



CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk's Office 12/7/2020 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 December 7, 2020** at 05:30 PM.

City Clerk

Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on December 7, 2020 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

Public Portion

The Council will consider an Order setting a residential factor for Fiscal Year 2021.

Orders

- (1.) Supplemental Budget - Decrease in State Aid - \$15,787,024.00 (Mayor Sarno)
- (2.) Transfer - FY20 Certified Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues - \$1,000,000.00 (Mayor Sarno)
Transfer - FY20 Certified Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues - \$1,000,000.00
- (3.) Tax Factor-FY 21 ()



City Council

SCHEDULED

Meeting: 12/07/20 05:30 PM
Initiator: Timothy Brown
Sponsors: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
DOC ID: 5960

3.1

Supplemental Budget - Decrease in State Aid - \$15,787,024.00 (Mayor Sarno)

WHEREAS, to meet the expenses of the Springfield School Department, a decrease in appropriations in the amount of \$15,787,024.00, as itemized below, are hereby voted from the following sources, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 32, Chapter 44 Section 53 and Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008, and the recommendation of his Honor the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield has received a decrease in the estimated amount of Chapter 70 and Charter Tuition State Aid; and

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to Chapter 70 section 11 of the Education Reform Act of 1992 must appropriate these funds to meet Net School Spending (NSS); and

WHEREAS, these funds will decrease the School Department's General Fund Operating Budget and the City will still meet the State Mandated Net School Spending Appropriation; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing this order, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer has certified to the Mayor and City Council, that in his professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in the Order, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Council approves the decrease in appropriations as itemized below to meet the expenses of the Springfield School Department.

SOURCES

01145-461100	
Treasurer's Office - Chapter 70 State Aid	<u>\$(13,187,888.00)</u>
01145-465700	
Treasurer's Office - Charter Tuition Reimbursement	<u>\$(2,599,136.00)</u>
TOTAL:	\$ (15,787,024.00)

USES

03010240-509950	
School Department - Lost Time	<u>\$(15,787,024.00)</u>
TOTAL:	\$ (15,787,024.00)

City of Springfield
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103



**Division of Administration
 and Finance**

To: Springfield City Council
From: TJ Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer
Date: December 2, 2020
Re: Order for Council Meeting – 12/7/20
Cc: Mayor Sarno

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the December 7, 2020 Council meeting, which requests a decrease in the General Fund appropriation for the School Department, following a reduction in the expected amount of state aid.

Background: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, and its subsequent effect on state revenues, the Massachusetts General Court has yet to pass a budget for Fiscal Year 2021. However, in order to set a tax rate for the fiscal year, and ensure that tax bills can be sent out in a timely manner, the City must amend its budget so that it remains balanced in light of expected reductions to state education aid. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue has instructed the City that it can balance its budget using figures from the Governor's Revised Budget, in order to set a tax rate. This budget provides less in Chapter 70 funding and Charter Tuition Reimbursement for the Springfield School Department.

The General Fund appropriation will be reduced by \$15,787,024, and the School Department will make up the difference by using other funding sources and making the necessary reductions to balance its budget.

CAFO Certification: This memorandum will confirm that in my professional opinion, as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in this City Council Order, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

This certification is made in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

Attachment: CAFO Cert - Supplemental Budget (5960 : Supplemental Budget - Decrease in State Aid - \$15,787,024.00)



City Council

SCHEDULED

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Meeting: 12/07/20 05:30 PM
Initiator: Timothy Brown
Sponsors: Mayor Domenic J. Sarno
DOC ID: 5965

Transfer - FY20 Certified Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues - \$1,000,000.00 (Mayor Sarno)

WHEREAS, to meet the expenses of the City of Springfield, pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 44, Section 33B, Ch. 59, Section 23 and Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer and his Honor the Mayor have requested authorization from the City Council to transfer the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from FY20 Certified Free Cash to the City's estimated FY21 Revenues; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing this order, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer has certified to the Mayor and City Council, that in his professional opinion, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in the transfer, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council approves the transfer of the sum of \$1,000,000.00 from FY20 Certified Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues.

Sources:

Fiscal Year 20 Certified Free Cash	\$1,000,000.00
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Uses:

FY21 Estimated Revenues	\$1,000,000.00
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY20 Certified Free Cash to FY21 Estimated Revenues - \$1,000,000.00

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103



Division of Administration
and Finance

To: Springfield City Council
From: Timothy J. Plante, Chief Administrative & Financial Officer
Date: December 2, 2020
Re: Order for Council Meeting – December 7, 2020
Cc: Mayor Sarno

Purpose: The purpose of this memo is to provide an explanation of the order sponsored by the Mayor for the December 7, 2020 Council meeting. This order is needed appropriate \$1,000,000 in FY20 Certified Free Cash as a revenue source for the FY21 Budget, as a means of reducing the tax levy.

Background: In order to reduce the size of the FY21 tax levy, and offer tax relief to the residents of the City of Springfield during an unprecedented pandemic and economic recession, this order authorizes the use of \$1,000,000 in FY20 Certified Free Cash as FY21 General Fund Revenues. This will allow the City to reduce the amount of its property tax levy by \$1,000,000.

CAFO Certification: This memorandum will confirm that in my professional opinion, as the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, after an evaluation of all pertinent financial information reasonably available, that the City's financial resources and revenues are and will continue to be adequate to support the proposed expenditures and obligations involved in this City Council Order, without a detrimental impact on the continuous provision of the existing level of municipal services, in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.

This certification is made in accordance with Section 2(f) of Chapter 656 of the Acts of 1989, as added by Section 1 of Chapter 468 of the Acts of 2008.



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Meeting: 12/07/20 05:30 PM

Initiator: Tasheena Davis

Sponsors:

DOC ID: 5971

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Tax Factor-FY 21 ()

TAX FACTOR-FISCAL YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Revenue of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has certified, pursuant to Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that the Board of Assessors of the City of Springfield is assessing property at full and fair cash valuation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council together with the Mayor's approval, pursuant to said Act, is required to adopt a residential factor in order to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real property, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws chapter 59, section 2A and Chapter 369 of the Acts of 1982, and personal property for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held a public hearing, in accordance with the requirements of said Chapter 369, Acts of 1982 on the question of the adoption of said residential factor to determine the percentages of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the residential factor for fiscal year 2021 shall be set at: