



City Council

General Government Sub-Committee

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Thursday, December 13, 2018

4:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on December 13, 2018 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Present	
Timothy Ryan		Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2018-15

Board of Police Commissioners

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This item was vetoed by the mayor on December 5, 2018

HISTORY:

11/19/18 City Council FIRST STEP

12/03/18 City Council SECOND & THIRD STEPS

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

City Solicitor Ed Pikula stated that in 2005 the Control Board gave control back to the Police Commissioner. Councilor Ryan proposed the change back to having a Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Barbieri stated he serves honorably on the city's behalf and would not like to see it return to a Board of Police Commissioners. This item will be brought before the full City Council meeting December 17, 2018 and 7pm.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mayor's Veto Message (PDF)

2. Section 16:70 Board of Police Commissioners

3. Ordinance (ID # 4870)

Welcoming Community Trust Ordinance

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HISTORY:

11/19/18	City Council	FIRST STEP
12/03/18	City Council	SECOND STEP

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Edwards explained that Sanctuary city is different than the proposed Welcoming Act Ordinance. Commissioner Barbieri was present at the meeting. He stated he would like to work with the Council but he needs the proper wording written into the ordinance so that if an investigation is ongoing the Police department can ask all the questions necessary to help solve their case. The City Council members present understood and agreed that a change should be made to that part of the ordinance.

There were constituents present at the meeting that were in favor and opposed. They did agree that the ordinance needs more definition in some areas. Councilor Allen stated he would like the input of the Sheriff's department with regards to this ordinance.

Councilor Lederman thanked Councilor Edwards for having the meeting and Councilor Allen for asking this proposed ordinance be sent to committee because of the unanswered questions the City Council had.

This item will be before the City Council on December 17th.

Meeting adjourned.