



City Council

Hearings Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Monday, June 28, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Gumercindo Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Vice President	Present	7:06 PM
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	7:10 PM
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	President	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6283)

679 Main Street Fuel Storage Increase

Fuel storage increase

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#1 - 679 Main Street - Carolyn Parker, Worcester MA - Needs a license for 15,000-gallon gas storage tank. - Petition Approved

ATTACHMENTS:

- 679 MAIN ST Fuel Storage Increase (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Marcus J Williams, President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

2. Petition (ID # 6304)

21-07 Order NOPARKING Longhill St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#2 -Continuing Longhill Street Parking Petition - Item has been moved to committee

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-07 Order NOPARKING Longhill St. (PDF)
- minute 3-1-2021 (PDF)
- Agenda 3-1-21 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]	Next: 9/27/2021 1:00 PM
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	
ABSENT:	Malo Brown	

3. Petition (ID # 6305)

21-10 Order Stop Arvilla St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TCM 4-5-21 (PDF)
- TRAFFIC APRIL 5TH MINS final (DOCX)
- RE External Item on tonight's agenda. (PDF)
- 21-10 Order Stop Arvilla St. (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

4. Petition (ID # 6306)

21-12 Order Clark St. One Way

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TRAFFIC may 10th MINS (PDF)
- Agenda May 10,2021 (PDF)
- 21-12 Order Clark St. One Way (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER: Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED: Justin Hurst

5. Petition (ID # 6307)

21-13 Order NOPARKING Avon Pl.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TRAFFIC may 10th MINS(PDF)
- Agenda May 10,2021 (PDF)
- 21-13 Order NOPARKING Avon Pl. (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER: Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED: Justin Hurst

6. Petition (ID # 6308)

21-14 Order NOPARKING Oak St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-14 Order NOPARKING Oak St. (PDF)
- Agenda May 10,2021 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER: Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED: Justin Hurst

7. Petition (ID # 6309)

21-15 Order Stop Fairlawn Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-15 Order stop Fairlawn Street(PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

8. Petition (ID # 6310)

21-17 NOPARKIN86 Dumoreland

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-17 NOPARKIN86 Dumoreland (PDF)
- TRAFFIC mins June 7 21 (PDF)
- Dunmore ph 1 (PDF)
- Dunmore ph 2 (PDF)
- TCM 6-7-2021 Agenda (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

9. Petition (ID # 6311)

21-08 Order NOPARKING Vermonn St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-08 Order NOPARKING Vermonn St. (PDF)
- Agenda 3-1-21 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

10. Petition (ID # 6312)

21-09 Order NOPARKING56 Bowdoin ST

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No one present to speak on - No Parking Bans DPW Items 3-10.

Motion to be continued approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-09 Order NOPARKING56 Bowdoin ST (PDF)
- Agenda 3-1-21 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

Special Permits**11. Petition (ID # 6222)**

For a Special Permit to Operate a Drive-Up Service Window at the Property Known as 1259 East Columbus Avenue (04303-0510)(Book#17031/Page#0517), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 19.1(2).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Colvest/Columbus Springfield, LLC
By:	Peter LaPointe
Petitioner:	Colvest/Columbus Springfield, LLC
By:	Peter LaPointe

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#11 Special Permit for KFC drive through window on 56 St. James Blvd. Frank Colaccino presenting.

East Springfield Neighborhood Council approved and sent letter on behalf.

Councilor Fenton made a motion for an amendment for KFC to close by 11pm. Motion approved.

Motion to continue. Motion to continue approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- E_Columbus_Ave_1259_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- E_Columbus_Ave_1259_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 8/16/2021 7:00 PM
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	

12. Petition (ID # 6223)

For a Special Permit to Operate a Drive-Up Service Window at the Properties Known as 56 St James Boulevard (11172-0008)(Book#23594/Page#449), 64 St James Boulevard (11172-0009) (Book#23594/Page#449) and 40 St James Boulevard (11172-0006)(Book#06858/Page#583), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 19.1(2).

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Holyoke Retail. LLC
By:	Peter LaPointe
Petitioner:	Holyoke Retail. LLC
By:	Peter LaPointe

ATTACHMENTS:

- 56_St_James_Blvd_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- St_James_Blvd_56_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

13. Motion To: 56 St. James Boulevard, Et. Al. Amendment**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Amendment to the 56 St. James Boulevard, Et. Al.

Amend to require an 11PM closing time.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

14. 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

HISTORY:

05/17/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 06/07/21

06/07/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 06/14/21

06/14/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 06/28/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#14 - Special Permit for 142 Hancock Street to have a Pet Funeral Operation.

Councilor Hurst recuses self, due to mother representing the buyer.

Councilor Allen made a motion to limit the petitioner itself due to previous testimonials 10-minute cap, then withdrew his motion.

Dr. Lauren Atkins (petitioner) was present to answer questions.

Tanya Barber spoke on behalf of the proposed business.

James Stewart, Bernie Sanders, John Malunich, John Shepard and Barbara Gresham (200 residents signed a petition) spoke in opposition. Dr. Atkins questioned the validity of the petition.

Councilors Brown, Whitfield, Fenton and Lederman had questions for petitioner.

Councilor Fenton makes a motion strike parcel 09630-0022 from proposed use. Motion has been approved.

Councilor Davila makes motion for continuance to get formal opinion from water/sewer department. Motion to continue failed.

Councilors Whitfield, Brown, Gomez and Lederman will be voting against the business. Moving to question motion was approved.

Motion to approve special permit failed.

Motion to take at regular meeting with recommendations made from Atty Moore. Motion approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Hancock_St_142_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Hancock_St_142_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	FAILED [1 TO 11]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Victor Davila
NAYS:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Williams
RECUSED:	Justin Hurst

15. 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		
05/17/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 06/07/21		
06/07/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 06/14/21		
06/14/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#15 - Special Permit for Medical Treatment Facility (no overnight) at 281 Cottage Street. Susan Leach DeBlasio presenting on behalf of business.

Disability Commissioner Robert Klupa sent an email in support of the business.

Letter of opposition from Jeff Chandler, Pastor/Resident of Springfield.

Councilors Brown, Fenton, Lederman, Whitfield, Davila and Allen had questions. Michael Brier (Business Owner Recovery Connection) stated he would check with landlord to see if a fence to divide treatment facility and church is possible. Judi Barret answered questions. Greg Graustein clarified counseling services and staffing for facility.

Councilor Edwards makes a motion to move to question. Motion was approved.

Motion to approve the Special Permit for this facility has been denied.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [0 TO 13]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
NAYS:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Zoning Ordinances

16. Zoning Change (ID # 6178)

1259 East Columbus Avenue

PETITIONER: Colvest/Columbus Springfield, LLC

ADDRESS: 1259 East Columbus Avenue

CHANGE REQUESTED: Bus C to Bus B

HISTORY:

05/19/21	Planning Board	MOTION TO CONTINUE
Next: 06/02/21		
06/02/21	Planning Board	APPROVED
06/14/21	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP
Next: 07/19/21		

ATTACHMENTS:

- E_Columbus_Ave_1259_Formal_Zone_Change_#3220 (PDF)
- 3220_1259_E_Columbus_Ave_2021_PB_Report (PDF)
- 3220_1259_E_Columbus_Ave_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVED 1ST STEP	Next: 8/16/2021 7:00 PM
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17. Zoning Change (ID # 6224)

To Change the Zoning of the Properties Known as 1021 Boston Road (01655-0570), SS Boston Road (01655-0578), ES Wollaston Street (12440-0120 & 0115) and 20 Shumway Street (01850-0010) from Residence a and Business a to Business B.

PETITIONER: Mark F & Bonnie, Trustees

ADDRESS: 1021 Boston Road. et.al.

CHANGE REQUESTED: Res A & Bus A to Bus B

HISTORY:

06/02/21 Next: 06/16/21	Planning Board	MOTION TO CONTINUE
06/07/21 Next: 06/14/21	City Council	LAY ON THE TABLE
06/14/21 Next: 07/19/21	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP
06/16/21	Planning Board	APPROVED

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#17 - First Step - Zone Change for 1021 Boston Road from Residence A to Business A and from Business A to Business B. Jason Sommer, petitioner for zone change is presenting.

Property currently is Car City. Petitioner is seeking to open a self-storage. Councilors Lederman and Ramos had questions.

Motion to approve first step of ordinance was approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3221_1021_Boston_Rd_Formal (PDF)
- 3221_1021_Boston_Rd_2021_PB_Report (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVED 1ST STEP [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams