City Council

Special Meeting

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Anthony I. Wilson
413-787-6096

Monday, November 20, 2017 | 5:15 PM | Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

5:15 PM Meeting called to order on November 20, 2017 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 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	Present	
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	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	Vice-President	Absent	
Bud L. Williams	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Orlando Ramos	President- Ward 8 Councilor	Present	

On motion for Reconsideration

1. Order (ID # 4295)

Bond Authorization - Riverfront Park Redevelopment - $1,600,000

HISTORY:

11/13/17 **City Council** **DEFEATED**

Lindsay Hackett, Budget Director, spoke in favor of the order

Peter Garvey, Capital Asset Management, spoke in favor of the order.

Pat Sullivan, Director of Parks, spoke in favor of the Order.

President Ramos stepped off the podium to speak in opposition to the bond.

Motion to Committee by Councilor Ramos, seconded by Councilor Gomez. Motion to Committee failed 6 to 7.

Due to a procedural misstep the council moved to the next item on the agenda. After the council finished the rest of agenda, the returned to this matter.

Second Motion to Committee by Councilor Ramos, seconded by Councilor Fenton. Motion to Committee failed 6 to 7.

The Council voted unanimously to suspend Rule 19.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Council Voted to suspend rule 19.

Councilor Twigged moved to vote on the item with out debate. Seconded by Councilor Ashe.

Result: Passed

Edwards	Y
Allen	Y
Rooke	Y
Gomez	Y
Walsh	Y
M. Williams	Y
Ashe	Y
Twiggs	Y
Shea	Y
Fenton	Y
Hurst	A
B. Williams	Y
Ramos	Y

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Order - Riverfront Park (PDF)

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
AYES:	Edwards, Allen, Rooke, Gomez, Walsh, Williams, Ashe, Twiggs, Shea, Fenton, Williams, Ramos
ABSENT:	Justin Hurst

New Business

2. Order (ID # 4319)

Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - 400,000 Match Required

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks - CAFO Cert - PARC Grant (PDF)
- Parks - EEA Email - PARC Grant (PDF)
- Parks - Grant Set Up - PARC Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

City Council

ADOPTED

Meeting: 11/20/17 05:15 PM
Initiator: Jennifer Whisher
Sponsors: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
DOC ID: 4295

Bond Authorization - Riverfront Park Redevelopment - $1,600,000 (Mayor Sarno)

BOND ORDER TO PAY FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF RIVERFRONT PARK

WHEREAS, The City of Springfield ("the City") is requesting approval of an appropriation in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars ($1,600,000) to pay the costs of reconstructing and redeveloping Riverfront Park in downtown Springfield; and after reviewing this order, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer has certified to the Mayor and City Council, that in his professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in the appropriation and borrowing, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the City hereby appropriates the sum of $1,600,000 to pay the costs of reconstructing and redeveloping Riverfront Park, including the payment of any and all other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefore; that the Mayor is authorized to apply for any federal or state aid available for the project, and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; and any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
AYES:	Edwards, Allen, Rooke, Gomez, Walsh, Williams, Ashe, Twiggs, Shea, Fenton, Williams, Ramos
ABSENT:	Justin Hurst

City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Division of Administration
and Finance

To: **Springfield City Council**

From: **TJ Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer**

Date: **November 6, 2017**

Re: **Order for Council Meeting – 11/13/2017**

Cc: **Mayor Sarno**

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the November 13, 2017 Council meeting, which authorizes the City to pay $1,600,000 for the redevelopment of Riverfront Park in downtown Springfield.

Background: On October 3, 2016, the City Council accepted a grant of $1,000,000 from MGM in preparation for the MGM Casino opening in the fall of 2018. These funds were outlined in the Host Community Agreement to be used for enhancing the accessibility and appearance of Riverfront Park. Additionally, the City has applied for a $400,000 FY18 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant ("PARC") to continue the renovations to Riverfront Park. While the FY18 PARC Grants have not yet been awarded, the City is committing $1,600,000 as its share of the proposed $3,000,000 project.

CAFO Certification: This memorandum will confirm that in my professional opinion, as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in this City Council Order, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

This certification is made in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

Attachment: CAFO Cert - Bond Order - Riverfront Park (4295 : Bond Authorization - Riverfront Park Redevelopment - $1,600,000)

City Council

ADOPTED

Meeting: 11/20/17 05:15 PM
Initiator: Heather Potito
Sponsors: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
DOC ID: 4319

Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - 400,000 Match Required (Mayor Sarno)

THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

In the City Council **November 20, 2017**

APPROPRIATION ORDER AND AUTHORIZATION TO FILE, AND ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASS., EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, FOR THE "PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES" GRANT PROGRAM, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO RIVERFRONT PARK

Whereas: Riverfront Park is considered a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this facility are in line with the City's priorities to provide recreational opportunities for all of its residents as evidenced in the City's most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan ("Plan"); and

Whereas: Riverfront Park is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and

Whereas: Riverfront Park's ultimate restoration, guided in principal by the Plan, will greatly enhance this facility with improved infrastructure such as enhanced playing fields, ADA accessibility, accessible playground and splash pad, picnic and game tables, improved lighting, landscaping and renovations to Festival Field, in addition to increasing the city's open space inventory by 12 acres; and

Whereas: The main focus of the design is to increase open space and improve the current conditions to be used as public playing fields and park; and

Whereas: The overall improvements to this park have been put on hold due to fiscal budget constraints preventing the City from proceeding with the improvements as a single comprehensive project; and

Whereas: The project was instead viewed as a series of phases, to be implemented over time, by priority, as fiscal resources were available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) are providing reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and

Whereas: The Riverfront Park Improvement project will cost $3M, (Three Million Dollars), and the PARC program requires the City to appropriate the full amount of the project costs; and

Whereas: The City has committed $1.6M (One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars) in municipal funds, with $1M (One Million Dollars) committed by the MGM Springfield Casino, and it is expected that the additional $400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Dollars) will be provided by The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program, for the first phase of the project; and

Whereas: The Chief Administrative and Financial Officer has certified that the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in this City Council Order appropriating funds for the Project, and expending the grant funds once received, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

1) That the Mayor and the City's Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management are hereby authorized to file applications for and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and upon receipt, to expend such grants for the purposes of the grants pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 44, sec. 53A, including a grant in the amount of Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars ($400,000) for Riverfront Park from the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program;

2) That the City Council hereby appropriates the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars($1,600,000) for the Riverfront Park Project from the following account, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 44, sec. 32: (33321930-580800-99717);

3) That the City Council hereby appropriates the sum of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000) for the Riverfront Park Project from the following account, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 44, sec. 32: (29971930-580800-99717);

4) That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the grant, to be administered by the City's Department of Parks, Buildings and Recreation Management; Department, including entering into contracts; and

5) That this Order and Authorization shall take effect upon its passage, subject to the terms and conditions stated herein.

RESULT:	**PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Division of Administration
and Finance

To: Springfield City Council

From: Timothy J. Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer

Date: November 20, 2017

Re: Order for Council Meeting – November 20, 2017

Cc: Mayor Sarno

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the November 20, 2017 Council meeting regarding a State grant for improvements to Riverfront Park located in downtown Springfield.

Background: The Parks Department is being considered for a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA). It is expected that the grant award will be in the amount of $400,000 and the required match of $500,000 will be included in the City's bond of $1.6M. The total project amount is $3M and will fund the design and construction costs to renovate Riverfront Park.

On October 3, 2016, the City Council accepted a grant of $1M from the MGM Springfield Casino in preparation for the MGM Casino opening in the fall of 2018. These funds were outlined in the Host Community Agreement to be used for enhancing the accessibility and appearance of Riverfront Park.
If the City is awarded the PARC grant, the EEA will provide funding for design costs ($40,000) and for construction costs ($360,000). The additional costs for the $3M project will be covered by the City's $1.6M bond.

Riverfront Park			
PARC Grant		**City of Springfield**	
Design Costs	40,000	City Bond	1,600,000
Construction Costs	360,000	MGM Casino	1,000,000
Total	400,000	Total	2,600,000
Total Estimated Project Cost = $3,000,000			

Renovations to Riverfront Park will include an inclusive playground and splash pad, increased viewing along the Connecticut River, site improvements to Festival Field for seasonal outdoor entertainment, along with enhanced pedestrian and vehicular access.

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This certification is made in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

Attachment: Parks - CAFO Cert - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 - Match

Potito, Heather

From: Potito, Heather
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Potito, Heather
Subject: RE: PARC grant update

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cryan, Melissa (ENV)" <melissa.cryan@state.ma.us>
Date: November 15, 2017 at 3:44:28 PM EST
To: Rebecca Longvall <concom@townofbolton.com>, "Aldo Ghirin (aldo.ghirin@boston.gov)" <aldo.ghirin@boston.gov>, "Bob Dean (twnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us)" <twnadmin@town.buckland.ma.us>, "Train, Alexander" <ATrain@chelseama.gov>, Richard Maciolek <rmaciolek@chicopeema.gov>, Tim Lancaster <tlancaster@town.dartmouth.ma.us>, "Chris Gallagher (cgallagher@fallriverma.org)" <cgallagher@fallriverma.org>, "darnold@gardner-ma.gov" <darnold@gardner-ma.gov>, "Charlie Seelig (cseelig@town.halifax.ma.us)" <cseelig@town.halifax.ma.us>, "Marcos Marrero (marreroma@holyoke.org)" <marreroma@holyoke.org>, Susan Fink <SFink@CITYOFLAWRENCE.COM>, Wendy Wiiks <wwiiks@Leominster-MA.gov>, "evillano@ludlow.ma.us" <evillano@ludlow.ma.us>, "Don Walker (dwalker@lynnma.gov)" <dwalker@lynnma.gov>, "Clodagh Stoker-Long (cstokerlong@medford-ma.gov)" <cstokerlong@medford-ma.gov>, "jakerstrom@middleborough.com" <jakerstrom@middleborough.com>, "Katrina O'leary (katrina.oleary@middletonma.gov)" <katrina.oleary@middletonma.gov>, "Mike Nuvallie (mnuvallie@northadams-ma.gov)" <mnuvallie@northadams-ma.gov>, Wayne Feiden <wfeiden@northamptonma.gov>, Brendan Callahan <brendan.callahan@peabody-ma.gov>, "McGrath, Jim" <jmcgrath@pittsfieldch.com>, David Gould <DGould@townhall.plymouth.ma.us>, "ebaker@revere.org" <ebaker@revere.org>, Lisa Pearson <lpearson@salisburyma.gov>, "Arn Franzen (AFranzen@somervillema.gov)" <AFranzen@somervillema.gov>, "sroenfeldt@southbridgemass.org" <sroenfeldt@southbridgemass.org>, "Sullivan, Pat" <PSullivan@springfieldcityhall.com>, Sherry Patch <townadmin@townofsunderland.us>, "Marilyn Greene " <mgreene@taunton-ma.gov>, Victoria Connor <vconnor@townofwestspringfield.org>, Peter Miller <p.miller@cityofwestfield.org>, "dorr@cityofwoburn.com" <dorr@cityofwoburn.com>, "Antonelli, Robert C. Jr., Parks Asst. Comm. (AntonelliR@worcesterma.gov)" <AntonelliR@worcesterma.gov>
Subject: PARC grant update

Hi everyone,

Just a quick note to let you know that I don't know when the PARC grants will be announced. We're hoping sometime soon, but I haven't been given any exact details on timing from the folks in my office.

However, please note that, regardless of when the grants are announced, **we MUST have a certified copy of your town meeting or city council vote by December 31, 2017. There are no exceptions for this rule.** If I have not yet reviewed and approved your vote language, please have me do so immediately.

Thank you for your patience,

Melissa

Attachment: Parks - EEA Email - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 - Match

Melissa Cryan
Grant Programs Supervisor
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 626-1171
www.mass.gov/eea/dcs-grants

Attachment: Parks - EEA Email - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 - Match

Attachment: Parks - Grant Set Up - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 -

REQUEST FOR GRANT SETUP

This form and the required attachments are required by the Office of the City Comptrollers before a Grant Fund and related accounts will be created in MUNIS. Please do not use this form for requesting a non-grant related account to be created – use the Request for New Account form instead. Please return this form and the required attachments to the Office of the City Comptrollers.

All fields are mandatory.

Date of Request	11/16/2017
Department Requesting Grant Setup	PBRM
Department Phone # (Please include extension)	787-7772
Name and Title of Person to Contact in Case of Questions	PATRICK SULLIVAN

Was this Grant previously setup for a prior fiscal year?
If yes, please indicate your previous project number: NO

If this is a new Grant, have you filled out the "Approval to apply for a grant" Form?
(Y/N) If yes, please attach a copy of the Approved Form.

	Grant Type:
	State – Highway
	Federal Pass-Through DOE– School
	Federal Direct– School
	Federal – City
	State DOE– School
	State Other – School
XXXX	State – City
	Private/Other

Grant Name: RIVERFRONT PARK

Total Grant Amount Awarded: $400,000

Is this a Reimbursable Grant? (Y/N) YES
A Reimbursable Grant is defined as one that requires that you pay for expenses first and then you apply to the grantor for a reimbursement of the exact amount actually expended.

If it is a Reimbursable Grant, please enter Grantor contact information or the CID # if Grantor is already in the customer file:

Entity Name EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
Contact Person Melissa Cryan
Street Address 100 CAMBRIDGE STREET
City, State, Zip Code BOSTON MA 02112
Telephone 617-626-1000
Fax
E-Mail

Actual Award Date
Board Approval Date
Start Date
Expiration Date
Renewal Action Date (optional)
If there are any Matching Funds: YES

MGM $1,000,000
BOND $1,600,000

Type
Percent
Amount

Comments re: Description/Purpose of Grant RIVERFRONT PARK IMPROVEMENTS

Comments re: Conditions/Restrictions of Grant
USE FOR RIVERFRONT PARK
If this is a Federal Grant, enter CFDA#:

If applicable enter the State ID # :

What is the required drawdown frequency?
(Ex: Monthly, Quarterly) QUARTERLY

Attachment: Parks - Grant Set Up - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 -

If payment is to be sent by Grantor as a Wire,
Please enter any wire reference/identification # that may be used (if known)

Please list all object codes needed for the grant.
(Attach additional sheets if additional orgs and roll-ups are needed):

Org Code:

Object Codes: 530600 $ 40,000
584000 $ 360,000

Budget Roll-Up Codes: yes

I hereby attest that under the penalties of Chapter 656, I will adhere to all regulations in this grant agreement. I am responsible for timely and accurate reimbursements in the amounts listed above.

Signature

11/16/17
Date

Please attach the following documents:

- Signed Approval to Apply for a Grant Form
- Grant Award Letter
- City Council/Mayor Approval
- Any other relevant documentation

This Form and all relevant attachments will be scanned and attached in the Grant Maintenance module in MUNIS and can be viewed or printed at your convenience.

Attachment: Parks - Grant Set Up - PARC Grant (4319 : Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant - $400,000 -