



CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk's Office 7/22/2020 12:00:00 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 **Monday July 27, 2020** at 05:30 PM.

City Clerk

Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on July 27, 2020. THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM (Remote Collaboration Technology).

Open Session

The Council will convene the meeting in open session and move into executive session.

Executive Session

The Council will enter executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigating position regarding enforcement of Article XVII of Chapter 67 of the City Ordinances. It has been declared that conducting the discussion in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body. The Council will reconvene in open session.

- (1.) Order to Retain Legal Counsel (Ward 1 Councilor Gomez, Councilor Lederman, At-Large Councilor Walsh, Vice-President Williams, Councilwoman Whitfield, Councilman Davila)
Order to Retain Legal Counsel

Open Session

The Council will reconvene in open session to take any required action on the Order to Retain Legal Counsel, approved June 16, 2020.



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Meeting: 07/27/20 05:30 PM

Initiator: Camile Nelson Campbell

SCHEDULEDSponsors: Gomez, Lederman, Walsh, Williams, Whitfield, Davila

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**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 Attorneys 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 Attorneys Thomas Lesser and Michael Aleo 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 Attorneys Thomas Lesser and Michael Aleo for the purposes of the above referenced representation and the order shall be effective immediately.

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