City of Springfield

Special Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Friday, March 21, 2014 | 5:15 PM | Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

5:15 PM Meeting called to order on March 21, 2014 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2014-3

Board of Police Commissioners 1ST & 2ND Steps

HISTORY:

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ORDINANCE 2014-3

Meeting: 03/21/14 05:15 PM
Department: Law
Category: Local Law
Prepared By: Anthony I. Wilson
Initiator: Anthony I. Wilson
Sponsors: Williams, Twiggs, Edwards, Ramos, Fenton, Luna
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Board of Police Commissioners 1ST & 2ND Steps

AMENDING CHAPTER 16, OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1986, AS AMENDED IS HEREBY FURTHER AMENDED BY ADDING ARTICLE XIX THERETO: BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Chapter 16, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding the following new Article XIX thereto:

Article XIX

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Sections:

Section 59Established--Appointment and number of board.
Section 60Terms of office.
Section 61Qualifications of members.
Section 62Filling vacancies-Compensation.
Section 63Rules of government-Chairperson.
Section 64Powers of mayor to be exercised by board.
Section 65 Management and control of members and signal system.
Section 66Rules for maintenance of department.
Section 67Absences from department.
Section 68 Adoption of rules and regulations for government and discipline.
Section 69 Monthly meetings;--Annual estimate of necessary maintenance--Accounting for expenditures.

Section 59 Established-Appointment and number of board. A board of police commissioners is established. Such board shall consist of five (5) persons who shall he appointed by the mayor.

Section 60 Terms of office. A. The first and second appointees to the board shall serve three (3) year terms. The third and fourth appointees to the board shall serve two (2) year terms and the fifth appointee to the board shall serve a one (1) year term.

B. Annually thereafter appointees to the board shall serve three (3) year terms. Each term shall expire on the first Monday in April in the year the term expires. Members may serve on the board of police commissioners beyond the expiration of his/her term until his/her successor is appointed.

Section 61 Qualifications of members. A. No person shall be appointed a member of such board who has not been a resident of the city for at least three (3) years next prior to his/her appointment, who is a member of the city council, an employee of city, or who holds any municipal or political office for which he receives compensation.

B. Removal from the city, membership in the city council or the holding of any such public office shall automatically vacate the office of a member of such board.

Section 62 Filling vacancies--Compensation. A. Vacancy in such board shall be filled in the manner of an original appointment within thirty (30) days from its occurrence. The members of such board shall serve without compensation.

Section 63 Rules of government--Chairperson. The board of police commissioners may make rules for the government of its procedure. It shall choose one (1) of its members to be chairperson and may prescribe the length of his/her term.

Section 64 Powers of mayor to be exercised by board. The powers and duties vested in the mayor and the city council by chapter 244 of the Acts of 1909 shall be exercised and performed by the board of police commissioners.

Section 65 Management and control of members and signal system. The board of police commissioners shall, subject to the provisions of this chapter, have the appointment, management and control of the members and employees of the police department and of the superintendent of the police signal system.

Section 66 Rules for maintenance of department. The board of police commissioners shall make such lawful rules for the maintenance of the police department, including the regulation, government and discipline of such members and employees, and for the direction and control of those having charge of such signal system, including employees thereof, as it deems wise and proper.

Section 67 Absences from department. The board of Police commissioners shall have the power to examine into absences of members

and employees of the department, other than those allowed by law or ordinance, and may approve or disapprove the payment of salary for the period of any absences.

Section 68 Adoption of rules and regulations for government and discipline. The rules and regulations for the government and discipline of the police department as adopted and promulgated by the former board of police commissioners in the year 1939 with all amendments thereto, a copy of which rules and regulations and amendments thereto, duly attested, is on file with the city clerk, are adopted as and shall continue to be the lawful rules for the maintenance of the police department, and for the regulation, government and discipline of all members and employees thereof, until the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations as heretofore provided.

Section 69 Monthly meetings-Annual estimate of necessary maintenance-Accounting for expenditures. A. The board of police commissioners shall meet at least once a month and shall annually in the month of January prepare and communicate to the mayor an estimate of the amount of money necessary for the maintenance and use of the department for the then current fiscal year, itemized as the mayor may require.

B. It shall keep or cause to be kept an accurate and detailed account of all expenditures of the police department, and annually in the month of January shall render to the city council an itemized and exact account of the same.

Approved as to form*:

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Anthony Ivan Wilson
Associate City Solicitor

***** This proposed ordinance effectively restores the Board of Police Commissioners ordinance that was in contained Chapter 2.58 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986 as amended. Chapter 2.58 was amended by the Springfield Financial Control Board on August 5, 2005, when the Board of Police Commissioners was abolished and the position of Police Commissioner was enacted. Should the Council act favorably on this ordinance then it should also amend Article XIII of Chapter 67 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986 as amended.

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