



City of Springfield

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Linda Fitzpatrick
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Monday, January 12, 2015

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

The following individual(s) spoke at public speak-out:

1. **Clarence Thomas spoke relative to the starting economic development incubators center at 140 Wilbraham Avenue the former location of the MCDI building to help small businesses in such areas as retail, IT, food processing, clothing, hairs dressing and barbering.**
2. **Jeff Burnstein did not speak said he would reserve his comments until the Casino Overlay hearing.**
3. **Russell Seelig spoke relative to proposed billboards on SS Clinton Street would violate the City's Zoning Ordinances.**

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 12, 2015 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas M. Ashe	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Clodo Concepcion	Ward 5 Councilor	Present	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Timothy J. Rooke	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Bud L. Williams	At-Large Councilor	Present	
E. Henry Twiggs	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Zaida Luna	Ward 1 Councilor	Absent	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	President - Ward 2 Councilor	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

A. Communications

1. Order (ID # 2912)

November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Patrick Burns, City Comptroller made presentation to the City Council relative to the period ending 11-30-2014 and the Report shows that the City had spent 45% of the yearly budget and the deficit of \$10,791,906 is because of a net school spending payment and large debt payment but is on track for the FY15 to have a balance budget. Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent and the Report was put on file for the Finance Committee to discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVE REPORT
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B. Reports of Committee**a. Report from Maintenance and Development Committee**

Read and explanation given by Councilor Kateri B. Walsh, Chair of the Maintenance and Development Committee (Councilors Walsh, Allen, Ramos) met on January 12, 2015 and Chair Walsh stated that the Committee met with Patrick Sullivan, Director of Parks, Building and Recreation Management and Daniel Warwick, Superintendent of Schools to discuss the Balliet Park renovation grant, Statement of Interests for 13 schools and Bond Orders for Kennedy Middle School and Kensington International School projects and recommended that all the projects be approved. The Council received the Report by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent.

II. Informational**3. Informational (ID # 2901)**

Order of Location for the Installation and Maintenance of Underground Utilities

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Drawing #6205 (PDF)
- Abutter Notice (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED
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4. Informational (ID # 2902)

Order of Location for the Installation and Maintenance of Underground Utilities

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Drawing #6207 (PDF)
- Notice of Meeting #6207 (PDF)
- abutter notice for wmeco 12-10-14 (DOC)

RESULT: RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED

5. Informational (ID # 2903)

Order of Location for the Installation and Maintenance of Underground Utilities

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- abutter notice for Comcast 12-17-2014 (DOC)
- Drawing Frank B. Murray St. (PDF)

RESULT: RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED

6. Informational (ID # 2906)

Order of Location for the Installation and Maintenance of Underground Utilities

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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed the Order by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Abutter Notice #6206 Riverside Rd. (PDF)
- Drawing-#6206 (TIF)

RESULT: RECEIVED THE REPORT-PASSED

7. Zoning Ordinance (ID # 2907)

For the Addition of the Casino Overlay District to the Springfield Zoning Map at the Properties Generally Bounded by State Street, Main Street, Union Street and East Columbus Avenue.

PETITIONER: Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC

ADDRESS: See Above

CHANGE REQUESTED: Casino Overlay District

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council received the Report and Passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee on Ordinances by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent and public hearing is set for Monday, February 26, 2015. The Planning Board recommendation is to approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3168_Casino_Overlay_District_2014_CC (PDF)

RESULT: RECEIVED 1ST STEP**Next: 2/9/2015 7:00 PM****III. Grants****8. Order (ID # 2919)**

FY15 Shannon CSI Grant - No Match Required \$786,932.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Sgt. Brian Elliott, Grant Manager for the Police Department that the grant was from Mass Executive Office of Public Safety “Shannon CSI Grant” in the amount of \$786,932 to identify and work directly with gangs members and youth at risk of becoming involved in gang activity to promote prevention, intervention, and suppression which will reduce gang related crime and youth violence and to pay police overtime, employee benefits, program supplies, salary expenses associated with a coordinator, and vendor contracts and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SHANNON 2015(PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**9. Order (ID # 2910)**

Balliet Park Renovation Grant - \$200,000 - Match Req'd

**APPROPRIATION ORDER AND
RESOLUTION TO FILE, AND ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASS., EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
AFFAIRS
FOR THE “PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES”
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BALLIET PARK**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Patrick Sullivan, Director of Parks, Building and Recreation Management and Daniel Warwick, Superintendent of Schools stated that the Order is to accept a grant from Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant in the amount of \$200,000 at the Balliet Park to include improved infrastructure such as ADA accessibility, path system, improved drainage, playground equipment, play field and park amenities and

would increase the City's open space by 6.47 acres and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Balliet Park Renovation (PDF)
- CAFO Certification - Balliet Renovations (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

10. Order (ID # 2896)

Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Enforcement Grant - No Match \$140,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Sgt. Brian Elliott, Grant Manager for the Police Department that the grant was from Mass Executive Office of Public Safety "Governor's Highway Safety Traffic Enforcement Grant" in the amount of \$140,000 to be used for enforcement and administration to be conducted by the Springfield Police Department for traffic programs including: Speed and Aggressive Driving; Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over; Distracted Driving and Click It or Ticket and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Traffic Grant Award Letter (PDF)
- Traffic Grant Set up form (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

11. Order (ID # 2909)

Highway Safety Sustained Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant - No Match \$124,821.50

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Sgt. Brian Elliott, Grant Manager for the Police Department that the grant was from Mass Executive Office of Public Safety and Security "Highway Safety Sustained Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant" in the amount of \$124,821.50 to be used for enforcement and administration to closed the enforcement gap between the Governor' Highway Safety Initiative Program and to coordinate overtime deployments with a focus on chronic problems areas based on crash data and other indicators and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- STEP award and grant set up form (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

12. Order (ID # 2905)

Fire S.A.F.E. Grant - No Match Required - \$14,718

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council accepted the grant in the amount of \$14,718 from Mass Executive Office of Public Safety and Security on behalf of the Fire Department to support the City's Student Awareness of Fire Education (S.A.F.E.) and Senior programs to be used in support of fire prevention training for students and seniors, general home safety and how to be better prepared in the event of a fire and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent without discussions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SAFE Grant Award Letter(PDF)
- SAFE Grant Setup Form (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**13. Order (ID # 2889)**

Homeless Youth Count Grant - No Match - \$5,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council accepted the grant in the amount of \$5,000 from Mass Department of Housing and Community Development " Homeless Youth Count Grant" on behalf of the Community Development Department to conduct a count and survey of unaccompanied homeless youth during the grant year as a "Point In Time Count" to better understanding the scope and need of unaccompanied homeless youth and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent without discussions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Homeless Youth Grant Award Letter & Set-Up Form (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**14. Order (ID # 2911)**

Fire Donation - \$54.10

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council accepted the donation in the amount of \$54.10 from Columbia Gas of Massachusetts on behalf of the Fire Department to support general Fire Department programs as requested by the donor and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent without discussions.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Columbia Gas Donation (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**15. Order (ID # 2914)**

Donation of Goods - Scibelli & ViVenzio, P.C.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and the Council accepted a donation of "Goods" from Scibelli & ViVenzio, PC on

behalf of the Human Resources and Labor Relations Department of a conference table and the Order passed by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent without discussions.

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

IV. General Business

(16.) (ID # 2923) Casino Ethics Ordinance

Ethics - Chapter 38

Casino Ethics Ordinance

ORD. NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE CASINO ETHICS ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, Article I of Chapter 38 thereof, entitled Ethics, by inserting a Section 32.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Article V of Chapter 38, Ethics, of the Code of the City of Springfield, is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 32 as follows:

Section 32. Casino Ethics Ordinance. Notwithstanding Chapters 268A and 268B of Massachusetts General Law and any other state or federal rule or regulation to the contrary, the following shall apply in the City of Springfield or any subdivision thereof:

(a) No member of the Springfield City Council shall hold a direct or indirect interest in, or be employed by, the Region B licensee (as the terms are defined in M.G.L. c. 23k) for a period of 5 years after the termination of their service as a member of the City Council.

(b) The Mayor of the City of Springfield shall not hold a direct or indirect interest in, or be employed by, the Region B licensee (as the terms are defined in M.G.L. c. 23k) for a period of 5 years after the termination of his or her service as the Mayor of the City of Springfield.

(c) No employee of the City of Springfield or any subdivision thereof in a major policymaking position, shall acquire an interest in, or accept employment with, the Region B licensee (as the terms are defined in M.G.L. c. 23k) for a period of 2 years after the termination of employment with the City of Springfield or any subdivision thereof. For the purposes of this section a "major policymaking position" shall be defined as the executive or administrative head of any city departments and any person whose salary equals or exceeds that of \$60,000 and who reports directly to the administrative head of any city department or persons exercising similar authority.

RESULT: FIRST STEP

Next: 2/9/2015 7:00 PM

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Councilor Allen that the Ordinance is to regulate the time individuals can leave the City and go to work for the new MGM Casino. The Ordinance prohibited the Mayor and City Councilors for a period of 5 years from the last date of employment from going to work at the Casino as the Mayor or City Councilor. The last section prohibits any City employees deemed "major policymaking position" which includes any administrative or executive head and any person whose salary equals or exceeds \$60,000 from being employed at new MGM Casino for a period of 2 years. Councilors Twiggs and Williams spoke in favor of the time period as an issue of transparency and Councilor Williams asked Associate City Solicitor Wilson what is the State Ethic Commission time limit and Associate City Solicitor Wilson said that the Ethic Commission time period for 1 year and the 1 year period would run currently with the City 5 years time period and would not prevent municipal employees from gambling or eating at the Casino. Councilor Ramos said he would like to see the time period reduced to 3 years. Councilor Rooke spoke stating that he was not favor of any time period beyond State laws and the Council should not be preventing an employee from bettering his/her employment opportunities and we don't do that for any other businesses in the City. The Council passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee on Ordinances by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent. Councilor Edwards made a motion to refer to the General Government Committee and was second by Councilor Hurst and the motion was withdrawn by Councilor Edwards. Councilor President Fenton asked General Government Chair Allen to conduct a meeting prior to final passage to accept amendments, if any.

Motion To: A. Refer to Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor President Fenton asked General Government Chair Councilor Allen to conduct a meeting prior to final passage to accept amendments and other comments, if any.

RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE

(17.) **ORD-2015-1 Article VII. Door-To Door Sales**

Chapter 279 Article VII

Door-to-Door Sales - Proposed Ordinance

ORD. NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the City of Springfield, Chapter 279 thereof, entitled Peddling and Soliciting, by adding Article VII entitled Door-to-Door Sales.

Be it ordained (enacted) by the Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Article VII. Door to Door Sales

§ 279-38. Definition, door-to-door sales.

No person shall engage in the activity door-to-door sales, as defined in this Article, within the City of Springfield, unless they have received a license from the Police Commissioner or his designee.

§ 279-39. Definition, door-to-door sales.

The in-person solicitation of sales of goods or services for present or future delivery by entry upon residential property or soliciting a person, located on residential property, from a street, sidewalk, or other adjacent property without prior invitation of the person to be solicited.

§ 279-40. Qualification of licensee

The Police Commissioner or his designee shall have authority to grant one such license to any person of good repute for morals and integrity who is a citizen of the United States or Permanent Resident.

§ 279-41. Duration of license

Licenses shall bear the date of the day on which they are issued and, unless sooner revoked by the Police Commissioner or his designee, shall continue in force for one year from such date.

§ 279-42. Fees

- A. Each person shall pay a \$25 fee to apply for said license.
- B. Any person, who resides within the City of Springfield and is under the age of 18 shall not pay a fee for a license under this Article.

§ 279-43. Exhibition of license on demand.

Any licensee who fails, neglects or refuses to exhibit his license when the same is demanded of him by a police officer shall be subject to the same penalty as if he had no license.

§ 279-44. Licenses issued by commonwealth.

Nothing in this article shall be construed as conflicting with any license issued under the authority of the commonwealth.

§ 279-45. Revocation of license.

Any license granted under this article or any ordinance may be revoked by the Police Commissioner or his designee upon violation of this section.

§ 279-46. Violations and Penalties; Enforcement

Any person who violates a provision of this article shall pay a fine of \$50 for each day which the violation is committed, continued or permitted.

RESULT:	SECOND & THIRD STEPS [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Thomas M. Ashe, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Timothy J. Rooke, Zaida Luna

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read for 1st time On December 15, 2015 and an explanation was given by Ryan Barry Associate City Solicitor that the Ordinance is to regulate person engaged in "door to door" sales to be issued by the Police Department and by defining door to door sales; qualifications for license, duration of license; fees, exhibition of license; revocation and fines. Councilor Ramos asked about non-profit solicitations and Clerk Lee said that there is a different "charitable solicitation" ordinance that covers non-profit such as churches, girl scouts and others given out by the Clerk's Office. The Council passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee on Ordinances by a unanimous voice vote.

Read for the second time on January 12, 2015 and passed 2nd step by a unanimous voice vote and referred to the Committee on Enrollment by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

The Committee on Enrollment met on January 12, 2015 and found the ordinance to be properly enrolled and referred the Ordinance for passage to the full Council and the Council passed 3rd step to be ordained by the following roll call vote.

18. Order (ID # 2916)

FY14 Free Cash to Stabilization Transfer \$10,900,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$10,900,000 to Stabilization

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by T J Plante, CAFO stated that the Order is to appropriate \$10,900,000 of the total amount of \$14,626,673 Certified as Free Cash to the Stabilization Financial Reserves account which would bring the balance in Stabilization Account to \$40,040,916 and the Free Cash was due to managing expenses and delaying hiring, additional revenue from motor vehicle, hotel and motel taxes, unspent school grant money, reimbursements from disaster recovery and school construction. Councilors Allen and Williams asked how the remaining \$3 million would be used and Mr. Plante said for unanticipated expenses such as snow and ice removal or other unforeseen expenses but if the money was not needed, it could be added to Stabilization account later in the year and read for a second time and the Order passed by the following roll call vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification - Free Cash (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Zaida Luna

19. Order (ID # 2913)

An Order Authorizing the Submission of Statements of Interest to the Mass. School Building Authority

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by Patrick Sullivan, Director of Parks, Building and Recreation Management and Daniel Warwick, Superintendent of Schools stated that the Order is for the Facilities Management Department to file 13 Statement of Interests with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) in an effort to secure funding for repairs and improvements at the following schools: Balliet Elementary; Brightwood School; Brunton Elementary; Dorman School; Gerena Community School; Homer Street School; Kensington Avenue Elementary School; Mary Lynch Elementary; SAFE Berkshire School and STEM Middle School and read for a second time and the Order passed by the following roll call vote.

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on **January 12, 2015**, the **City Council** of **Springfield**, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated **February 13, 2015** for the **Thomas M. Balliet Elementary School** located at **52 Rosewell Street, Springfield, MA** which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future as: **Priority #5, for the renovation and replacement of the Roofing System of the School building, to ensure the health and the safety of the school children and to decrease the energy related costs associated with the school building** and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MSBA 2015 (PDF)
- MSBA Projects Request (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Bud L. Williams, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Zaida Luna

20. Order (ID # 2915)

Order Authorizing Transfer of 870-880 State Street and ES Hayden Avenue to Ellen Boynton Via Quitclaim Deed

Please see attachments

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and explanation with given by Samalid Hogan, Project Director for Planning and Economic Development Department stating that the Order is for the sale of 870-880 State Street and ES Hayden Avenue to Ellen Boynton to redevelop into commercial space and keep the current tenants and expand the restaurant and retail tenancy at the property and the property was sold for \$25,000 dollars through a RFP process in which Ellen Boynton was deemed the most advantageous proposer. Councilors Twiggs, Williams and Rooke all praised the work of the Boyntons at their Cozy's Bar and Courtyard, 666 State Street and said they would make a fine addition to the upper State Street and the Order passed by the following roll call vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Council Order 870-880 State and ES Hayden Street Transfer (DOCX)
- Deed - 870-880 State Street and ES Hayden Avenue (DOCX)
- Land Disposition Agreement - 870-880 State Street and ES Hayden Avenue (DOC)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Bud L. Williams, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Zaida Luna

21. Order (ID # 2922)

Bond Order for Costs of Window and Door Accelerated Repair Projects at Kennedy and Kensington Schools totaling \$4,818,531.00, as Required by the Mass. School Building Authority

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Order approves borrowing and appropriation of \$4,818,531.00 for Accelerated Repair Projects at Kennedy Middle School (\$3,595,703.00) and Kensington International School (\$1,222,828.00), required for City's application for funding from the Mass. School Building Authority.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read the first time and Rule 19 suspended and an explanation was given by T J Plante, CAFO stated that the Bond Order is to appropriate \$4,818,531 for the purpose of paying for the cost of windows and doors projects at the Kennedy Middle School (\$3,595,703) and the Kensington International School (\$1,222,828) including the payment of all costs

incidental and related thereto subject to approval of the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Councilor Allen asked what was the City total bonding capacity and what was the State reimbursement rate and Mr. Plante said that the City has a total bond capacity is about \$38 million and the State pay 80% and the City pays 20% and read for a second time and the Bond Order passed by the following roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Zaida Luna

22. Order (ID # 2917)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of East Side Eastern Avenue F/K/A 323 Eastern Avenue (04325-0111) to Mary Sheehan

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Amber Gould from the Office of Housing and Melvyn Altman, Associate City Solicitor that the property (ES Eastern Avenue f/k/a 323 Eastern Avenue) was being transferred to Mary Sheehan under the abutter land sale program for use as a side lot and was sold for \$465 and the Order passed by the following roll call vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Deed ES Eastern Ave. (Par.111) (DOC)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Zaida Luna

23. Order (ID # 2920)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of SS Nash St., Lot 15 (08940-0024) to Jerald E. Jacobs, Jr. and Paige A. Jacobs

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Amber Gould from the Office of Housing and Melvyn Altman, Associate City Solicitor that the property (SS Nash St, Lot 15) was being transferred to Jerald E. Jacobs and Paige A. Jacob under the abutter land sale program for use as a side lot and was sold for \$1,885.50 and the Order passed by the following roll call vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Deed SS Nash St. (Par.24) (DOC)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Thomas M. Ashe, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Concepcion, Ramos, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton
ABSENT:	Kenneth E. Shea, Timothy J. Rooke, Zaida Luna

(24.) (ID # 2918) Amending Chapter 110 - Animal Control Ordinances

Please see attachment for body of order.

RESULT:	FIRST STEP	Next: 2/9/2015 7:00 PM
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Pam Peebles, Director of the T J O'Connors Animal Control Center that the Ordinance is to regulate animals in the City and amended the definitions of animal, advisory and hearing committee, animal control officers, dangerous and nuisance dogs, barking dogs, kennel and commercial establishments, secure enclosure, licensing and rabies vaccinations, restraint and control of dogs, impoundment, animal care including pens, tethering, trolley system and outside cruel conditions, animal waste, wild animals, enforcement and fees and fines. The Council passed 1st step and was referred to the Committee on Ordinances by a majority voice vote with Councilor Shea and Luna absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Council Order for Amended Animal Ordinance (DOCX)

25. Special Act (ID # 2898)

An Act Exempting the Positions of Civil Engineer in the City of Springfield from the Provisions Chapter 245 of the Acts of 1951

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and an explanation was given by Anthony Wilson, Associate City Solicitor stated that the special act is to exempt civil engineers in the City from the provisions of Chapter 245 of the Acts of 1951 requiring the City to pay the same wages as employees of the State Department of Public Works. Councilors Williams expressed concerns about how the Act would affect employees in the City and made a motion to refer to committee and was seconded by Councilor Concepcion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Memorandum for MOSES Special Act (DOC)

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 2/2/2015 7:00 PM
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Motion To: A. Motion to Refer to Committee

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilors Williams made a motion to refer to committee and was seconded by Councilor Concepcion and said motion passed by a majority voice vote with Councilors Shea and Luna absent and was referred to the General Government Committee.

RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE

V. Suspension of Rules - NONE