



CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk's Office 12/9/2020 12:00:00 PM

Hearings Meeting Agenda~

I hereby notify you that the following items of business have been filed with this office and can be acted upon at the meeting of the City Council **Monday December 14, 2020** at 06:30 PM.

City Clerk

Hearings

6:30 PM Meeting called to order on December 14, 2020. The meeting will be held via ZOOM (remote collaboration technology).

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Special Permits

- (1.) For a Special Permit for an Accessory Wall Sign(S), Above the First Floor, at the Property Known as 1500 Main Street (08130-0132)(Book#22635/Page#265), as Authorized by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 9, Section 9.8.17.

Request: See Above
Owner: Mittas Hospitality LLC & DD
Development LLC
By: Vid Mittas
Petitioner: Mittas Hospitality LLC & DD
Development LLC
By: Vid Mittas

ATTACHMENTS:

- Main_St_1500_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Main_St_1500_Signs_2020 (PDF)

Minutes Approval

2. **Tuesday, June 16, 2020**
3. **Monday, June 22, 2020**
4. **Monday, June 29, 2020**
5. **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**
6. **Monday, August 17, 2020**

Petitions

- (7.) 16-03 Ruby Street Traffic Regulation ()
- (8.) Long Terr. Traffic ()
- (9.) 20-07 Oxford St. Traffic Regulation ()

- (10.) 20-09 Carew St Traffic Regulation ()
- (11.) 20-10 Fountain St. Traffic Regulation ()
- (12.) 20-15 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation ()
- (13.) 20-16 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation ()
- (14.) 20-21 ARVESTA ST Traffic Regulation ()
- (15.) 20-22 Avocado St. Traffic Regulation ()
- (16.) 20-23 Willow St Traffic Regulation ()



City Council
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

SCHEDULED

PETITION (ID # 5943)

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM
Department: Economic Development
Category: Special Permit
Prepared By: Phil Dromey
Initiator: Phil Dromey
Sponsors:
DOC ID: 5943

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To The City Council of the City of Springfield:

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Mailing Address

1500 Main Street
PO Box 1553
Springfield, MA 01105

Owner & Peitioner:

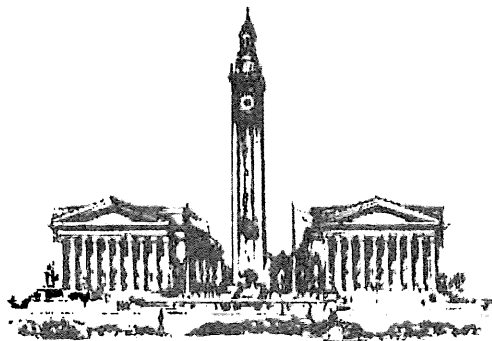
**Mittas Hospitality LLC & DD
Development LLC**

I hereby certify that I am the owner and petitioner or that I am acting on behalf of the owner and petitioner.

BY: 

Vid Mitta

Attachment: Main_St_1500_Tax_Formal (5943 : 1500 Main Street)



THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

11/06/2020

Special Permit Tax Certification

I certify that all identifiable real estate, personal property and excise taxes have been paid by the petitioner and/or landlord associated with the special permit request shown below:

Special Permit : 1500 Main Street
Petitioner : Mittas Hospitality LLC & DD
Landlord : Mittas Hospitality LLC & DD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher A. Caputo".

Christopher A. Caputo: Treasurer Collector

**OFFICE OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ANALYSIS FOR A SPECIAL PERMIT**

**1500 MAIN STREET (08130-0132)
WALL SIGN(S) (ABOVE THE FIRST FLOOR)**

General Information

Petitioner:	Mittas Hospitality & DD Development & Rudra Realty, LLC & Sai Raj, LLC
Request:	Erect wall sign(s) above the first floor.
Proposed use of the property:	Office building
Parcel Size:	Approx. 173,804 s.f.
Compatibility with current planning documents:	The Metro Center Neighborhood Plan shows no changes to this area.
Neighborhood council notification:	Armoury Quadrangle Civic Association: 11-24-20
Tax Status:	SEE ATTACHED
Site Visit:	12-2-20
Hearing Date:	12-14-20/12-21-20

Neighborhood characteristics:

This site is zoned Business C and is located within the City's central business district. The surrounding land uses include:

- To the north are a parking garage and office building zoned Business C.
- To the south are a hotel and office building zoned Business C.
- To the west is Interstate 91.
- To the east is an office building zoned Business C.

Site plan review:

The petitioner has submitted a sign package for the property known as 1500 Main Street which includes two (2) signs to be located above the first floor. The proposed signs would be for the re-branding of the Tower Square Hotel back to a Marriott Hotel. The two (2) signs to be located above the first floor would be located on the western façade (facing I-91) and on the eastern façade (facing Main Street).

As per the attached plans, the proposed signs would be aluminum channel lettering and would be illuminated with LED lighting. Both signs will be approximately ninety nine (99) square feet each.

After visiting the site and reviewing the submitted plans, the staff does not object to the proposed request. As the Council is aware, there is existing signage at the top of this building.

The staff also believes the proposed signs are in context and in scale with the overall architecture of the building. As such, the staff does not believe the signs will have a negative impact on the surrounding businesses or on the overall skyline of the City.

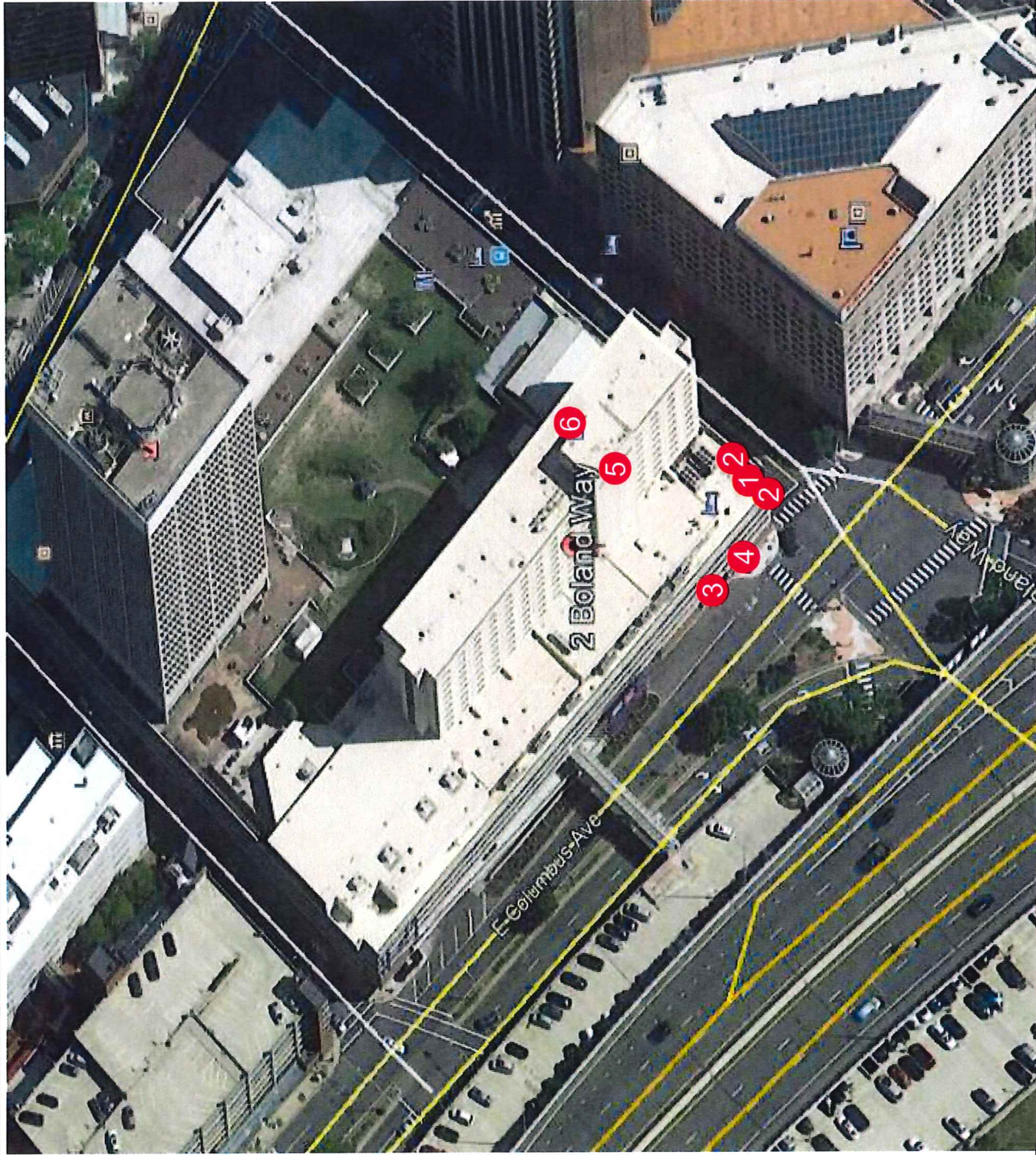


Recommendation

Approve, with conditions.

Recommended Conditions:

1. This special permit is granted to this petitioner only.
2. This special permit is granted solely for the installation of two (2) accessory wall signs, above the first floor, at the property known as 1500 Main Street (08130-0132).
3. The use shall be developed as per the attached plans and elevations, with the addition of condition #4.
4. All signage shall be fully permitted through the Building Department, prior to installation.
5. Compliance with these conditions, as well as any and all zoning regulations, is required. Failure to comply may result in denial of the issuance of a Building Permit and/or Occupancy Permit, revocation of any permits issued and/or enforcement by the Code Enforcement Department punishable by fines of up to \$200 per day for each day a violation exists.



INN CODE: BDLMS

MARRIOTT
2 BOLAND WAY
SPRINGFIELD, MA 01115

PROPOSED SIGNS:

- 1 24" LINEAR CHANNEL LETTERS
- 2 1'-0" X 1'-6" WALL PLAQUE (QTY 2)
- 3 24" LINEAR CHANNEL LETTERS
- 4 16" STACKED PIN-MOUNT LETTERS
- 5 28" STACKED CHANNEL LETTERS
- 6 24" LINEAR CHANNEL LETTERS

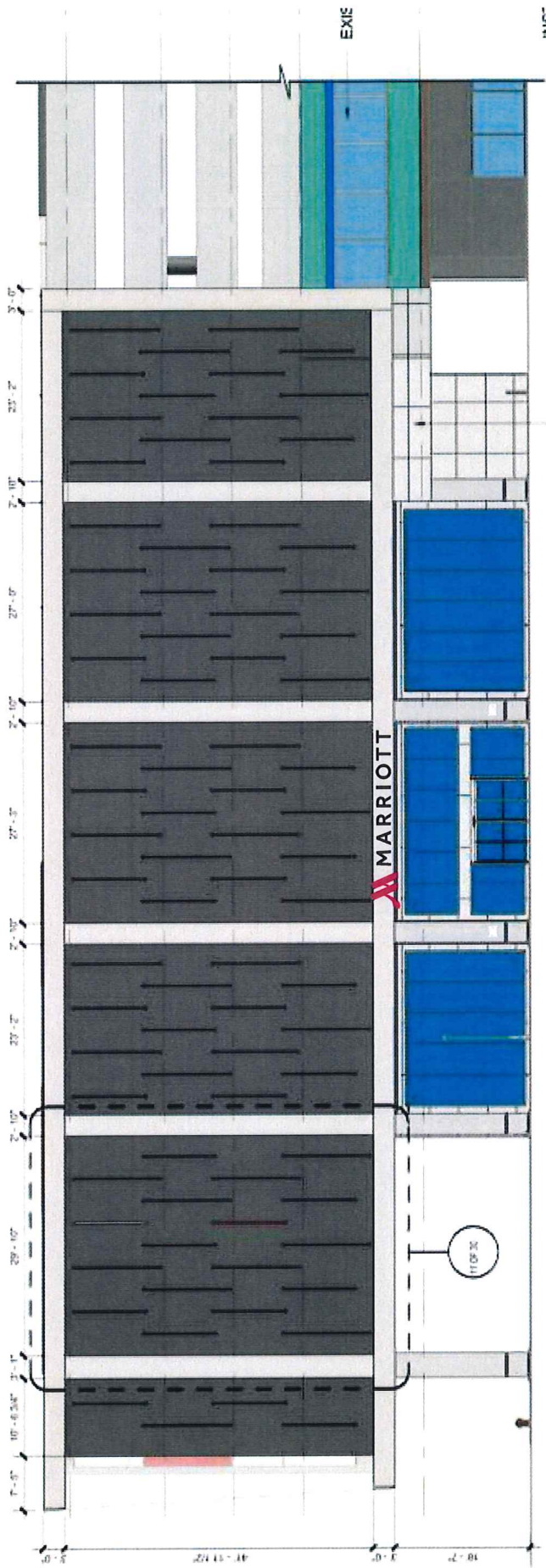
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Customer:	MARRIOTT	Date:	08/27/20	Prepared By:	KH/SC/KH	DISTRIBUTED BY SIGN UP COMPANY 700 21st Street Southwest PO Box 210 Watertown, SD 57201-0210 1,800.843.9888 - www.personasigns.com	
Location:	SPRINGFIELD, MA	File Name:	253797 - R4 - SPRINGFIELD, MA	Eng:		1. b	
						Attachment: Main St 1500 Signs 2020 (5943 : 1500 Main Street)	

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SIGNS | LIGHTING | IMAGE

ENTRY ELEVATION 1

SCALE: 3/64" = 1'-0"



construction specifications -

.050" aluminum channel letter construction with .063" aluminum backs. 1" black trim cap used on letters, 1" trim cap painted Matthews MP08937 red on logos smaller than 7'-0" in height, 3/4" routed aluminum retainer used on logos 7'-0" in height and larger. Faces constructed of 3/16" 2447 white acrylic with 1st surface film decoration. 3/16" 7328 white faces used on "Marriott" letters on dark colored buildings. "M" logo illuminated with GE red LED's and "Marriott" copy illuminated with GE white LED's.

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Face:
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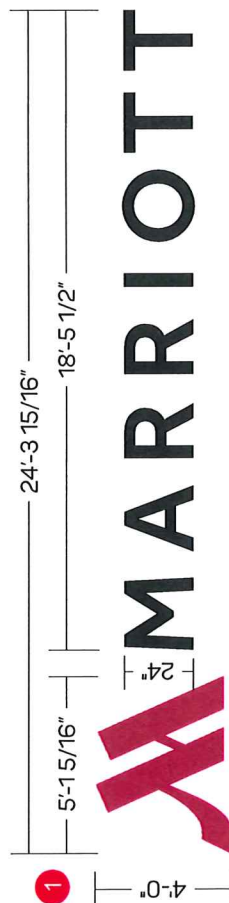
WALL SIGN DETAIL

SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

QTY 2

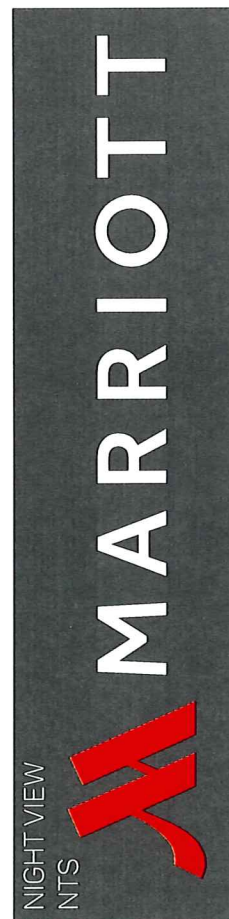
chrome background

- "M" logo and "Marriott" word mark:
- raised in white
- white film
- etched and filled white



CHANNEL LETTER DETAIL

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



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Prepared By: KH/SC/KH/JS

Date: 08/31/20

Customer: MARRIOTT

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Location: SPRINGFIELD, MA

Eng: -

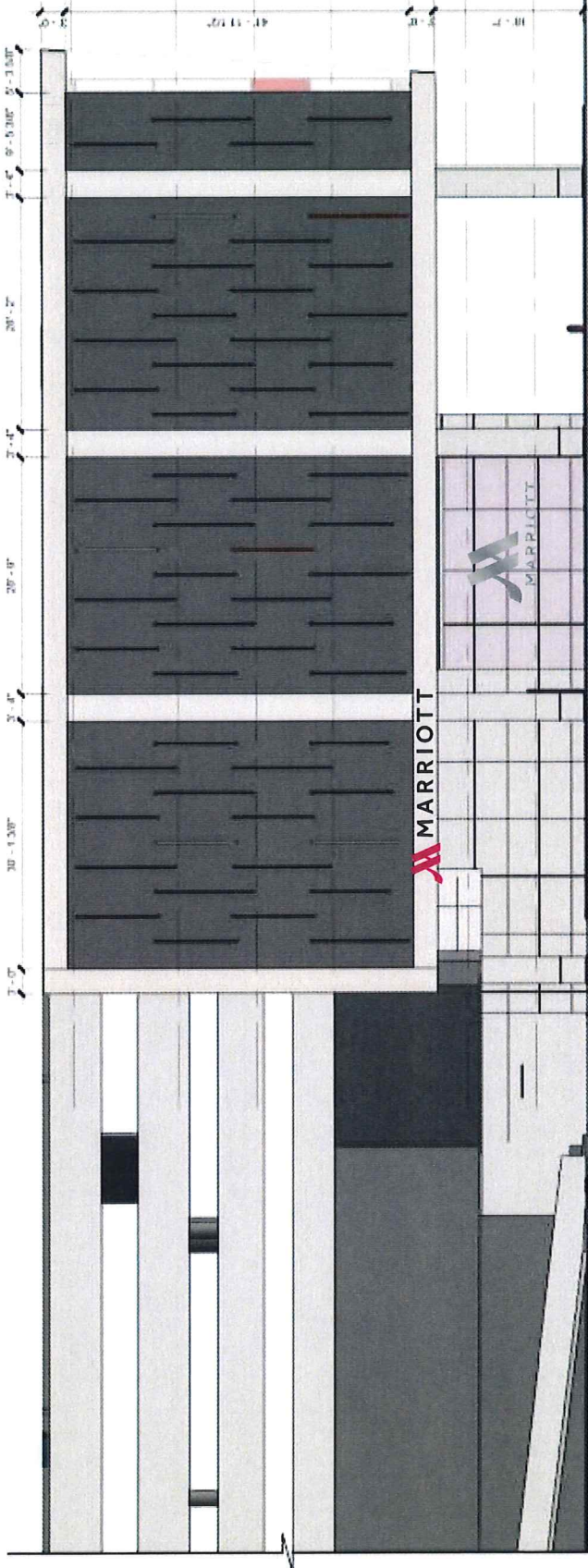
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Attachment: Main_St_1500_Signs_2020 (5943 : 1500 Main Street)

ENTRY ELEVATION 2

SCALE: 3/64" = 1'-0"



24'-3 15/16"

18'-5 1/2"

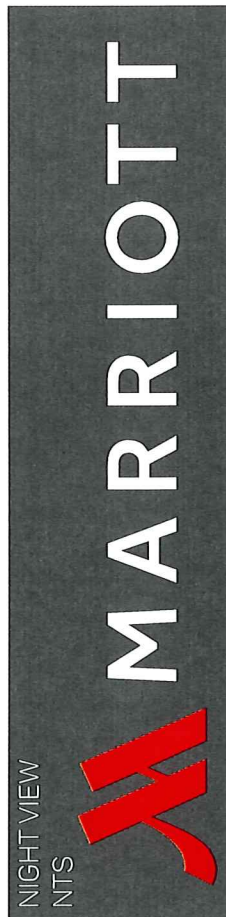
5'-1 5/16"

4'-0"

MARRIOTT

CHANNEL LETTER DETAIL

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"



NIGHT VIEW
NTS

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8'-11 5/16"

15'-1 13/16"

7'-0"

8'-11 1/8"

12'-11 1/16"

16 13/16" MARRIOTT

PIN-MOUNT LETTER DETAIL

SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"

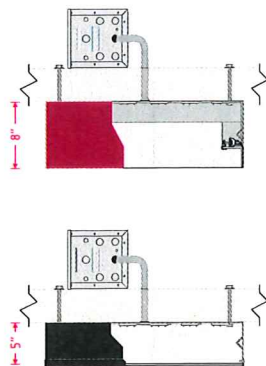
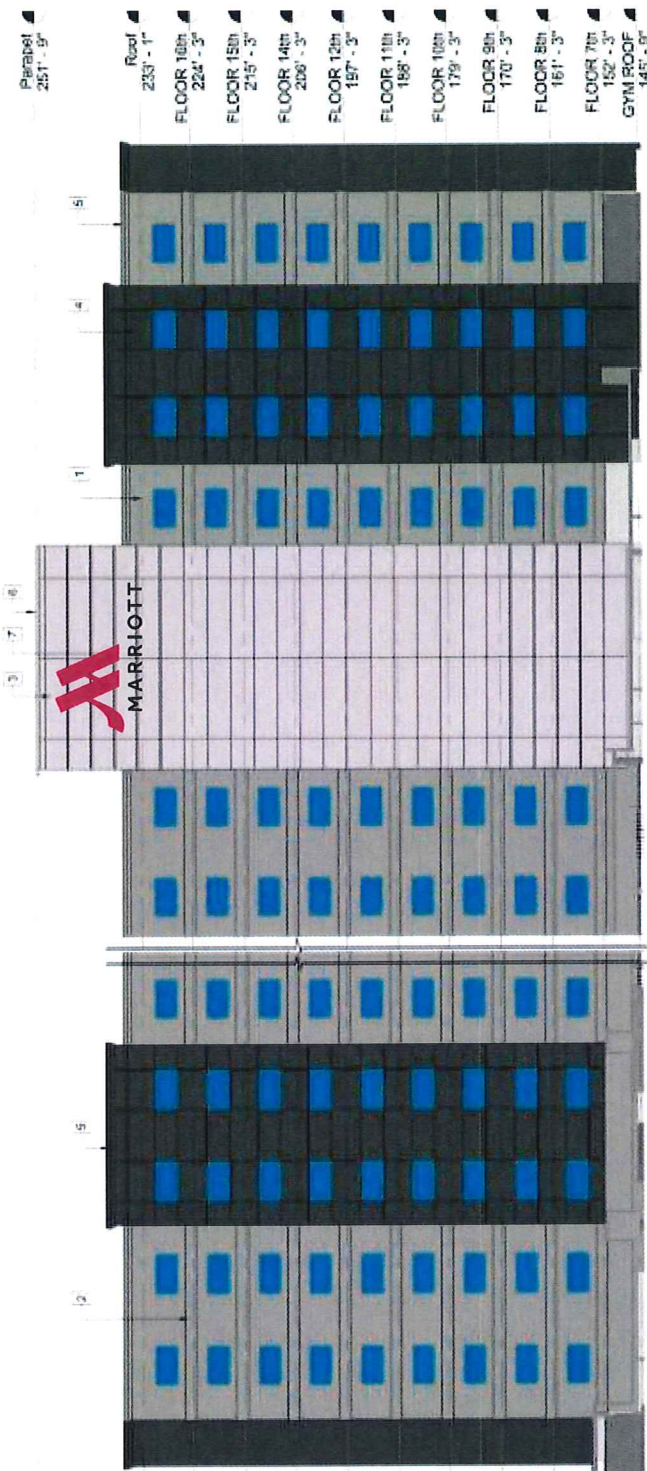
NOTE: EXTERNAL ILLUMINATION THROUGH CEILING MOUNTED FIXTURE IS REQUIRED - FIXTURE TO BE PROVIDED BY PROPERTY

NOTE: MOUNTING STUDS TO BE INCLUDED TO STAND LETTERS OFF WALL MINIMUM OF 1/2"

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Location:	SPRINGFIELD, MA	File Name:	253797 - R4 - SPRINGFIELD, MA	Eng:	

FRONT TOWER ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/32" = 1'-0"



LETTER PROFILE
NOT TO SCALE

REVERSE ANGLE IRON PROFILE
NOT TO SCALE



CHANNEL LETTER DETAIL
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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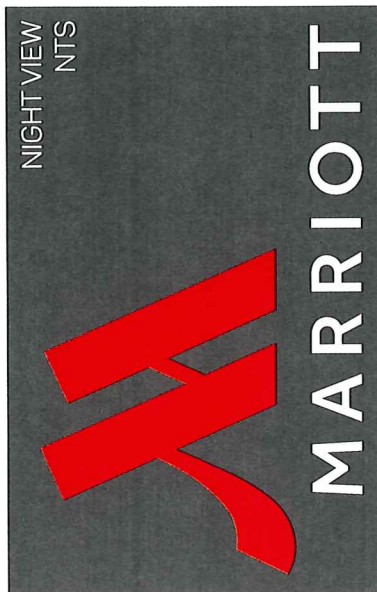
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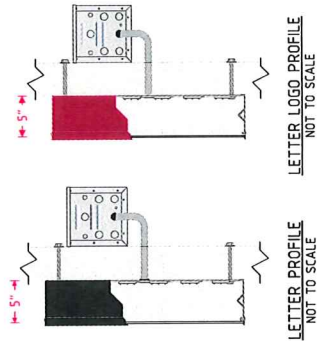
REAR TOWER ELEVATION



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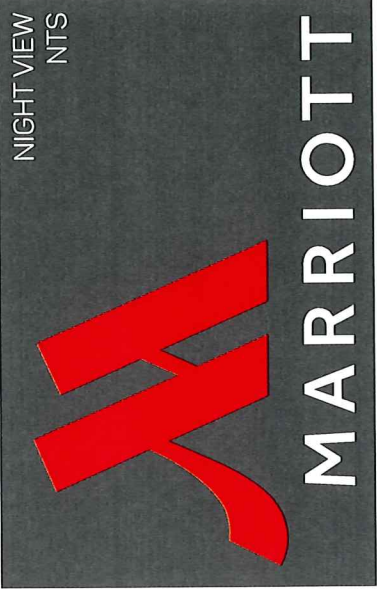


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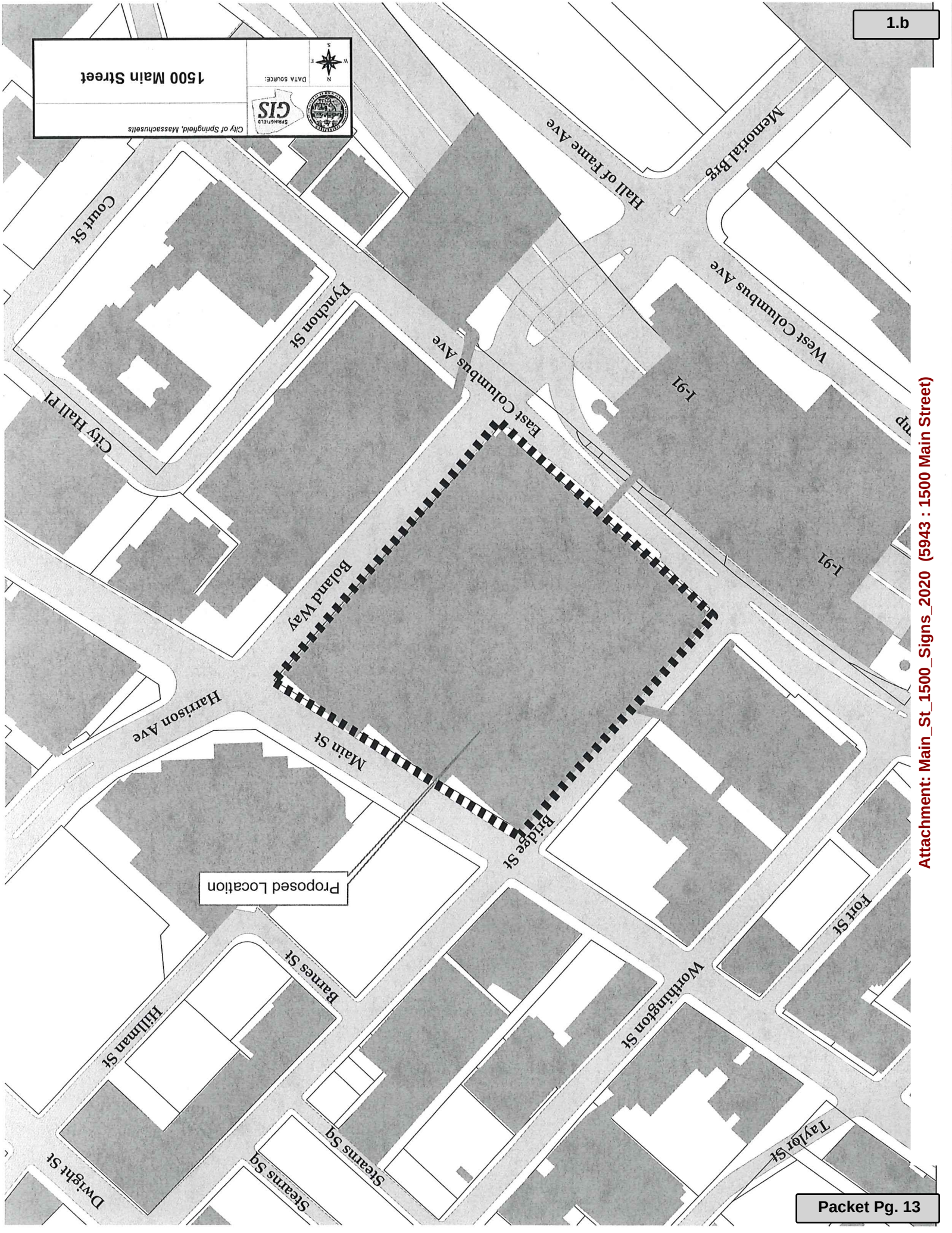
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1500 Main Street

City of Springfield, Massachusetts

DATA SOURCE: GIS







City Council

Special Meeting

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Tasheena Davis
4137876589

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 16, 2020. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM (remote collaboration technology).

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

II. Open Session

The City Council will begin the meeting in Open Session and will move into Executive Session upon an affirmative roll call vote.

Councilor Hurst stated media members are present and this is being recorded. The Council will discuss the order during the open meeting.

Attys. Aleo and Lesser were also present.

Councilor Lederman addressed the Council. He stated this has been an issue before the Council for several years. In 2016 the Council overrode a Mayoral veto to create a civilian review board to run the Springfield Police Department. The ordinance was set to go into effect after the then-current Commissioner's contract expired. In 2018 a provision calling for Council confirmation was removed to bring the ordinance into compliance with the Charter. The Mayor has not appointed a Board of Police Commissioners. Attys. Lesser and Aleo reached out to represent the Council in a suit to require enforcement of the ordinance. He stated he is in favor of retaining the attorneys. Councilor Lederman read the order.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jun 16, 2020 5:00 PM (Minutes Approval)

Councilor Gomez stated that he has supported the Police Commission since he has been on the Council. His mother was a Commissioner. He stated this issue came up in 2014 and 2015. There would be no need for a mayoral veto if the ordinance was not valid.

Councilor Ramos stated the legislative body has the authority to create laws for the City and no one is above the laws. Any laws created should be followed by all.

Councilor Davila was added as a co-sponsor.

Councilor Williams stated that the City Council has been in favor of this and performed due process. He is concerned with the precedence that would be set if ordinances are not implemented. A deep dive should be made into the Charter and what a strong mayoral form means. This is not a strike at any administration particularly but for the governance of the City. Councilor Williams asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilor Brown thanked all his colleagues for their work on this. He is disappointed that this cannot be worked on together. He asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilor Whitfield asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilor Walsh asked to be added as a co-sponsor.

Councilor Gomez made a motion to amend the order to reflect that it is only Attorneys Lesser and Aleo as pro-bono attorneys removing references to their Law Firm. The motion was seconded by Councilor Whitfield.

Councilor Fenton asked what the reason was for the motion.

Councilor Gomez stated it is to reflect they are being retained as counsel apart from their Law Firm.

Atty. Lesser stated that this change is being requested as they want to remove the firm name as they are representing the Council as individual attorneys.

The motion passed by unanimous vote of 13-0.

Councilor Fenton made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation, seconded by Councilor Edwards.

Councilor Walsh asked what happens if the Council goes into executive session.

Atty. Pikula stated a motion to go into executive session would not be proper as there is no grounds to go into executive session until the order is approved.

Councilor Davila asked if the order goes into effect immediately or how long it takes to go into effect.

Atty. Pikula, City Solicitor, stated that technically it would be 10 days for the order to be effective, but the Council could make a motion for it to be immediate.

Councilor Fenton stated he is not against the attorneys not being present in executive session. He stated the Council needs to discuss what the intentions are.

The Council discussed how it would work going into executive session and coming back into open session.

Councilor Hurst asked if Atty. Pikula would be present during the executive session.

Councilor Fenton stated it is up to Atty. Pikula.

Councilor Ramos stated that the best way to move forward is to vote on the order and have the attorneys present during the executive session.

Councilor Davila stated that it would need to be stated that it will be effective immediately.

On the motion to go into executive session, the motion did not pass by a vote of 9-4 with Councilors Davila, Fenton, Allen and Lederman being in favor.

Councilor Lederman asked if there is a conflict as one of the attorneys from Attys. Lesser & Aleo's firm represents the ACLU that is currently suing the City.

Atty. Lesser stated that there is no conflict but they will ask the Board of Bar Overseers to be certain.

Councilor Davila made a motion to have the order go into effect immediately, seconded by Councilor Gomez. By a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

On approving the order to retain counsel as amended, the order was approved by a vote of 11-2 with Councilors Fenton and Curran voting against the motion.

III. Executive Session

The purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City Council.

Councilor Lederman made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose stated above

A. Orders

1. Order (ID # 5705)

Order to Retain Legal Counsel

Order to Retain Legal Counsel

RESULT: **ADOPTED [11 TO 2]**

AYES: Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman,
Edwards, Brown, Hurst

NAYS: Michael A. Fenton, Sean Curran



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

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Tasheena Davis
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Monday, June 22, 2020

6:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

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Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Remote	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Absent	
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 # 5710)

May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller addressed the Council and explained the revenue vs. expenditure

ATTACHMENTS:

- May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT: RECEIVE REPORT

Petitions

2. Petition (ID # 5585)

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jun 22, 2020 6:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

Horses Regulations-Article Viii-C

HISTORY:**03/16/20****City Council****REFER TO COMMITTEE****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Davila made a motion to amend the rule, seconded by Councilor Gomez. With a vote of 6-6, the motion failed.

Councilor Fenton renewed Councilor Davila's motion to amend, seconded by Councilor Lederman. The motion passed.

After some discussion Councilor Allen made a motion to send the item to committee, seconded by Councilor Davila. The motion passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Council Order for Approval of Amended Rules of the Road_3.16.20 (PDF)
- PERMIT APPLICATION TO RIDE EQUINES WITHIN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD draft #2 (PDF)

RESULT:**REFER TO COMMITTEE****Next: 7/20/2020 6:30 PM****Grants****3. Order (ID # 5715)**

Coronavirus Relief Fund- No Match- \$6,496,829

These funds were given by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) to help pay costs incurred during the COVID-19 outbreak.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante, CAFO, explained the grant to the Council. He explained that it was funding for Coronavirus relief.

The Council accepted the grant unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert- Coronavirus relief funds FY20 (2) (PDF)
- CARES Act Application - Springfield (PDF)
- Guidance on Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund (PDF)
- RE_ [External] RE_ COVID Relief Fund Application __EXTERNAL EMAIL__ (PDF)
- Request for Grant Set-Up - Coronavirus Relief Fund (DOC)

RESULT:**ADOPTED [12 TO 0]****AYES:**

Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst

ABSENT:

Kateri B. Walsh

4. Order (ID # 5703)

BJA FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Funding Grant - No Match - \$425,682

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante, CAFO, discussed the grant. He explained it is to address overtime and essential equipment for the Springfield Police Department (SPD) for responding to the Coronavirus. He stated that one thing the grant will be used for is to purchase vehicles for SPD.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PD BJA Coronavirus Funding Grant Docs (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

5. Order (ID # 5707)

Facility Recovery Grant - No Match Required \$2,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This grant was taken with item #6.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks Grant Tennis Courts (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

6. Order (ID # 5708)

Parks Department - Donation - \$30.00 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This grant was taken with item #5.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks - Park Donation \$30 (D. Askwith) (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

Orders

7. Order (ID # 5722)

Bond Authorization - MCDI Demolition and DeBerry Park - \$5,500,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer, addressed the Council. He stated this is the next step for developing the Homer Street School. This is the demolition of the MCDI building as it desperately needs to be demolished.

Councilor Brown stated this is great for Ward 4 and he asks the Council to support it.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the order.

The Council voted in favor of suspending Rule 19 to take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO cert - MCDI and DeBerry Park Loan Order (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

8. Order (ID # 5709)

Budget Transfer Within a Department - Pay-Go- \$1,758,176.78

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer Within a Department - Pay-Go- 1,758,176.78

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante, CAFO, addressed the Council. He stated the City wanted to stay in compliance with the Pay-Go Capital account. The authorization will allow the money to carry over to FY 21 to prevent extensive budget cuts.

Councilor Gomez asked if there are any capital projects on the horizon.

Mr. Plante stated he does not have a list in front of him but it is typically used for projects over \$25,000 that the City would not want to use a bond authorization for.

Councilor Allen asked if the money would be the same line item.

Mr. Plante stated that is correct to prevent further budget cuts.

Councilor Ramos asked what happens if the transfer is not approved.

Mr. Plante stated that it will go through the free cash process to be certified by the state. He explained there may be risks with that process.

Councilor Whitfield stated that a committee meeting should be scheduled to discuss Pay-Go projects rather than holding up the order. She stated Pay-Go has been around for a number of years and the Council should trust Finance team to make some decisions.

The Council voted unanimously to approve the order.

The Council voted in favor of suspending Rule 19 to take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - EOY Pay-Go Budget Transfer FY20 FINAL 2 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

9. Order (ID # 5706)

Budget Transfer - FY19 Retained Earnings to DPW Enterprise Fund - \$75,483

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW, addressed the Council. He explained the transfer is necessary to level the enterprise fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - FY19 Retained Earnings to DPW EF (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

10. Order (ID # 5711)

Transfer - Pension Stabilization Reserve to City Retirement Account - \$12,264.89

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - Pension Stabilization Reserve to City Retirement Account - \$12,264.89

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Burns, Comptroller, addressed the Council. He stated the transfer is for the Springfield Retirement Board for a City employee that was called for active duty between 2004 and 2008.

The Council voted to approve the transfer, with Councilor Walsh being absent.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification - Pension Reserve to FY20 Pension Appropriation military (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

11. Order (ID # 5704)

Free Cash to DPW Enterprise Fund - \$400,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Free Cash to DPW Enterprise Fund - \$400,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW addressed the Council. He stated part of the money will go to the line item for the tipping fee and the remainder will go toward revenue. The City has not been able to charge any fines or fees so this will level the enterprise fund.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - FY19 Free Cash to DPW EF (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

12. Order (ID # 5686)

Free Cash to OPEB Trust - \$313,558.70

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante, City CAFO, addressed the Council. He stated the transfer is an ordinance requirement.

Councilor Ramos asked what the total is for free cash after all requests are approved during this meeting.

Mr. Plante stated by the end of the votes tonight it will be around \$3.2 million which will be used for FY21's budget.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - OPEB Transfer (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

13. Order (ID # 5712)

Appropriation Order for Taking Damages for Berkshire Avenue at Cottage & Harvey Streets Intersection (\$13,500)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW, addressed the Council. He explained the taking is part of a project at Cottage Street. It is fully funded by MassDOT and will go out to bid next week. There are 5 permanent takings and 12 temporary construction easements with the money being taken out of the Chapter 90 funds. It has been through all of the MassDOT requirements.

Councilor Ramos stated he has bugged Mr. Cignoli about this project for a long time. He thanked Mr. Cignoli for getting this project done. He stated one constituent owns the property at 720 Berkshire Ave. He asked how the valuation was determined and if it is permanent or temporary.

Mr. Cignoli stated it is a temporary easement. MassDOT gives a 5 foot easement for the new sidewalk that will be done and a new driveway will be repaired.

Councilor Ramos asked if that was communicated to him.

Mr. Cignoli stated his office hasn't spoken to the owner. He asked Atty. Shewchuk of the City's Law Department if he'd been contacted about the property.

Atty. Shewchuk, Associate City Solicitor, stated the amount of damages is determined by professional appraisers.

Mr. Cignoli stated to have the owner get in touch with him so they can discuss it with him.

Atty. Shewchuk stated an amendment is required for the order of taking term from 5 years to 3 years.

The Council voted to approve the appropriation order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up on one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ex. A to Appropriation Order, Table showing list of properties impacted, and Award of damages for each (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

14. Order (ID # 5713)

Order for Taking of Land and Easements for Berkshire Avenue at Cottage and Harvey Streets Intersection Improvement Project

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The total amount of the taking damages is \$13,500. See Separate Appropriation Order which must be approved before the Order of Taking is approved.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This item is related to item #13.

Councilor Davila made a motion to amend the order from 5 years to 3 years, seconded by Councilor Whitfield. The motion passed.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

15. Order (ID # 5720)

Order of Taking of Land from Springfield College for the New DeBerry Park for \$100,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Allen recused himself from this item.

Atty. Kathy Breck, Deputy City Solicitor, addressed the Council. The existing DeBerry Park will be used for the new DeBerry school, so Springfield College has offered 12 lots on Wilbraham Avenue for the DeBerry Park. Springfield College is fully on board and supportive.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Lederman, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh, Melvin A. Edwards
RECUSED:	Timothy C. Allen

16. Order (ID # 5718)

Order Authorizing Transfer of Land at NS Hampden Street to WGBH Educational Foundation, for \$10,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Brian Connors of the Office of Planning & Economic Development addressed the Council. He explained WGBH was the sole bidder for the RFQ and they will use the property for handicap access.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit A, Land Disposition Agreement for North Side Hampden Street, and Exhibits thereto (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh, Melvin A. Edwards

17. Order (ID # 5716)

Order Approving Lease of Space at 70 Tapley Street to the Springfield Retirement Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Kathy Breck, Deputy City Solicitor, addressed the Council. The lease of space si for the Springfield Retirement Board as they have done for years now. The rent will remain the same and the term will be for one year with two one year options to renew. COVID-19 orders and guidance have been included in the lease with a safety plan created by the Retirement Board.

Councilor Fenton stated that it is good to keep doing this but he says to take money from the Retirement Board to put it into the General Fund when they have been at the location for years. He stated that he would like to find a way to put this back into the retirement.

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller, stated that admin costs are charged back to the Retirement Board for a small benefit to the City.

The Council voted to approve the order.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit #1, Draft Lease of Space to Springfield Retirement Board effective 7/1/20 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

Ordinances

18. Ordinance 2020-2

Limitations on Fireworks or Pyrotechnics

Chapter 178-Limitations on fireworks or pyrotechnics

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Davila stated there has been several complaints regarding fireworks. The current ordinance is more administrative than enforceable. He stated this is for safety also as fires are being started from the fireworks. He wanted to ensure the Council this is not a criminal penalty being created but a civil penalty of a fine of \$300.

Attorney Moore, City Attorney, stated he is present to answer any legal questions.

Councilor Gomez stated that this is a mimic of Massachusetts law.

Atty. Moore stated it mimics the disturbing the peace but creates a permitting scheme that does not exist in state law.

Councilor Gomez asked if \$300 is the cap for a fine.

Atty. Moore stated that is correct as set by the state.

Councilor Gomez stated that someone was harmed by a firework going into someone's home within his district. He stated this is a large issue that he has been contacted about consistently. He said one issue is that shotspotter is picking up the booms of the fireworks.

There has been an increase in gun violence so it is very important the police respond to real shots fired and time not be taken away from that for things that are not guns being fired.

Councilor Lederman made a motion to amend as stated below, seconded by Councilor Gomez. The motion passed.

The motion was to add "pursuant to M.G.L.c. 272, Section 53." to the second to last sentence and remove the final sentence of Chapter 178, Section 13F.

Councilor Gomez made a motion to amend the ordinance to include to be enforced by the Springfield Police Department, seconded by Councilor Davila. The motion passed.

The Council voted to take first step on the ordinance.

RESULT: FIRST STEP

Next: 7/20/2020 6:30 PM

19. Ordinance (ID # 5724)

Ordinance for Police Commissioner and Community Police Hearing Board

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Ramos made a motion to send the item to committee, seconded by Councilor Davila.

The Council voted 10-2 to send the item to committee with Councilors Fenton and Curran voting against the motion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Ordinance for Police Commissioner and Community Police Hearing Board 6 17 2020 (PDF)

RESULT: REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 7/20/2020 6:30 PM

Zoning Ordinances

20. Zoning Ordinance (ID # 5653)

To Change the Zoning of a Portion of the Property Known as 11 Merwin Street (08580-0035) from Residence B to Business A.

PETITIONER:

Zahoor Haq

ADDRESS:

11 Merwin Street

CHANGE REQUESTED:

Res B to Bus A

HISTORY:

06/03/20

Planning Board

MOTION TO CONTINUE

Next: 06/17/20

06/17/20 Planning Board APPROVED

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3215_11_Merwin_St_2020 (PDF)

RESULT: RECEIVED 1ST STEP

Resolutions

21. Resolution 2020-14

Funding and Supporting of the National Decertification Database Planned and Initiated by IADLEST

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams initiated the resolution with all councilors added as co-sponsors.

The Council voted to suspend Rule 19 and take the matter up in one vote.

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES: Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT: Kateri B. Walsh

22. Resolution 2020-15

Action to Institute a Board of Professional Licensure of Police

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

RESULT: ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES: Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT: Kateri B. Walsh

23. Resolution 2020-16

Declaring Racism a Public Health Crisis

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Gomez initiated the resolution with all Councilors being co-sponsors.

All being in favor, the resolution was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

24. Resolution 2020-17

Supporting Congresswoman Pressley's Resolution

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Ramos initiated the resolution with Councilor Gomez being added as a co-sponsor.

The Council voted to adopt the resolution.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

Unfinished Business



City Council

Budget Meeting

<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

~ Minutes ~

Tasheena Davis
4137876589

Monday, June 29, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 29, 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	

II. Orders

1. Order (ID # 5731)

FY21 Budget Order - FY19 Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues

2. Order (ID # 5729)

FY21 Budget - General Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

- GF Appropriation Order (PDF)

3. Order (ID # 5730)

FY21 Budget Order - Enterprise Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

- EF Appropriation Order (PDF)

4. Order (ID # 5732)

FY21 Budget Order - Revolving Funds

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jun 29, 2020 5:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

III. Suspension of the Rules

1. Order (ID # 5739)

FY 21 Budget - Supplemental Budget Order - HHS - Office of Racial Equity - \$250,000



City Council

Budget Meeting

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Springfield, MA 01103
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Tasheena Davis
4137876589

Tuesday, June 30, 2020

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 30, 2020 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

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

II. Public Portion

III. Orders

1. Order (ID # 5729)

FY21 Budget - General Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Davila made a motion to cut \$800,000 from the Facilities budget, seconded by Councilor Gomez. By a vote of 8-6 the motion passed.

Councilor Whitfield made a motion to cut \$250,000 from Springfield Police Department overtime, seconded by Councilor Gomez. By a vote of 8-6, the motion passed.

The motion to approve the budget order passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- GF Appropriation Order (PDF)

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jun 30, 2020 5:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst

2. Order (ID # 5730)

FY21 Budget Order - Enterprise Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the order, with Councilor Brown absent.

ATTACHMENTS:

- EF Appropriation Order (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

3. Order (ID # 5732)

FY21 Budget Order - Revolving Funds

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the order.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown, Hurst

4. Order (ID # 5739)

FY 21 Budget - Supplemental Budget Order - HHS - Office of Racial Equity - \$250,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council voted to approve the order by a vote of 12-1, with Councilor Hurst voting against approving the order.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 1]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Curran, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Brown
NAYS:	Justin Hurst



City Council

Hearings Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Tasheena Davis
4137876589

Monday, August 17, 2020

6:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Hearings

6:30 PM Meeting called to order on August 17, 2020. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM (utilizing remote collaboration technology).

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

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

II. Petition

Petition (ID # 5802)

Black Lives Matter Mural

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Whitfield addressed the Council. She began with statistics and may get emotional as she is a black mother of a black son and daughter. Black men are 3 times more likely to be killed by the police and from 2013-2019 99% of shootings by police of black men did not result in criminal charges. She stated that her son drove her car which has an expired inspection sticker and she didn't know if he would come home where her white counterparts don't have to think about those possibilities. Black Lives Matter is a movement. It is a call to action against police brutality. Robert Gossman, owner of Nathan Bill's showed up to make peace and offered to pay for the whole mural. Councilor Whitfield asked that any counterparts that see discrimination show up as allies. She stated that she dreams of a time where we will be judged by the content of our character and not the color of our skin. Historically black lives do not matter. She thanked City politicians, artists and the community for coming together. She explained that we are all fighting for racial and social justice.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 17, 2020 6:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

Councilor Allen thanked Councilor Whitfield. He wished good luck to all.

Councilor Davila thanked Councilors Whitfield and Hurst and the owner of Nathan Bills. He explained he agrees with Councilor Whitfield that this is a bold statement that will resonate throughout the region. He remembers being discriminated against for speaking his native language in the 80's and that will stick with him forever.

Councilor Walsh stated this is a proud moment for the City of Springfield. She thanked Talbert Swan, Councilor Whitfield and the owner of Nathan Bills.

Councilor Lederman rose to speak in support. He thanked Councilor Whitfield for her leadership and feels the placement is amazing. He has been amazed with the movement and he was moved when the Councilors marched with young people down State Street.

Councilor Fenton thanked everyone involved. He stated this is a tremendous moment that requires planning and logistics. He echoed all the sentiments of other Councilors.

Councilor Lederman asked for the specific event logistics.

Councilor Whitfield thanked President Hurst and for all the support. She thanked all for reading the proposal and providing feedback. She explained it would be painted on September 12, 2020 after it was approved by the Board of Public Works and by the Council. She explained it would be an all day event, from 8am-4pm. She thanked Councilor Ramos for purchasing a BLM flag that will be flown on the day of the event.

ATTACHMENTS:

- BLACK LIVE MATTER MURAL REQUEST - 7.18.2020 (PDF)
- BLM .5 top (PDF)
- BLM street .5 (PDF)
- BLM Street (PDF)
- top BLM (PDF)
- 26 BLM asphalt murals across the US (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]

AYES: Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst

ABSENT: Adam Gomez, Sean Curran, Malo Brown

III. Orders

Order (ID # 5809)

PACE Massachusetts

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Fenton explained that he worked on this with Economic Development and the Mayor's Office. He stated he had clients in Berkshire County participating in the program. The program is for green energy development for private businesses and non-profits. The

City will work with MassDevelopment to place betterment liens on the property to finance green infrastructure.

Tim Sheehan, Executive Director of Economic Development, addressed the Council. He stated this is time sensitive and this is a win/win from an economic development standpoint. MassDevelopment is the coordinator with the lender to secure payment.

Wendy O' Malley, Vice President of MassDevelopment, addressed the Council. The program is in 22 municipalities already and they are excited to work with Springfield property owners.

Councilor Lederman wanted to be added as a co-sponsor. He held subcommittee meetings on the program last year and Ms. O'Malley came to speak before the program specifics were finalized.

ATTACHMENTS:

- PACE Massachusetts 7-2020 detailed_v2 (PDF)
- PACE Massachusetts 2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst
ABSENT:	Adam Gomez, Sean Curran, Malo Brown

Order (ID # 5810)

Election Warrant

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Gladys Oyola, Election Commissioner, addressed the Council. She explained the warrant is cut and dry as no changes have been made to polling locations. She stated the schools are not open, so it provides a level of safety. With buildings that are not municipal, there has been communication to ensure social distancing guidelines will be met.

Councilor Walsh asked if there is special advice for those voting by mail.

Commissioner Oyola stated that Councilor Davila previously asked that question.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SEPTEMBER PRIMARY WARRANT 2020 (PDF)
- POLLING PLACES 2020 EXCEL (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown

IV. Special Permits

Petition (ID # 5657)

For a Special Permit for a Temporary Truck or Truck Body Storage Lot at the Property Known as 158 Avocado Street 00845-0035) (Book#3441/Page#205), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.5(2).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Springfield Cooperative Farmers Market Association, Inc.
By:	Richard A Skypek, Esquire
Petitioner:	Springfield Cooperative Farmers Market Association, Inc.
By:	Richard A Skypek, Esquire

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Rick Sypek addressed the Council representing the Springfield Coop Farmers Market Inc. He stated they have a temporary truck on Avocado Street that will be stored and used for weekend business. The New North Citizens Council (NNCC) showed unanimous support. He stated it is a clean site next to Interstate 91.

Councilor Gomez asked if they received a letter of support.

Clerk Davis and Philip Dromey, Deputy Director of Planning stated they had not received a letter of support from the NNCC.

Councilor Hurst informed the Council that if any testimony is received regarding the special permit, it will be read into the record at the next meeting.

Councilor Lederman made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Whitfield. All being in favor, the item was continued to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Avocado_St_158_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Avocado_St_158_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5788)

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 17, 2020 6:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Motor Vehicle Service Station), Granted July 2007, by Allowing a Change in the Site Plan at the Property Known as 740 Boston Road (01655-0126)(Book#18106/Page#199), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.3(1).

Request: See Above
 Owner: GOGRI, Inc.
 By: Hasmukh Gogri
 Petitioner: GOGRI, Inc.
 By: Hasmukh Gogri

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hash Gorgi, owner of 740 Boston Rd., addressed the Council. He explained that the old station was destroyed as it was built 30+ years ago and was non-compliant with safety regulations. He wants to add 1600 sq. ft. to the building to meet current codes and standards.

Councilor Lederman made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Whitfield. All being in favor, the item was continued to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Boston_Rd_740_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Boston_Rd_740_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5603)

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Drive-Up Service Window), Granted August 2006, by Allowing a Change to the Petitioner, at the Property Known as 381 Cooley Street (03170-0199) (Book#21176/Page#558), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 19.1(1).

Request: See Above
 Owner: Jefferson Investors, LLC
 By: Andrew Cohen, President
 Petitioner: Walgreens S17787
 By: Robert Lauzon

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Robert Lauzon representing Walgreens addressed the Council. He stated they have reached out to the Outer Belt Civic Association and received no response.

Councilor Davila asked what the hours of operation would be.

Mr. Lauzon stated they would be M-F 9am-8pm; Sat. 9am-6pm; and Sun. 9am-5pm.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Aug 17, 2020 6:30 PM (Minutes Approval)

Councilor Allen stated that there was originally a condition to keep the treebelt clean that was not upheld.

Mr. Lauzon stated they will be sure to keep it clean going forward.

Philip Dromey, Deputy Director of Planning, stated originally it had to be seeded but it has been mulched but he does not have an issue with that. He stated it is up to the Council to change that.

Mr. Lauzon explained it has been mulched for 14 years.

Councilor Allen stated he will speak with Mr. Gould before the next meeting.

Councilor Allen made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Whitfield. All being in favor, the item was continued to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cooley_St_381_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Cooley_Sy_381_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5702)

For a Special Permit for a Motor Vehicle Service Station (Gas Station/No Repair Service) and a Drive-Up Service Window at the Properties Known as 3111 Main Street (08130-0397)(Book#22005/Page#37), ES Main Street (08130-0394)(Book#22929/Page#511) and 11 Merwin Street (08580-0035)(Book#22738/Page#566), as Authorized by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.3(1) and 19.1(2).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Zahoor UI Haq
By:	Zahoor UI Haq
Petitioner:	Zahoor UI Haq
By:	Zahoor UI Haq

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Robert Levesque addressed the Council on behalf of the petitioner and owner Mr. Haq. He asked to share his screen with the Council. He explained it is a vacant property with a connector and the property owner wishes to demolish the structure under the canopy. He would like to replace it with a 5600 sq. ft. building to reconfigure the parking lot and have a drive thru window.

Councilor Lederman asked about the drive thru window and stated typically the Council knows who will be operating the window. He stated at other hearings constituents are concerned with the hours of a drive thru window. He stated the proposed landscaping between the property and residences is good.

Mr. Levesque stated Mr. Haq is in the process of securing a tenant.

Councilor Davila stated the owner should be present at the next meeting as there are safety concerns to consider. He asked if this was presented to the neighborhood council.

Mr. Levesque stated they have a letter of support from the council.

Councilor Fenton asked if there was a signage plan.

Mr. Levesque stated that was submitted to Planning.

Councilor Davila asked about the flow of traffic.

Mr. Levesque used his presentation to show the flow of traffic.

Councilor Lederman made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Whitfield. All being in favor, the item was continued to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Main_St_3111_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Main_St_3111_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5693)

For a Special Permit for the Expansion of a Non-Conforming Use (Used Car Sales) Located at the Property Known as 724 Page Boulevard (09440-0124) (Book#15109/Page#0177) to the Property Known as 734 Page Boulevard (09440-0127) (Book#22737/Page#187), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.1.30.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Carlos G Dias
By:	Carlos G Dias
Petitioner:	Carlos G Dias
By:	Carlos G Dias

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Jeffrey Dias addressed the Council. He is owner of New Englad Wholesalers lot. He expained that he has purchased the service facility. He explained he renovated and added 12 spots to the property. He 724 Page Boulevard is a small lot so he is only looking to improve traffic flow and add employee parking.

Councilor Fenton made a motion to amend condition #3 from 12 sales' spaces to 8 sales' spaces.

Councilor Whitfield made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Williams. All being in favor, the item was continued to the next meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Page_Bl_724_734_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Page_Bl_734_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5692)

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Motor Vehicle Sales), Granted May 2010, by Allowing a Change in the Petitioner, at the Property Known as 193 Taylor Street (11430 0163) (Book#14035/Page#172) as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Table 4-4, Section 12.1.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Samuel Springer
By:	Samuel Springer
Petitioner:	Samuel Springer
By:	Samuel Springer

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Steven Shahabian, property owner, addressed the Council. He stated the property was a run down mobile home park and he has purchased it and renovated it. He explained he has worked with code enforcement to bring the property into compliance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Taylor_St_193_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Taylor_St_193_2020 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]	Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM
AYES:	Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen, Lederman, Edwards, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Sean Curran, Malo Brown	

Petition (ID # 5655)

For a Special Permit for Motor Vehicle Sales at the Property Known as NS Worcester Street (A.K.A. 93 Grochmal Avenue)(12525-0150)(Book#11182/Page#387), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.1.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Hayastan Industries, Inc.
By:	Stephen Shahabian
Petitioner:	Stephen Shahabian
By:	Stephen Shahabian

ATTACHMENTS:

- Worcester_St_NS_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Worcester_St_NS_2020 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 0]**Next: 9/14/2020 6:30 PM****AYES:** Gomez, Whitfield, Davila, Fenton, Ramos, Walsh, Williams, Allen,
Lederman, Edwards, Hurst**ABSENT:** Sean Curran, Malo Brown



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5976

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16-03 Ruby Street Traffic Regulation ()

19-21

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

RUBY ROAD. Stop signs facing westbound and southbound vehicles on Ruby Rd. at Josephine Street



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5977

8

Long Terr. Traffic ()

20-05

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

LONG TERR. Stop signs facing eastbound vehicles on Long Terr. at Strong Street.

20-05

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

LONG TERR. Stop signs facing eastbound vehicles on Long Terr. at Strong Street.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5978

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20-07 Oxford St. Traffic Regulation ()

20-07

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

OXFORD ST. STOP SIGN facing southbound vehicles on Oxford Street at Riverview Terr



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5979

10

20-09 Carew St Traffic Regulation ()

20-09

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Road approved September 8, 1936, as amended be further amended by striking out under Sections 2 through 13 of Article V, the following:

CAREW STREET. From Hobart Street northerly direction 90 feet west side on Carew Street

AND, further amending by inserting under Section 2(a) of Article V, “No Parking Anytime”, as follows:

CAREW STREET. From Hobart Street northerly direction 90 feet west side on Carew Street.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5980

11

20-10 Fountain St. Traffic Regulation ()

20-10

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

FOUNTAIN ST. STOP SIGNS facing northbound and southbound vehicles on Fountain Street at Commonwealth Ave.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5981

12

20-15 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation ()

20-15

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Road approved September 8, 1936, as amended be further amended by striking out under Sections 2 through 13 of Article V, the following:

Myrtle Street: 40 feet south side of Myrtle Street starting 45 feet from State Street.

AND, further amending by inserting under Section 16 of Article V, "Service Zones", as follows:

Myrtle Street: Starting 45 feet easterly from State Street south side of Myrtle Street for 40 feet.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5982

13

20-16 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation ()

20- 16

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

In City Council, December 14, 2020

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Road approved September 8, 1936, as amended be further amended by striking out under Sections 2 through 13 of Article V, the following:

Myrtle Street: 40 feet south side of Myrtle Street starting 90 feet from State Street.

AND, further amending by inserting under Section 5(k) of Article VA, and Section 7 of Article VI "Handicapped Parking," as follows:

Myrtle Street: Starting 90 feet easterly from State Street south side of Myrtle Street for 40 feet.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5983

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20-21 ARVESTA ST Traffic Regulation ()

20-21

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

"In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 89, Section 9 of the General laws, the following street is designated as a STOP street at the following intersection and in the direction indicated."

ARVESTA ST. Stop sign facing eastbound vehicles on Arvesta St. at Gillette Ave



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5984

15

20-22 Avocado St. Traffic Regulation ()

20-22

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Road approved September 8, 1936, as amended be further amended by striking out under Sections 2 through 13 of Article V, the following:

AVOCADO ST. 300 feet from West Street southerly for 1,317 feet. East side

AND, further amending by inserting under Section 3 of Article V,
"No Parking 6:00pm to 8:00am", as follows:

AVOCADO ST. East side of Avocado Street, starting 300 feet from West Street southerly for 1,317 feet.



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/14/20 06:30 PM

Initiator: Hector Velez

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5985

16

20-23 Willow St Traffic Regulation ()

20-23

C I T Y O F S P R I N G F I E L D

In City Council, December 14, 2020

ORDERED, that the Rules of the Road approved September 8, 1936, as amended be further amended by striking out under Sections 2 through 13 of Article V, the following:

WILLOW STREET From 95 feet from Union Street easterly direction to Hubbard Street

AND, further amending by inserting under Section 2(a) of Article V, “No Parking Anytime”, as follows:

WILLOW STREET. 95 feet from Union Street easterly direction to Hubbard Street, south side.