DEA Donations (CSV)

12. Order (ID # 4076)

TJO Donations- \$376.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Donations (CSV)

13. Order (ID # 4086)

Fire Department Donation - \$100.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- Fire Donation WFOF NP (PDF)

14. Order 2017-2

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - SFCA

HISTORY:**06/05/17****City Council****FIRST READING**

Atty. Williams Mahoney, Director of Human Resources, stated that there are 10 employees in the bargaining unit. He explained that the agreement had been rejected by the Council twice in the past. The current contract states that the entire department is not grandfathered in to residency in this new contract. He eliminated the 1.5% salary increase in exchange for the inclusion of residency.

Councilor Hurst stated that he will not support the contract until there is a provision to get the 5 district chiefs who are in violation of the residency ordinance to move into the city or relinquish their position.

Councilor Allen asked how many of the city's unions have stronger residency language than they used to. Atty. Mahoney stated that most of them have stronger residency language since he has been director of Human Resources.

Councilor Hurst stated that he believes that this contract is different from other contracts that the council has ratified. There are 5 district chiefs who are currently in violation of the ordinance and this contract would protect them from discipline.

Councilor Walsh stated that the debate highlights the unfairness of the residency issue because these fire chiefs have been doing their work and they did not know that they were in violation of the ordinance.

Councilor Fenton stated that he believes that some prior contract did include employees who were not in compliance with the residency ordinance.

Councilor Ashe spoke in favor of ratifying the contract.

Councilor Marcus Williams asked when the residency ordinance was created. Councilor Mahoney stated that the issue of residency has been happening since the 1960's.

Councilor Marcus Williams stated that he did not support the contract and that the district knew that they were subject to residency.

Councilor Edwards stated that the history of residency was unfair to the people who complied with the residency ordinance, who should have been promoted to the district chief positions. He also stated that the city should hire a compliance officer.

Councilor Twiggs requested that his time be yielded to atty. Kevin Coyle to speak to the council. Councilor Hurst objected.

Councilor Shea spoke in favor of ratification.

Councilor Hurst stated that those employees who followed residency are the victims of the non-compliance with residency because they have been skipped for promotions.

Councilor Rooke spoke in favor of ratification. He stated that one of the district chiefs who lives outside of the city responded to the gas explosion and lost his hearing. He should be rewarded.

Councilor Marcus Williams that the council should not ratify the contract.

Councilor Gomez asked Solicitor Pikula what impact of ratifying this contract would have on the law suit. Atty. Pikula stated that he could answer that question in executive session. He stated that the ordinance is valid. He stated that enforcement is a different question, that has to be resolved on a case by case basis.

Councilor Gomez asked Atty. Mahoney asked what impact this CBA would have not new people promoted to these positions. Atty. Mahoney stated that new hires would be subject to the ordinance.

Councilor Gomez stated that there should be a compliance officer.

Councilor Fenton stated that he also supported a compliance officer. He also stated that the council should ratify the contract.

Councilor Twiggs stated he changed how he wanted to vote based on the decision.

Councilor Bud Williams stated that he will not support ratification of the contract.

Councilor made a motion to move the question which was unanimously approved.

After the vote, the clerk informed the council the item would come back before the council for a second vote at the next regular meeting.

Councilor Fenton stated that he did not think that voting at the next meeting was fair.

President Ramos asked if the council would suspend rule 19. Councilors Hurst, Bud Williams and Edwards objected, therefore the motion failed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2017-05-31 Letter to City Council re SFCA (PDF)
- 2016-05-16 SFCA MOA (PDF)
- 2017-05-31 SFCA TA - signed (PDF)
- CAFO Cert- Fire Chief Association Agreement (PDF)

15. Order (ID # 4099)

Order Approving Lease of Space at 70 Tapley Street to Springfield Retirement Board

Under the proposed lease, the Retirement Board will pay rent of \$22,278.96 for the period from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18. The lease may be renewed for up to 2 one-year terms with the City's approval, for a maximum term of 3 years.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit #1, City Lease of Space at 70 Tapley Street to Springfield Retirement Board (PDF)

16. Order (ID # 4079)

Bill of Prior Year - Elders- \$912.37

ATTACHMENTS:

- Inv_40386_from_AAatlantic_Fitness_LLC_1728 (PDF)
- CAFO Cert - DEA BOPY - Elder Affairs (PDF)

17. Order (ID # 4098)

FY16 Free Cash to Pension Stabilization Reserve - \$1,000,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer of \$1,000,000 from FY16 Certified Free Cash to the Pension Stabilization Reserve Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification -Free Cash to Pension Reserve (DOCX)

18. Order (ID # 4096)

FY16 Free Cash to Stabilization Reserve Fund - Transfer \$2,415,494.47

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$2,415,494.47 to Stabilization

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification - Remaining Free Cash to Stabilization(DOCX)

19. Order (ID # 4097)

Budget Transfer Between Departments - Retirement - \$172,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer Between Departments - Retirement - \$172,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Retirement Transfer (PDF)

20. Order (ID # 4087)

Budget Transfer Within a Department - Finance - \$1,377,445.47

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer Within a Department \$1,377,445.47

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Pay-Go Budget Transfer (PDF)

21. Order (ID # 4083)

Budget Transfer for Various Departments - \$82,500

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer for Various Departments - \$82,500

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification EOY Budget Transfers (Various Depts) (PDF)

22. Order (ID # 4078)

Street Lights Budget Transfer Across Depts. - \$220,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$220,000

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert Finance to DPW (PDF)