



City Council

Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 11, 2020

5:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

Possible Public Speak-Out is suspended until further notice.

Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 11, 2020. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM (remote collaboration technology).

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Present	
Victor Davila	Councilman	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	Councilman	Present	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	Vice-President	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Councilman	Present	
Justin Hurst	President	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Reports of Committee

Informational

1. Order (ID # 5640)

March Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Discussed by Patrick Burns, City Comptroller.

Councilor Walsh asked if there was a difference in the deficit due to the impact of the virus.

Mr. Burns stated the virus is the driving force. He explained City Hall closed shortly after March 10th.

She asked if the City is concerned.

Mr. Burns stated the City has mitigating measures in effect like a spending and hiring freeze to reduce expenditures.

Councilor Allen asked if there is anything not related to the virus impacts.

Comptroller Burns stated that prior to the shutdown the City was ahead of FY19.

Accepted by roll call vote, per Open Meeting Law requirements.

ATTACHMENTS:

- March Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVE REPORT
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General Business

2. Order (ID # 5649)

Confirmation of Deputy Director of Veterans' Services

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Helen Caulton, Commissioner of Health & Human Services, stated that there was an interview committee that consisted of herself, Talia Gee, Caitlyn Julius, and Tom Belton. A large part of the requirements were that the candidate be familiar with Chapter 115 that governs the actions of Veterans' Services. Mr. Decaro's score reflected he was the best candidate and he was present to speak about himself.

Mr. Decaro, the candidate selected by the Committee, stated that he would like to thank the Board and Mayor Sarno.

Councilor Gomez asked if Mr. Decaro resided in Springfield.

Mr. Decaro stated he does. He has been in the Coastguard for six (6) years and he has been the Veterans' Services Office for two (2) years in May.

Councilor Gomez thanked Mr. Decaro for his service and wished him luck.

Councilor Ramos asked why the Deputy position was being confirmed by the Council because he doesn't remember doing it before.

Commissioner Caulton stated the job description and criteria said the Deputy has to be approved by the Council.

Councilor Ramos asked if other deputy position are approved by the Council?

Caitlyn Julius, Assistant Human Resources Director, stated this is the only Deputy position she is aware of needing approval of the confirmation by the Council.

Councilor Ramos stated he has gotten to know Mr. Decaro and he will do a great job.

Councilor Lederman asked Mr. Decaro what he hopes to accomplish in the position.

Mr. Decaro stated that he came out of the service in 2006 and he believes other Vets would agree that something is missing when you leave service. He was looking for the brotherhood again and this job has filled that void.

Councilor Lederman stated Mr. Decaro will serve the position well.

Councilor Gomez asked how many people applied for the position.

Commissioner Caulton stated that six (6) applied and that was narrowed down to three (3) who were interviewed. One withdrew.

Councilor Allen asked about the staffing of the Department.

Mr. Decaro explained Charlie previously filled this position. There is one (1) Administrative Assistant, three (3) investigators. Mr. Decaro is currently an investigator, which this position will be vacant upon him moving to Deputy.

Councilor Walsh asked who replaced Charlie on the Veterans' Activity Committee.

Mr. Decaro explained the City must have a representative and he has been on the Committee since last October.

The Council approved the order by unanimous roll call vote. The vote was unanimous.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 1]
MOVER:	Adam Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown
NAYS:	Justin Hurst

Petitions

3. Petition (ID # 5633)

20-05 Long Terr.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW, stated the request is for a stop sign on Long Terrace.

Councilor Walsh asked if this was on the Traffic Commission agenda.

Director Cignoli assured her that it was.

Councilor Whitfield asked the process for a stop sign and how many signatures are necessary.

Director Cignoli explained there is a petition signed by ten (10) citizens given to him that goes to the Traffic Commission where a one hundred and twenty day trial is performed.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1-13-2020 Agenda (PDF)
- City Council Order stop -20-05 (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

4. Petition (ID # 5647)

20-15 Myrtle Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Council Order -20-15 (PDF)
- 2-3-2020 Agenda (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

5. Petition (ID # 5648)

20-16 Myrtle Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- City Council Order -20-16 (PDF)
- 2-3-2020 Agenda (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**Grants****6. Order (ID # 5620)**

CDBG Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$3,912,806.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SKM_C55820050611300 (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**7. Order (ID # 5621)**

HOME Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$1,678,324.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- HOME ENTITLEMENT GRANT SETUP (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**8. Order (ID # 5646)**

HOPWA Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$694,040.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tim Sheehan, Director of Economic Development, addressed the Council to explain.

Councilor Whitfield asked for a breakdown of spending.

Director Sheehan stated it is in the Action Plan.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SKM_C55820050611302 (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**9. Order (ID # 5618)**

HHS CARES Act Supplemental Funding - No Match Required - \$568,340.0000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Helen Caulton, Commissioner of Health & Human Services, stated the grant is for Health Services for the Homeless.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY2020 CARES-COVID 19 CONTRACT (PDF)
- FY2020 CARES-COVID 19 GRANT (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**10. Order (ID # 5622)**

ESG Entitlement Grant - No Match Required - \$336,498.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tim Sheehan, Director of Economic Development, explained that priorities were identified for homeless and at risk households and HUD will approve expenditures.

Councilor Williams asked what the breakdown was for household determinations.

Director Sheehan stated he was not sure.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ESG Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**11. Order (ID # 5616)**

Mass Substance Abuse Collaborative Grant Award- No Match Required- \$150,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Helen Caulton, Commissioner of Health & Human Services, stated the grant is for community programs.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY21 MSACP GRANT (PDF)
- FY21 MSACP GRANT CONTRACT (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**12. Order (ID # 5628)**

Brownfields Assessment Grant - No Match Required - \$98,990

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Brownfields Assessment (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**13. Order (ID # 5626)**

Homeless Youth Grant Increase - No Match - \$60,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tim Sheehan, Director of Economic Development, stated the grant is for an increase for homeless youth housing.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Homeless Youth Grant Increase 60,000 (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**14. Order (ID # 5643)**

Massachusetts Census Division 2020 Census Municipal Grant - \$50,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy Director of Finance, explained this is being awarded to Elections to aid with outreach efforts for the Census.

Councilor Hurst stated he would ask Ms. Gladys Oyola, Election Commissioner, to be present at the following City Council update meeting.

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Grant Agreement (PDF)
- Grant Setup Form (DOC)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**15. Order (ID # 5632)**

Police Department Donation - \$50,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD Donation - HCA with Hampden Care Facility (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**16. Order (ID # 5619)**

Mass Development Grant - No Match Required - \$49,973.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mass Development Grant (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**17. Order (ID # 5651)**

FY20 State Aid to Public Library Grant Increase- No Match Required \$5,313

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State Aid (PDF)
- Request for Grant Set-Up Form FY 20 State Aid Payment #2 (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**18. Order (ID # 5636)**

Police Department Donations - K9 Unit -\$2,650.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Donations - PD K9 Unit (PDF)
- PD K9 Donation - 2 Ballistic Vests (PDF)
- K9 Unit Misc Donations - Deposit Receipts (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**19. Order (ID # 5650)**

Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant - No Match Required \$2,250.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Request for Grant Set-Up Form MCC 9 10 19 amendment 4 29 20 (PDF)
- Springfield City Library (0417) (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**20. Order (ID # 5639)**

Donation - Police & Fire - \$1,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD-Fire Our Lady of Mount Carmel Donation (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**21. Order (ID # 5634)**

Police Silverbrick Donation - \$500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD Silverbrick Donation (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**22. Order (ID # 5635)**

Donation - Police/Fire/HHS - \$300.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD-Fire-HHS Donation \$300 (P Laforte) (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**23. Order (ID # 5624)**

Health and Human Services Donation - \$200.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 200 Donation HHS (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**24. Order (ID # 5642)**

Health and Human Services Donation - \$200.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton , Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- HHS \$200 donation food medicine (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**25. Order (ID # 5637)**

Police Department Donation - \$50.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Due to remote participation, the Council approved the order by roll call vote with Councilors Hurst, Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards and Brown present. The vote was unanimous.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD Donation - Sunshine Fund (PDF)

RESULT:	PASSED BY VOICE VOTE
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Orders

26. Order (ID # 5627)

Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$21,254.06

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$21,254.06

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy Director of Finance, explained this is a reserve for contingency to sick and vacation pay outs when someone retires.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19.

The Council approved the order by roll call vote unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Comptrollers to PS (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Adam Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst

27. Order (ID # 5631)

Bill of Prior Year - DPW - \$1,788.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy Director of Finance, explained this is a request to pay for services rendered in FY19.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19.

The Council approved the order by roll call vote unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW BOPY Applus Technologies (PDF)

- CAFO Certification - DPW BOPY (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

28. Order (ID # 5641)

Order Granting Permanent Easement to Verizon New England, Inc., For the Brightwood Lincoln School Project

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy Director of Finance, explained this is an order for granting a permanent easement.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19.

The Council approved the order by roll call vote unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit #1 - Draft Easement for Verizon New England, Inc., for the Brightwood School Project, and Exhibit A - Map of Easement Area (to be attached when completed) (PDF)

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

29. Order (ID # 5630)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of WS College St. (03020-0021) to Thuy L. Seward

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19.

The Council approved the order by roll call vote unanimously.

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Resolutions

30. Resolution 2020-1

Vote by Ballot

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

Suspension of Rules