



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

August 24, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILOR PEREZ WAS ABSENT AND COUNCILORS SANTANEILLO AND HURST WERE REMOTE FOR THIS MEETING.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Special Permits

1. 383 Rocus Street - Junk Yard (Withdrawn by petitioner)
2. 879 Boston Road - Motor vehicle sales (accessory use)

OWNER MUHAMMED NOOZARD PRESENTED AND SUBMITTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THE BUSINESS WOULD GRANT LOW CREDIT CAR LOANS. COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE THANKED THE PETITIONER.

3. 836 Bay Street - Motor Vehicle Sales

AHMAD SAMAR PRESENTED THE USED CAR DEALERSHIP. 4 CARS ON DISPLAY. NEED TO UPGRADE WHICH REQUIRES A BUILDING PERMIT THROUGH THE SPECIAL PERMIT PROCESS.

COUNCILOR BROWN STATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD APPROVES.

4. 1363 Allen Street, et al. - Drive Up Service Window

JEREMY WAKEOUT, REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ARNCO SIGN COMPANY ON BEHALF BEACON BANK SPOKE ON THE SPECIAL PERMIT. WALTER GOULD, OUTER BELT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL PRESIDENT SPOKE AND SUBMITTED A LIST OF 3 ITEMS TO AMEND THE CONDITIONS. 1. TRIM BACK THE BUSHES TO ALLOW VISIBILITY OF ONCOMING TRAFFIC. PROVIDE A VISUAL VIEW OF THE TRAFFIC. 2. REPAINT THE WORD STOP ON THE ROAD ON THE

DRIVEWAY EXIT. 3. CREATE A PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK. COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF WHETHER THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATING A CROSSWALK OR PAINTING THE STOP. COUNCILOR DAVILA MADE NOTE OF THE \$200 PER DAY FINE FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED WHY THE BANK WAS NOT PRESENT. COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE THANKED MR. GOULD FOR BEING PRESENT AND TESTIFYING.

COUNCILOR FENTON NOTED THAT MR. WHITCO WAS UNPROFESSIONAL IN HIS PRESENTATION AND FOR LEAVING PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL TAKING A VOTE.

5. 775 Worthington Street - Accessory Wall Sign

GUNNER MCCORMICK FROM AGNOLI SIGN COMPANY SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THE PETITIONER IS SEEKING VISIBILITY FOR THE ADDRESS (FRIENDS OF THE HOMELESS).

6. 421 Main Street & SS Main Street (IO) - Amending Conditions

THE PETITIONER, ED SHEVETSOV PRESENTED A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE INDIAN ORCHARD CITIZENS COUNCIL. ASKING FOR MORE CARS. HE OUTLINED THAT HE HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS FOR 25 YEARS. WOULD LIKE TO GO FROM 20 CARS TO 60 CARS. HE HAS HIRED AN ARCHITECT. HE TRIED IN 2017, AND EXPIRED. HE IS RE-APPLYING TO GROW HIS BUSINESS. COUNCILOR GOVAN STATED THE PETITIONER HAD MANY SUPPORTERS AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPORTS BECAUSE HE HAS THE PROPERTY. PHIL DROMEY STATED THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN IN VIOLATION FOR 26 YEARS. COUNCILOR EDWARDS VOCALIZED HIS OPPOSITION. STATED THERE IS NO MECHANISIM IN PLACE TO REVOKE SPECIAL PERMITS. THE CITY IS NOW ENFORCING DUMPSTER CLOSURE. THE BURDEN CAN'T CONTINUE TO BE ON THE CITY. PETITIONERS NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON THE MOTION TO RE-OPEN. HE WOULD SUPPORT THE INCREASE BUT NOTED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED HIS CONCERNS SPECIFICALLY THE VIOLATIONS OF THE EXISTING SPECIAL PERMIT

THE PETITIONER RESPONDED. NO DUMPSTER. HE HAS ONLY HAD BARRELS. 3 BARRELS THAT ARE PICKED UP BY THE CITY. THE PETITIONER PRESENTED A LETTER THAT SPECIFIED HE HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE 30 CARS ON THE LOT.

COUNCILOR BROWN SUGGESTED A MOVE TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

COUNCILOR FENTON ASKED THE PETITIONER OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EXISTING CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS. THE PETITIONER SAID THAT HE IS IN COMPLIANCE. PHIL DROMEY NOTED THAT THE PERMIT HAS ALWAYS BEEN 20 CARS AND NOTED THAT MIKE JACHYM DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ALLOW FOR 30 CARS WITHOUT AN AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

COUNCILOR FENTON THAT HE WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR DELGADO NOTED THAT SOME OF THE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES ARE A CITY RESPONSIBILITY AND ASKED A FOR CLARIFICATION OF WHAT HAPPENS IF A BUSINESS IS IN VIOLATION. WHEN DOES THE CITY COUNCIL GET NOTIFIED? COUNCILOR BROWN SUGGESTED A MONTHLY REPORT OF BUSINESSES FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT.

7. 1150 Hall of Fame Avenue - Accessory Wall Sign

ATTORNEY RACHEL FANCY OF FITZGERALD LAW FOR BEACON ABA SERVICE. SRA APPROVED THE SIGN AS WELL AS THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.

8. 482 & NS Main Street I.O. - Change in Petitioner

MR ARSHIK SAMAD PRESENTED THE CHANGE. WILL COMPLY WIH ALL CONDITIONS FOR THE SPECIAL PERMIT.

Zone Change

9. Amending Article 7, Section 7.4.23(A) — Fencing

COUNCILOR MARTIN ASKED FOR THIS ZONE CHANGE BE CONTINUED UNTIL 9/28 HEARINGS MEETING. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR GOVAN.

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