



City Council

General Government Sub-Committee

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Thursday, November 1, 2018

4:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on November 1, 2018 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Excused	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Financial Analyst	Present	

II. Public Portion

1. Discussion of Written Return Information to Determine Valuation of Real Property (Chapter 59, Section 38D)

Richie Allen, Assessor gave a brief description of Ch.59, 38D. 38D allows for a penalty to be imposed if income generating property owners don't return the proper paperwork. It is up to the discretion of the local assessor whether or not the penalty is imposed. Allen stated that it is the intention of the City to impose the penalty FY'19 for all the non responders and that proper notification has gone out.

2. Continued discussion of Fiber Optics

Councilor Edwards stated that this meeting is a follow-up to a prior meeting. Unfortunately a representative from IT was unable to attend and there is not an update on the feasibility study.

Councilor Edwards heard public testimony on the lack of internet in certain areas of the City.