



City of Springfield

Special Meeting

~ Agenda ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Linda Fitzpatrick
413-787-6559

Thursday, August 29, 2013

5:30 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on August 29, 2013 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Orders

1. Order (ID # 2294)

Order Authorizing Expenditure of Chapter 90 Funds - \$3,624,412.00

HISTORY:

08/19/13

City Council

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 08/29/13

ATTACHMENTS:

- 201308131729 (PDF)



City of Springfield

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Meeting: 08/29/13 05:30 PM
Initiator: Kathy Breck
Sponsors: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
DOC ID: 2294

2.1

Order Authorizing Expenditure of Chapter 90 Funds - \$3,624,412.00 (Mayor Sarno)

ORDER AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF CHAPTER 90 FUNDS (\$3,624,412.00)

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has appropriated Chapter 90 local transportation aid funding for Fiscal Year 2014 in the amount of \$3,624,412.00, to be incorporated into the City of Springfield 10-year Chapter 90 Contract (City Contract #0615), see attached letter from Mass DOT Secretary and CEO (Exhibit A), and

WHEREAS, this appropriation provides for the payment of funds to the City of Springfield in order to continue efforts to maintain and upgrade the roadway systems of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the City of Springfield for costs associated with these roadway improvements through disbursements made pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 90, sec. 34(2)(a); and

WHEREAS, after reviewing this order, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer certifies 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 expenditure of these grant funds, 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, acting pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 44, sec. 53A, that the City Council approves the expenditure by the Department of Public Works of the Chapter 90 grant funds for the purposes listed below subject to the approval of the Mayor, and the grant funds received shall be deposited with the City Treasurer and held as a separate account and may be expended for these purposes without further appropriation:

Chapter 90 Funds - \$3,624,412.00

1. Arterial and Residential Reconstruction: \$2,600,000.00
2. Design: \$ 724,412.00
3. Roadway Maintenance: \$ 200,000.00
4. Traffic Signal Improvements: \$ 100,000.00

A true copy of an Order passed by the City Council on
And approved by the Mayor on

Order (ID # 2294)

Meeting of August 29, 2013

Attest: City Clerk



Deval L. Patrick, Governor
Richard A. Davey, Secretary & CEO

EXHIBIT
massDOT
Massachusetts Department of Transportation

2.1.a

July 30, 2013

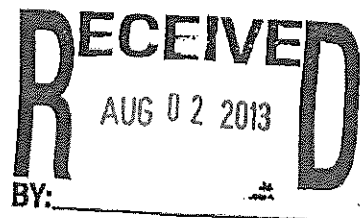
Honorable Domenic Sarno, Mayor
City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

Dear Honorable Sarno:

Earlier this year, the Legislature passed a one-year \$300 million authorization for Chapter 90 pending the outcome of the transportation finance debate. In May, I announced, the Administration's release of \$150 million in Chapter 90 local transportation funding for fiscal year 2014 to ensure cities and towns could get a jump on the construction season, pending the outcome of the transportation finance bill. Today, I am announcing that we are releasing a total of \$200 million in Chapter 90 funding for fiscal year 2014, equaling last year's historic amount.

On July 24, 2013 the Legislature enacted transportation finance legislation to reinvest in the Commonwealth's transportation system. The legislation provides additional revenues to address deficits at the MBTA, end the decades old practice of paying for highway operations with debt and also stops the costly practice of arrears funding the 15-regional transit authorities. Additionally, over the next several years limited additional resources to address billions in deferred maintenance and construction needs will be available. As drafted, the bill is a step forward, but it does not provide sufficient resources to address all of the needs outlined in the Administration's *Way Forward* plan. Without sufficient resources, we are not able to fund every project or programs at the levels called for in our plan.

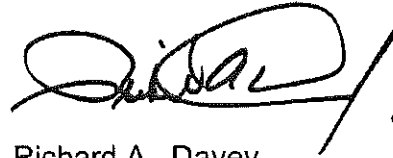
As many of you are aware, the Administration's *The Way Forward* proposal added additional revenues raised through tax reform proposal to provide a 10-year \$300 million annual (indexed for inflation) Chapter 90 program for municipalities. However, the transportation finance bill does not provide sufficient revenues to fund the \$300 million dollar allotment as proposed in the *Way Forward Plan* without cutting or deferring capital spending in other high priority areas such as bridge and highway reconstruction, road paving and improvements to statewide bus and rail services.



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Your adjusted allotment for FY2014 is \$3,624,412. Please contact Matt Bamonte at (857) 368-9151 with any questions you may have regarding the Chapter 90 program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Davey", followed by a long horizontal stroke and a period.

Richard A. Davey
Secretary & CEO