



City Council

Hearings Meeting

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Monday, December 14, 2020

6:30 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Hearings

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Absent	
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	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Special Permits

1. Petition (ID # 5943)

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Vid Mitta addressed the Council. He stated he is the owner of Towersquare Hotel and Towersquare building.

Councilor Lederman recused himself as his employer is located within Tower Square.

Harry Auerbach of Agnoli Signs addressed the Council. He stated there are six signs being placed onto the building. The Council must approve two signs that are located on the 20th floor. The signs being placed at Boland Way and East Columbus Avenue are illuminated. The other signs are not.

Councilor Fenton stated this will be a welcomed addition to the Springfield skyline. He stated the Petitioner has done an excellent job with the property. One question is what is the status on the sign being placed on Tower Square for WellFleet Insurance.

Mr. Agnoli stated he spoke with Jennifer Piccard and they are intending to move forward but COVID-19 has prevented progress and so has the winter season.

Councilor Fenton asked about the uplighting/spot lights on the building.

Mr. Auerbach stated the two signs are internally lit and would shine up to WellFleet.

Councilor Walsh supports the petition. The Marriot is a national brand and this is a nice present for the City. She asked when will the signs go up.

Mr. Auerbach stated after the special permit is granted, the sign will hopefully be placed onto the building in the Spring of 2021.

Councilor Curran stated he is in favor. He asked if the greenspace across the street will be maintained as when MassMutual owned the building.

Mr. Mitta stated the same vendors will be responsible for maintenance of the space.

Councilor Gomez thanked Mr. Auerbach for his professionalism within his district. He thanked Mr. Mitta for his hard work.

Councilor Brown thanked Mr. Mitta for assisting people that were misplaced. He is in support of the permit.

Councilor Williams made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Gomez. By a vote of 11-0, the hearing was continued.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Main_St_1500_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Main_St_1500_Signs_2020 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE**Next: 12/21/2020 6:30 PM**

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. Order (ID # 5976)

16-03 Ruby Street Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

The Council took items #7-16 together.

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a stop sign on Ruby Road.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED

8. Order (ID # 5977)

Long Terr. Traffic

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a stop sign on Long Terrace. He explained most of the petitions are for 120 day trial. This was a request from the Hungry Hill Neighborhood Council.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED

9. Order (ID # 5978)

20-07 Oxford St. Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a stop sign on Oxford St. as requested from a resident by 311 call.

Councilor Davila asked has there been an increase in accidents at this site.

Mr. Velez stated the resident was concerned about a close call at that corner.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED

10. Order (ID # 5979)

20-09 Carew St Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a no parking sign. He explained it was requested by Springfield Police Department in front of Pottenger School.

Councilor Fenton asked if these petitions are on for permanent changes.

Mr. Velez stated that is correct.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED

11. Order (ID # 5980)

20-10 Fountain St. Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a stop sign on Fountain and Commonwealth intersection as requested by a resident through a 311 call.

Councilor Davila asked if there has been traffic or accidents.

Mr. Velez stated there was a close call as people are driving fast on these streets.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED

12. Order (ID # 5981)

20-15 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a no loading zone sign at the Health and Human Services building on State Street.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED**13. Order (ID # 5982)**

20-16 Myrtle Street Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is related to item #12 and is for two handicap parking signs.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED**14. Order (ID # 5983)**

20-21 ARVESTA ST Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request to place a stop sign on Arvilla Street is the corrected street. The stop sign has been placed at Arvesta Street and must be moved to Arvilla.

Councilor Allen stated both streets intersect at Gillette Avenue. He explained the request was for Arvilla Street.

Councilor Hurst asked if the Traffic Commission heard it as Arvesta Street.

Mr. Velez stated that was correct. The Traffic Commission would have to hear the petition for Arvilla Street. He stated it would be a 90 day trial and then it would go to the Traffic Commission and voted to be permanent.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED**15. Order (ID # 5984)**

20-22 Avocado St. Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a no parking sign requested by the Springfield Police Department.

RESULT: RECEIVED PASSED**16. Order (ID # 5985)**

20-23 Willow St Traffic Regulation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Hector Velez of Department of Public Works addressed the Council. He stated it is a request from residents to place a no parking sign at an Animal Shelter.

RESULT:	RECEIVED PASSED
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