



City Council

Hearings Meeting

~ Final ~

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Monday, May 17, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Hearings

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 17, 2021 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Remote	
Jesse Lederman	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Gumercindo Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Remote	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Remote	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	Vice President	Remote	
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Remote	
Malo Brown	Councilman	Remote	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Remote	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Remote	
Marcus J Williams	President	Remote	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

II. Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6155)

Eversource Gas- Cabinet Installations

HISTORY:

05/03/21 City Council REFER TO COMMITTEE
Next: 05/10/21

05/10/21 City Council REFER TO COMMITTEE
Next: 05/17/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams stated Councilor Walsh has related to him that this item will remain in committee.

Councilor Walsh stated there is a meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 27th.

No action was taken.

RESULT: CONTINUE**Next: 6/28/2021 7:00 PM**

III. Special Permits

1. Petition (ID # 6070)

To Amend and Existing Special Permit (Drive-Up Service Window), Granted June 2007, by Allowing a Change to the Approved Site Plans at the Property Known as 809 Boston Road (01655-0612)(Book#3729&3766/Page#485&424), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 19.1(2).

Request: See Above
 Owner: McDonald's Real Estate Company
 By: Brian Sheedy
 Petitioner: McDonald's Real Estate Company
 By: Brian Sheedy

HISTORY:

03/29/21	City Council	CONTINUE
Next: 04/05/21		
04/05/21	City Council	CONTINUE
Next: 04/26/21		
04/26/21	City Council	CONTINUE
Next: 05/17/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams explained that this item was continued from the last meeting, the Petitioner has asked for another continuance.

Philip Dromey, Deputy Planning Director stated he received an email from the engineer who indicated that McDonald's has been trying to get in touch with the abutter, but has not yet been successful. McDonald asked that this be continued. McDonald has written to the abutter, Ms Headley on May 10 indicated that they have sent her a couple of emails and phone calls bust not been successful getting in touch with her, McDonald asked for this item to be continued to the next meeting so they can work on the issues outline by the abutter.

Councilor Walsh made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Davila. All being in favor, the item is continued.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Boston_Rd_809_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Boston_Rd_809_2021 (PDF)
- McDonald's-Harmony Environmental Study(PDF)
- McDonald's letter-Headley-03.29.21 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**Next: 6/28/2021 7:00 PM****MOVER:** Timothy C. Allen, Kateri B. Walsh**SECONDER:** Gumersindo Gomez, Victor Davila**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst

2. Petition (ID # 6110)

For a Special Permit to Operate a Medical Treatment Facility, with No Overnight Stay, at the Property Known as 281 Cottage Street (03310-0301) (Book #221/Page#594), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 10.3.

Request: See Above
Owner: 1626 Bay Street, LLC
By: Michael Martone
Petitioner: Recovery Connection Centers of
America, Inc.
By: Michael Brier

HISTORY:**04/26/21****City Council****CONTINUE****Next: 05/17/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:****In opposition****Written Letters submissions**

Bill Spier, Founder and Executive Director of Springfield Prep Charter School, a K-8 charter public school that will be located at 2071 Roosevelt Avenue beginning next year. He explained in his letter that he urged the council to reject the special permit. Mr. Spier also stated in his letter, given the proximity, this location is not suitable for the proposed clinic. Mr. Spier thanked the Council for considering his perspective as the council evaluate the special permit application.

Jeff Chandler, Pastor of Cottage Hill Church. In his written statement, he stated why having Recovery Connection Center of America request for a Suboxone Clinic will have a negative impact on young families. There are concerns about the clinic next door in light of ministries for women and children. The two parking lots are adjoined, having this facility next door to Cottage Hill Church is not the best interest of the church. There was a East Springfield Neighborhood Council Zoom Meeting on February 2 posted on their Facebook page. There are concerns because of statements made in that meeting, including the inaccurate statement that we had been contacted and supported this request when we had not. It was said that there would be no medications on site and then that there would be. It was also stated that this was a rough area because of the homeless population in the area. Mr. Brier tells us that this clinic would initially only be open a few hours each week but note that their other sites are open Monday -Saturday , 9-5.

Kency Gilet, licensed mental health counselor in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Her written letter of opposition states her many concerns of Gregory D Graustein license to practice has been expired since 10/1 2012 and as of 4/19 2021 remains expired, the treatment required at the facility, the increase foot traffic/loitering in the immediate and surrounding area, the impact it would have on the neighborhood and those impacted would better served by spreading out these treatment facilities to a wider geographic area. Concentrating them in a single city is NOT best practice.

Timothy J. Ryan, Representing Tinkham Management Company and Raymond Fontaine family entities. Explained in his letter of opposition, Tinkham is concerned that Suboxone clinic will create negative issues for he tenants, or their employees or the individuals

seeking assistance or services at these office buildings. Tinkham is concerned as recent history has shown that out-of town providers develop these sites and appear before the Permit granting authority with all types of pious platitudes and promises, once the permit is granted the developers provide little follow through or response to the city, its residents, and businesses that are required to deal with any negative conditions that arises.

Audios submissions

Steve Suborn, Member of the Cottage Hill Church. He stated in the audio that he don't think the clinic is fitting for the neighborhood.

Beverly Suborn, Member of the Cottage Hill Church. She stated in her audio that she's oppose to the Suboxone clinic proposal and its a bad idea.

Steve Suborn, Member of the Cottage Hill Church. He stated in his audio, Suboxone itself is become an addictive drug that's sold on the streets.

Heather Savage, Member of the Cottage Hill Church. She stated in her audio that she's oppose to the Suboxone Clinic that being proposed.

Valerie, member of Cottage Hill Church. She spoke in apposition of the clinic.

Christine Merrick, Member of Cottage Hill Church. She explained her opposition of the methadone clinic coming to Cottage Street. They're are a lot of children in the church. It's not a good fit.

Member of the Cottage Hill Church stated he is very very concern about having the clinic there. There are a lot of children and older women attending the church. He's very concern about any situation happening there. He would preferred it to be at another location.

Daphney Carkins, Member of the Cottage Hill Church. She explained her objection to the clinic proposal, she stated they have a ministry called the Road to Recovery where drug addicts and alcoholics are coming in being released from their addictions through the ministry.

Jody Burkley, Member of Cottage Hill Church. She stated she opposed to the clinic.

Remote Calls

Jeff Chandler, Pastor of Cottage Hill Church. He did a presentation to the council explaining how the properties are adjoint, there's no buffers between the properties. He also concerns about the hours of operations.

Kathleen Brown, President and Spoke Person for the East Springfield Neighborhood Council. She stated the Recovery Connections Center of America reached out to ESNC and did a presentation at ESNC zoom meeting, the neighborhood council asked questions and RCCA answer the questions. The neighborhood council carefully consider the information from the meeting, the comments from the community and information from abutters. She stated at time of the meeting the abutting church was not reached out to, but the presenter indicated that they had and that the church was ok with it, the church stated that was not accurate. It was stated no drugs would be on site, further questioning indicated it would be sublocade on site and would be delivered for patient who needed it. It was also stated that the Clinical Manager held a Chemical Dependence Professional License, their researched indicates that the license expired in October in 2012. She asked the council to please deny the special permit.

Susan DeBlasio, Attorney for the applicant. Stated she seeking a special permit to operator Medical Office to serve the resident of Springfield. Recovery Connections Center of America conducts a medical practice it a Physician Office specializing in addiction medicine and substance use disorder treatment. The treatment includes treatment plans, recovery support, education and counseling services. The applicant has offices in Providence, Rhode Island, Taunton, Brockton, Attleboro and Dartmouth, Massachusetts. Recovery Connections Center of America mission is to educate and to provide access to people who suffers from this chronic disease a disorder. Person with substance abuse disorder are neighbors, families and friends. Recovery Connections Center of America is high quality, well run medical practice that has being operating for many years with absolutely no concerns from any neighbors or anyone else, as letter from landlords and testimonies from clients will demonstrate, including nearby schools and other churches. Recovery Connections Center of America does not, has never and does not dispense medication, it does not hand out or distribute medication to patient coming to it's office. If there are patient for whom a prescription for a medication is appropriate the doctors will write a prescription then send the prescription electronically to a pharmacy of the patient choice and the patient can fill that prescription where ever he/she chooses. This property, that her client hopes to conduct is medical practice from is located at 281 Cottage Street is in the industrial park zone, the use is permitted in the industrial park zone with a special permit, that means the city has already made an acknowledgement that this is an appropriate location to have this kind of use. The property is in the area with a number of warehouses, solar field and adjacent to a church that has outreach person with substance disorder as part of its ministry, many of those persons to whom its has outreach are currently taking prescription for Suboxone. She said they will need five parking space, they have over 13 spaces that available. She stated that the City of Springfield, Department of Health and Human Services has it's mission listed on it's website, part of that mission is to increase public available treatment sources and to educate, engage and advocate for recovery support services, Recovery Connections of America is happy to help the City full fill that critical mission. The applicant submitted a special permit application on March 15, the city properly sent notice.

Judi Barrett, Zoning, Planning and Lands use expert. Stated she reviewed the application and the site plans and read the correspondence that was available to her. She read the City Zoning Ordinance and visited the site on April 18 2021. She explained what she saw when visited the proposed site is a mix of industrial office and some commercial uses and the church next door. The variety uses around the site, there's retail office center across the street, a liquor store, cemetery, automated teller machine, and a large open field south of the site which maybe part of the conservation or recreation area for the city in the neighborhood. The city land use pattern is consistent the City Zoning Map, as she continued to drive around she identified two other houses of worship, office spaces, coffee and donut shop, an assortment of flex spaces and industrial facilities, not far away BigY has a large

cooperate office where Cottage and Roosevelt come together. The site itself is small brick building about 15,000 square feet, its currently vacant, there a large parking area on the site, the parking appears to be available to the church as well. She stated she didn't see any impediment to access to the site, looking at the safety and traffic question it appears to her that the cite itself separate from the church meet the city marking requirement which would includes 5 parking spaces. She noticed when she drove around Cottage Street, Robbins and Industry Ave she found 3 or 4 bus stops, there are public transit access one of which is across the street. She did not see anything as planner as an access or safety impediment in that location, she checked to make sure Pioneer Valley Transit Authority actually operate in that area. The abutting church and the other churches are exempt usage under chapter 48 zoning act section 3. She did not find the bases for determining that the proposed use would have an impact on health safety or well fair of the surrounding area. The city has medical office and other health care facilities throughout the city because of the Regional Employment Center, one could argued that there should be treatment centers of this type and others in all of the communities, but the fact is Springfield is Regional Employment Center and a Regional Service Center, as a planner she don't find it unusual to have this kind of concentration abuse Springfield have. If you look at Worcester, Taunton, Attleboro, Lowell and Cambridge you will find these kind of concentration because the cities are Regional Employment and Service Centers. They have contacted some of the communities where the applicant have existing operating centers, the best way to determine whether there would be a potential adverse impact on public services, specifically a fiscal impact on the city would be to talk to Public Safety official in communities where RCA has had operating facilities for a few years, they spoken to official from in providence, Taunton and Attleboro from the Taunton Fire Department, they had responded to 4 call in the last 3 years only one involved emergency medical services the other were building related false alarm. The Attleboro Fire Department reported no issues nor does the Providence Department, she stated the Providence Fire Chief gave a testimony stating he has never called.

Councilor Fenton thanked Attorney DeBlasio and her team for their thoroughly presentation, time and diligence they have put into it this evening. He states these services are needed, the opioid crisis impacts everyone in all aspect of society, it's only a crisis now that as country we are starting to appropriately consider with facilities like these, their work is important and very needed. He Stated the site is not in the industrial district it is in the industrial park district that's a different district under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Springfield. The industrial park district is a different purpose clause under table 3-2 of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance it specify why the city has identify this particular district as different from uses you have highlighted included the marijuana facility as well as dunkin donut and liquor store uses which are located in the industrial A district. The table summarizes the purpose of the underline districts, industrial A which houses more retail uses is described as a district use for range of industrial and business uses, the district provides a full range of industrial business uses compatible with a major urban center that is industrial A. That's not where you are, that's where the more retail driven facilities are located, industrial park which is where you are located is light industrial, research and development and smaller flexible building that includes office and light industrial uses, to provide a attractive business park light setting. Industrial park has a higher quality of landscaping and site design than industrial A district and more narrow set of permitted uses. He stated a lot of the examples that were given are industrial A use and not industrial park uses.

Councilor Fenton stated Ms Judi Barrett has indicated that based on her expertise and review of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance that the number of required spaces for this use is 5 parking spaces, he asked Ms. Barrett where in the provision of the Zoning Ordinance that led her to that conclusion.

Ms. Barrett said she interpreted the ordinance to be 3 spaces per thousand square feet. There are considerable more than 5 spaces available to this facility. She stated her comments were about the surrounding land use pattern, which is one of the special permit criteria.

Councilor Fenton asked Mr. Barrett if she will get back to him about the provision that is the bases for the 6 parking spaces.

Ms. Barrett said she believes it's was 7 7 1 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Phil Dromey, Deputy Planning Director stated under table 7 1 it does come under medical offices, it's 3 spaces per thousand square feet of net floor area.

Councilor Fenton asked Mr. Barrett if she conducted any traffic studies that will support the conclusion that there wouldn't be expecting any vehicular issues.

Ms Barretts states that she said when she toured the area and when she looked at the site and the intensity use of the adjacent property it seems to her that it would be difficult to say 15,000 square feet property would a traffic impact that would be more demanding on city services than any of the uses around it.

Councilor Fenton states Mr. Barrett has indicated that she has testimonies from Fire Departments in other juristriction supporting to this project.

Ms. Barrett said she interviewed them about the impact of the same type of facility operating by the same applicant in their juristriction.

Councilor Fenton asked Ms.. Barrett if she had submitted any of the letters.

Ms. Barrett said she did not received letters, they called the Fire Department and speak to the Chief.

Councilor Fenton asked Ms.. Barrett to request letters and have similar conversation with the Springfield Fire and Police Department, he also states the most relevant testimony would come from Springfield Health Department and he encouraging her to reach out to Commissioner Caulton-Harris and secure a letter of support for her application.

Ms. Barrett said she attempted to contact city staff, they have not received a response yet.

Councilor Fenton asked Ms. Barrett who she attempted to contact.

Ms. Barrett said she believe the Fire EMS Personal, she not sure if her staff called the Health Department.

Councilor Fenton stated that EMS contracting services is out source to AMR.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cottage_St_281_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Cottage_St_281_2021 (PDF)
- Petitioner-Gitlow Resume (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 1]	Next: 6/7/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Jesse Lederman	

3. Petition (ID # 6171)

For a Special Permit to Operate a Trash Hauling Service Facility at the Property Known as 4 Birnie Avenue (01480-0006)(Book#23369/Page#527), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 15.3.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Hann Realty Berkshire, LLC
By:	Daniel Hannoush
Petitioner:	Hann Realty Berkshire, LLC
By:	Daniel Hannoush

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Danny Hannoush, Manager of Hann Realty Berkshire the Petitioner. Mr. Hannoush did a presentation of the site where he is seeking the special permit. He explained the use is specifically for storage of vehicles that will be used to pump septic tanks and grease traps for the local community. The location is not a processing facility, the company does not handle hazardous waste at this facility or any other facilities. There will be 2 above ground frac tanks on site. The name of the tenant is Wind River Environmental, their head quarters is in Marlborough, MA. The trucks are equipped with emergency spill pumps and vacuums.

Mr. Hannoush stated the neighborhood council gave him a letter of recommendation in favor of the special permit.

Councilor Davila asked how many truck will be stored on site.

Mr. Hannoush said they currently have two (2) and the maximum is four (4)

Councilor Davila asked how big are the trucks.

Mr. Hannoush said 35feet in length, they'll fit in the stand garage.

Councilor Davila asked if they removing none hazardous waste.

Mr. Hannoush said that is correct.

Councilor Davila asked if the waste will be stored at the location.

Mr. Hannoush explained there will be frac tanks that it will be empty into at the end of everyday then a large truck will come in and remove the liquid from the frac tanks and take it to treatment facility in another part of the State.

Councilor Davila asked how often will the frac be emptied.

Mr. Hannoush said once a day.

Councilor Davila asked if the frac tanks there now.

Mr. Hannoush said no, nothing is there now.

Councilor Davila stated with conditions #5 a detailed odor mitigation plan should be submitted before review prior to approval. He asked what the odor mitigation plan will look like.

Mr. Hannoush stated he has seen the condition Council Davila is referring to.

Mr. Dromey stated the conditions was emailed to their engineer as well as to Mr Hannoush for their analysis. He said he has no overall issue with the use itself. What type of odor it may produce, his concerns is if there's odor, how is it going to dealt with incase it arise.

Mr. Hannoush explained the only time it will give off cent is the 10-15 minutes that each trucks is emptying into the frac tanks and the 15-20 minutes the frac tanks being empty into the large truck trucks to be process off site. He is happy to discuss a odor mitigation plan.

Councilor Davila asked how often the tanks will be open to be empty waste in it.

Mr. Hannoush said once at the end of the day.

Councilor Davila asked if the tanks is going to open for 4 trucks, 15 minutes each.

Mr. Hannoush said that's correct.

Councilor Davila asked if that about an hour or potentially more.

Mr. Hannoush said correct.

Mr. Hannoush asked if the mitigation means, in terms of fans and odor eliminator.

Mr. Dromey said he would look to their engineer .

Mr. Hannoush said he will address it before the next meeting.

Councilor Lederman asked Mr. Hannoush how close is to the new tunnel to the his location? Will it be visible when existing? What type of landscaping will be there.

Mr. Hannoush explained you can see the top of the structure of the building and the top of the frac tanks from the opposite side of the fence. He is proposing to install a 10foot fence and arborvitae. Its abutting the tunnel.

Councilor Davila asked Mr. Hannoush once he install the 10 foot fence and the arborvitaes, will the top of the tank be visible.

Mr. Hannoush said he doesn't know the answer.

Councilor Lederman asked if possible for folks exciting that area to just see the landscapes and the fence, as oppose to any of the industrial aspects of the operation? He said he curious to hear about the odor mitigation. He asked if there's any human waste associate with this or is it all food and other organic waste.

Mr. Hannoush said it's septic, there's human waste also.

Councilor Lederman asked if they go around and pump all septic and grease trap and pump it all into one frac tank.

Mr. Hannoush said correct.

Councilor Lederman asked where do they take it.

Mr. Hannoush explained to a treatment facility that are license throughout the State.

Councilor Lederman states he would like to learn more.

Councilor Curran asked how close is it to the Jerena School and the new school that was built down there.

Mr. Dromey said the railroad track separate it directly to the west, the school is to the north.

Councilor Curran said the odor mitigation is spot on, if the plant is going to omit an odor where there's two school, he think that's the number one concern they should be looking at.

Councilor Curran asked where's the closes plant like this in New England.

Mr. Hannoush said he thinks there's one in Wilbraham.

Councilor Curran asked Mr. Hannoush if he storing waste in Wilbraham and Springfield.

Councilor Curran asked what's the level of odor at one of these facilities.

Mr. Hannoush said he just looked up the measure on the computer and it's about 400 feet from the edge of the school.

Councilor Ramos stated he is aware of one in Wilbraham and he says he is not as concern about it. He said that Mr Hannoush has actual tenant that are in the adjacent building. He will look for the odor mitigation plan.

Councilor Walsh made a motion to continue the item to June 7, 2021, seconded by Councilor Edwards. All being in favor, motion passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Birnie_Ave_4_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Birnie_Ave_4_2021 (PDF)
- Birnie_Ave_4_2021 (PDF)
- Birnie_Ave_4_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 1]	Next: 6/7/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor	
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Jesse Lederman	

4. Petition (ID # 6172)

To Amend an Existing Special Permit (Motor Vehicle Sales, Motor Vehicle Painting And/Or Body Work, Motor Vehicle Repair & Maintenance and Mechanical Public Car Wash), Granted May 2014, by Allowing a Change to the Approved Site Plan, at the Properties Known as 603

East Columbus Avenue (04303-0595), 683 East Columbus Avenue (04303-0588), 322 Main Street (08130-0028), WS Main Street (08130-0020), SS Main Street (08130-0031) and SS York Street (12605-0036, 0043 & 0044) (Book#/Page# 21213, 342/13269, 366/20430. 398), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 12.1, 12.3(2), and 12.3(5).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Bar South Land Holdings LLC & Columbus Avenue Realty, LLC
By:	James E Balise, Jr.
Petitioner:	Columbus Avenue Realty, LLC
By:	James E Balise, Jr.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Jeb Balise, President of Balise Motor Sales. Explained they are continuing their improvement in the South End. He has been in contact with the South End Citizen Council as well as Phil Dromey from the Planning Department. The improvement will includes a laundry mat that will replace the old Saw Center Building, expand the free vac, the free vac that's in the plan is much safer, much more customer friendly and inline with current volume of car washes, it will also take care of parking needs that they need for Hyundai and their Collision Repair Center. Construction will begin officially in the summer, you see the improvement of the Bear Auto building in the 3rd or 4th quarter. When they are done everything will be much improved. Their new investment in the South End is over Five Million Dollars.

Jon Allard, Fuss & O'Neil Sight Engineer. Explained his graphic design presentation to the council of the existing site and what the new site will look like. The development includes, replacing the 10 existing vacuum off the main drive way of the car wash, it a little dangerous. The revising of the vacuum location and installing more vacuums for the capacity, secondly expanding parking area for the Collison Repair Center and Hyundai. The proposed vacuums will expand from 10 to 30. There will be fence, landscape, storm water detention on site with nice plants.

Councilor Walsh states she can relate to what Mr. Balise is saying about the vacuum because she uses the car wash. She think its important for Mr. Balise to restate that he is a family business. She asked if the business if over a hundred and fifty years old or a hundred.

Mr. Balise said just over a hundred.

Mr. Balise said they never got a letter from Leo, but the South End Citizen has been a part of it and they have endorse it. The laundry mat, there's a real need in the South End. They will be bringing children reading and really good grass route neighborhood things that really help the local neighbors and children. The vacuum are converted to green, they want as few option that will cause an accident or congestion.

Councilor Lederman asked Mr Balise if ever consider looking at offering recycling in addition to other waste disposal at the car wash.

Mr. Balise said they do recycle what come in.

Councilor Lederman asked if they sort the trash.

Mr. Balise said yes.

Councilor Ramos asked Mr Balise, how many additionally job will be created.

Mr. Balise said they are putting new equipment. A neutral number of people, but it does change their job descriptions. He was able to eliminate two of the jobs and change what they do.

Councilor Ramos asked how may people are currently employed.

Mr. Balise said 17.

Councilor Ramos asked what is the timeline look like.

Mr. Balise said he's hoping based on approval to start right away in the summer.

Councilor Davila asked if Mr. Balise is going to expand more vacuum.

Mr. Balise said yes, its going from 12 to 30.

Councilor Gomez made a motion to continue, seconded by Councilor Edwards. All being in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 603_E_Columbus_Ave_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- E_Columbus_Ave_603_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/7/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	

5. Petition (ID # 6177)

For a Special Permit to Operate a Pet Funeral Operation (Crematorium) at the Properties Known as 142 Hancock Street (06250-0029)(Book#20904/Page#511), WS Hancock Street (06250-0028 & 0030)(Book#20904/Page#511) and NS Pendleton Avenue (09630-0022) (Book#20904/Page#511), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 8.5.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Living Water Church of God, Inc.

By: Tania Barber
Petitioner: Elizabeth Lauren Atkins
By: Elizabeth Lauren Atkins

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Elizabeth Lauren Atkins, petitioner. Explained she a vet who focus on paws finding peas at the end of life, its a moving mobile operation on Hancock Street. She hopes to start providing in house cremation so the animal don't have to leave the community they'll stay in house, that cremation will be water base cremation. Ms. Atkins states that phase one is to have it up on running in about a year.

Councilor Walsh asked if this is done elsewhere.

Ms. Atkins states that the drugs they use for euthanasia are the best to put in the ground. At home euthanasia is moderately new, it was common 40 years ago and now it's coming back. It's new in this area.

Councilor Walsh asked if there are others in this area.

Ms. Atkins says she is the only

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- Hancock_St_142_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Hancock_St_142_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/7/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor	
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	