



# City Council

## Committee of the Whole

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Monday, November 27, 2017

5:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

### I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on November 27, 2017 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

| Attendee Name     | Title                       | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Melvin A. Edwards | Ward 3 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Timothy C. Allen  | Ward 7 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Timothy J. Rooke  | At-Large Councilor          | Present |         |
| Adam Gomez        | Ward 1 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Kateri B. Walsh   | At-Large Councilor          | Absent  |         |
| Marcus J Williams | Ward 5 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Thomas M. Ashe    | At-Large Councilor          | Present |         |
| E. Henry Twiggs   | Ward 4 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Kenneth E. Shea   | Ward 6 Councilor            | Absent  |         |
| Michael A. Fenton | Ward 2 Councilor            | Present |         |
| Justin Hurst      | Vice-President              | Absent  |         |
| Bud L. Williams   | At-Large Councilor          | Absent  |         |
| Orlando Ramos     | President- Ward 8 Councilor | Present |         |

### II. Public Portion

#### 1. Discussion of hiring process of Fire Commissioner

2. **Motion To:** Councilor Fenton moved Pursuant to Rules 52 of the City Council Rules and Orders to Request a Legal Opinion. Seconded by Councilor Allen

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Director of HR and Labor Relations stated that in hiring Fire Commissioner Calvi, the review committee took into consideration sections 67-68 thru 67-71 of the City of Springfield Ordinances, and other municipal ordinances. Based on lack of compliance with municipal ordinances concerning the Fire Commissioner position, certain applicants were eliminated from consideration for the position. Specifically, the the ordinances in question create qualifications for the position of fire commissioner.

We would like a legal opinion from the law department as to whether the City was bound to comply with these ordinances when choosing the Fire Commissioner.

**RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE**

#### 3. Discussion on CPA priorities