



City of Springfield

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Springfield, MA 01103
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Monday, January 4, 2016

12:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

12:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 4, 2016 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Thomas M. Ashe	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President- Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Timothy J. Rooke	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Bud L. Williams	At-Large Councilor	Present	
E. Henry Twiggs	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	President - Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	Ward 5 Councilor	Present	

II. Orders

1. Order (ID # 3357)

Election - President

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Councilor E. Henry Twiggs nominated Attorney Michael A. Fenton as President of the City Council for the year 2016 and was seconded by Councilor Timothy J. Rooke and Councilor Attorney Michael A. Fenton was elected President by the following roll call vote.

Councilor Michael A. Fenton was sworn in by City Clerk Wayman Lee and made the following remarks:

- Councilor Fenton thanks the Council for their trust in electing him as President of the Council for 2016.**

2. Thanks City Clerk Wayman Lee for his service to the City, City Council as the Council Attorney and as City Clerk and wished him well in his retirement at the end of the month.
3. Welcome the 2 new City Councilor Adam Gomez from Ward 1 and Marcus Williams from Ward 5.
4. Councilor Fenton also thanked the Council for their work on the TIF's for CNR MA Railways and Falvey Linen Supply to allow them to move to Springfield and creating jobs for city residents.
5. Accepting grants to help improve the Parks, Roads and Sidewalks.
6. Setting the Tax rate in November and lowering the rate for 2 years in row.
7. Thanks the Neighborhood Councils, Civic Associations and City Council for their work on saving Cathedral High School site for the new Pope Francis High School in Springfield.
8. That he is setting up a special committee to review the nomination of Attorney Anthony Wilson to be the new City Clerk. The committee will consist of Councilors Twiggs, Walsh and Shea.
9. That he is setting up 4 Special Meetings to conduct hearings on the MGM's Casino Overlay Site Plan Review, street closures and the amendments to the Host Community Agreement as follows: January 19, 2016 at 5:30 PM (Site Plan Review); January 20, 2016 at 7 PM (Site Plan Review) and January 25 and 26, 2016 at 5:30 PM (Street Closures and Host Community Agreement Amendments). The City Council will also conduct a site visits of the proposed Casino site prior to the public hearings.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Shea, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton, Gomez, Williams

2. Order (ID # 3358)

Election Vice President

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Councilor E. Henry Twiggs nominated Orlando Ramos as Vice President of the City Council for the year 2016 and was seconded by Councilor Timothy J. Rooke and Councilor Orlando Ramos was elected Vice President by the following roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Shea, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton, Gomez, Williams

3. Order (ID # 3359)

Council Seats - 2016

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and each Councilor drew lots for their seat in the Council Chamber for the 2016 as follows.

Council Seats 2016**President Attorney Michael A. Fenton**

Seat #1.	Attorney Justin Hurst
Seat #2.	Attorney Kenneth E. Shea
Seat #3.	E. Henry Twiggs
Seat #4.	Timothy C. Allen
Seat #5.	Timothy J. Rooke
Seat #6.	Bud L. Williams
Seat #7.	Orlando Ramos, Vice President
Seat #8.	Marcus J. Williams
Seat #9.	Adam Gomez
Seat #10.	Thomas M. Ashe
Seat #11.	Melvin A. Edwards

Seat #12. Kateri B. Walsh

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

4. Order (ID # 3356)

2016 Rules & Orders City Council

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Councilor Walsh offered 2 amendments to the City Council Rules and Orders 2016: (1) that all grants under \$50,000 be approved without an explanation by a department head; and (2) that all grants appear on the agenda first to get a department head home as soon as possible. Both amendments passed by an unanimous voice vote.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED VOICE

III. Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 3360)

For a Casino Overlay Site Plan Review to Facilitate the Location of Licensed Casino and Casino Complex with the Boundaries Established by the City of Springfield for Casino Gaming Activities as Outlined Under the Casino Overlay Regulations (Article 8, Section 8.5) at the Property Bounded by State Street, Main Street, Union Street and East Columbus Avenue

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC
By:	Seth Stratton, Vice President & General Counsel

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Councilor Shea made a motion to continue the hearing and was seconded by Councilor Ashe.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Casino_Overlay_Site_Plan_Review_Formal(PDF)

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

Next: 1/19/2016 5:30 PM

Motion To: A. Motion to Contine (Lay on the Table)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Read and Councilor Shea made a motion to continue the hearing and was seconded by Councilor Ashe and said motion passed by an unanimous voice vote.

RESULT: ADOPTED VOICE



City of Springfield

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/04/16 12:00 PM

Initiator: Wayman Lee

Sponsors: Ward 4 Councilor E. Henry Twiggs

DOC ID: 3357

2.1

Election - President (Ward 4 Councilor Twiggs)

Read and nomination of President of the City Council for 2016

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Shea, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton, Gomez, Williams



City of Springfield

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/04/16 12:00 PM

Initiator: Wayman Lee

Sponsors: Ward 4 Councilor E. Henry Twiggs

DOC ID: 3358

2.2

Election Vice President (Ward 4 Councilor Twiggs)

Read and nomination of Vice President of the City Council for 2016

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	E. Henry Twiggs, Ward 4 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy J. Rooke, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Ashe, Allen, Shea, Ramos, Rooke, Williams, Twiggs, Hurst, Edwards, Walsh, Fenton, Gomez, Williams



City of Springfield

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/04/16 12:00 PM

Initiator: Wayman Lee

Sponsors:

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2.3

Council Seats - 2016 ()

ORDERED, that this Council do now proceed to draw lots for seats:

Seat #1 Attorney Justin Hurst

Seat #2 Attorney Kenneth E. Shea

Seat #3 E. Henry Twiggs

Seat #4 Timothy C. Allen

Seat #5 Timothy J. Rooke

Seat #6 Bud L. Williams

Seat #7 Orlando Ramos

Seat #8 Marcus J. Williams

Seat #9 Adam Gomez

Seat #10 Thomas M. Ashe

Seat #11 Melvin A. Edwards

Seat #12 Kateri B. Walsh

RESULT: PASSED BY VOICE VOTE



City of Springfield

ADOPTED

Meeting: 01/04/16 12:00 PM
Initiator: Wayman Lee
Sponsors: President - Ward 2 Councilor Michael A. Fenton
DOC ID: 3356

2.4

2016 Rules & Orders City Council (President - Ward 2 Councilor Fenton)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED VOICE


City of Springfield

36 Court Street
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Meeting: 01/04/16 12:00 PM
Department: Economic Development
Category: Site Plan Review
Prepared By: Phil Dromey
Initiator: Phil Dromey

Sponsors: President - Ward 2 Councilor Michael A. Fenton

PETITION (ID # 3360)

DOC ID: 3360 A

TABLED

**For a Casino Overlay Site Plan Review to Facilitate the
Location of Licensed Casino and Casino Complex with the
Boundaries Established by the City of Springfield for Casino
Gaming Activities as Outlined Under the Casino Overlay
Regulations (Article 8, Section 8.5) at the Property Bounded
by State Street, Main Street, Union Street and East Columbus
Avenue**

Request: See Above
Owner: Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC
By: Seth Stratton, Vice President &
General Counsel

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE

Next: 1/19/2016 5:30 PM

To The City Council of the City of Springfield:
The undersigned respectfully petition your honorable body

for a Site Plan Review (Tier 2) to facilitate the location of a licensed casino and casino complex within the boundaries established by the City of Springfield for casino gaming activities as outlined under the Casino Overlay District regulations (Article 8, Section 8.5) at the properties known as NS Howard Street (06802-0017, 0018, 0024, 0020, 0016, 0005), SS Howard Street (06802-0073, 0065), 35 Howard Street (06802-0070), 82 Howard Street (06802-0028), 53 Howard Street (06802-0068), 26 Howard Street (06802-0010), 1090 Main Street (08130-0098), 1120 Main Street (08130-0101), 1126 Main Street (08130-0103), 1106 Main Street (08130-0100), 1008 Main Street (08130-0091), 1132 Main Street (08130-0105), 1156 Main Street (08130-0108), 1200 Main Street (08130-0110), 95 State Street (11110-0650), 73 State Street (11110-0653), 79 State Street (11110-0651), SS State Street (11110-0656), 68 Union Street (11750-0022), NS Union Street (11750-0024), 53 Bliss Street (01560-0024), 16 Bliss Street (01560-0001), 61 Bliss Street (01560-0023), 19 Bliss Street (01560-0031), Bliss Street (01560-0032), SS Bliss Street (01560-0021, 0028, 0030, 0020, 0029), NS Bliss Street (01560-0005, 0007, 0008) and 1357 East Columbus Avenue (04303-0496) as allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 8, Section 8.5.

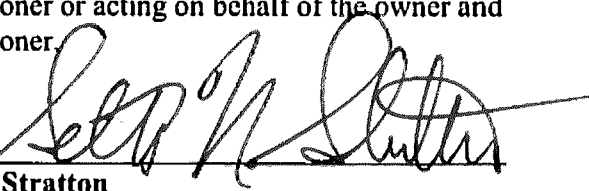
Mailing Address:

1414 Main Street, Suite 910
 Springfield, MA 01144

Owner:

Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC

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

BY: 

Seth Stratton

Vice President & General Counsel
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