



CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk's Office 6/12/2020 5:00:00 PM

Special 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 **Tuesday June 16, 2020** at 05:00 PM.

City Clerk

COVID-19 Advisory:

In order to enable municipal government to continue its important work during the COVID-19 pandemic, and to ensure that elected officials can satisfy CDC social distancing guidelines to avoid exposure to contagions, the City of Springfield is providing public notice that it will conduct this meeting utilizing remote collaboration technology in accord with Governor Baker's Order concerning the Open Meeting Law. FOCUS Springfield Community TV will continue to broadcast meetings utilizing the technology listed below.

There are three (3) methods for City residents to be present during the meeting or, in the alternative, watch the meeting at a later date:

1. Viewers used to watching "live" or "on-demand" recordings via Livestream will continue to watch meetings using the same link: <https://livestream.com/focusspringfield/citycouncil>
2. Viewers used to watching "live" or recordings played back on Springfield's Comcast Channel 17 will continue to watch meetings on the same channel, and it is repeatedly aired several times a week until the next meeting
3. At any point, City Council meetings can be viewed at the FOCUS Springfield website <http://focusspringfield.com/>

Call to Order

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

Open Session

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

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.

Orders

- (1.) Order to Retain Legal Counsel ()



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 06/16/20 05:00 PM

Initiator: Tasheena Davis

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Order to Retain Legal Counsel ()

**AN ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS
RETAINING THE LAW OFFICES OF LESSER, NEWMAN, ALEO, & NASSER LLP**

BE IT ORDERED THAT the Springfield City Council hereby retains the pro bono legal services of the Law Offices of Lesser, Newman, Aleo, & Nasser LLP, and specifically Attorney Thomas Lesser and Michael Aleo, to represent it in our dispute with the Mayor of the City of Springfield concerning the enforcement of the Ordinance that established the Board of Police Commissioners, which is codified at §§ 67-84 - 67-96 of the City of Springfield Municipal Code, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Springfield City Council authorizes the Law Offices of Lesser, Newman, Aleo, & Nasser LLP to provide legal advice to the City Council with regard to the dispute described above and, if directed by a vote of the City Council, to bring an action to litigate this dispute in the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Springfield City Council hereby authorizes its President, Justin Hurst, to sign and execute an engagement letter between the Springfield City Council and the Law Offices of Lesser, Newman, Aleo, & Nasser LLP for the purposes of the above referenced representation.