



City Council

Public Safety

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Wednesday, April 24, 2019

5:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 24, 2019 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Absent	
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Timothy Ryan		Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	President	Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Dirt bike ordinance

Councilor Ramos called the meeting to order. Sgt. Kwatowski and Ryan Walsh were present from the Springfield Police Department. They provided some language for the Public safety Committee to send to our Law Department to draft a new ordinance on dirt bikes. These bike are illegal to be on the roads. It is difficult for the police to stop the dirt bike riders because they speed off and the officers do not want to cause any accidents. They had a undercover sting on Easter. They are trying their best to confiscate the dirt bikes. Most often they are unregistered.

There was also discussion brought up about bicycles. There have been groups of riders taking over the streets and yelling profanities to visitors and drivers. There is also groups riding that are just enjoying the nice weather and riding their bikes. They do not want to be mistaken for the ones who are acting defiantly. Two Springfield youths attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the bike riders who enjoy riding their bikes.

Everyone agreed more education is needed for everyone to fully understand the laws and rules. This committee will meet again once the law department has an dirt bike ordinance drafted.

IV. Discussion with bar/nightclub owners regarding safety.

Mr. Fred Lopez was in attendance to discuss the Springfield E3. This program codes are available in the office. Mr. Lopez also worked with Councilor Gomez on this. They hope to meet on this again with Attorney Days.