



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez
413-787-6096

Monday, July 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 19, 2021 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Gumercendo Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Vice President	Present	
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
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	Absent	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation

City Council President Marcus Williams will also be extending resident participation for hearings meetings. The City Council office will manage a sign-up sheet for both proponents and opponents who wish to participate in providing live testimony via Zoom. The City Clerk will provide instructions on how to sign up on each agenda (that can be accessed through the City's web page) that includes special permit and/or zone change requests. For any hearing item, there will be a limit of five residents, with each having two minutes to speak. The City Council will also continue to accept testimony via email, letter or voice recording which will be circulated to all Council members prior the hearings.

Reports of Committee

Councilor Lederman read 3 reports of committee into the record. Time stamp 8:07

Councilor Walsh - 12:25

Councilor Ramos - 14:26

Councilor Allen - 19:30

Sub Committee Updates:

- Covid 19 Response Team - meets bi-weekly. Pop up sites will be accessible throughout the city.
- Health and Human Services - Opioid Crisis meeting. Re-implementation of rapid response for non-fatal overdoses in the Community. Follow up meeting in August.
- Sustainability and Environmental Committee - 7/14 - overview of Climate Action Plan. 30% reduction and taxpayer savings.
- Public Safety - Meet twice since previous council meeting. Progress is being made based on former recommendations.
- Finance Committee - had a meeting one-hour prior of today's meeting. Great session, grants were discussed. 2023 grants were approved.

Committee Reports Accepted

Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6300)

COMCAST- Liberty St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this issue. 23:50

ATTACHMENTS:

- 262 Liberty St Springfield MA Construction Drawing (PDF)
- Liberty St petition-Springfield (PDF)
- Liberty St Springfield MA (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

2. Petition (ID # 6301)

VERIZON-Liberty St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ROW 1A4T7YP - LIBERTY ST AT MAIN ST-Plan (002) (PDF)
- PETITION - Liberty Street (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]**MOVER:** Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor**SECONDER:** Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst**ABSENT:** Marcus J Williams**3. Petition (ID # 6313)**

Eversource/Gas-Wilmington Avenue

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this issue.

Councilor asked for clarification as to whether Wilmington Street was paved or unpaved.

Mr. Cignoli said it was paved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 21-79013 Pro Drawing REV_ES_0(PDF)
- Eversource-CMA-Wilmington Ave. Report (PDF)
- Eversource-CMA-Wilmington Ave. Order (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]**MOVER:** Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor**SECONDER:** Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst**ABSENT:** Marcus J Williams**4. Petition (ID # 6318)**

Eversource-West York Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this issue.

ATTACHMENTS:

- W York St. Report (PDF)
- 21-78837 Pro Drawing REV0 (PDF)
- West York St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

5. Petition (ID # 6231)

367 Hancock Street

367 Hancock Street: Creation of new local historic district (Elias Brookings LHD)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Alvin Allen, COS Senior Planner , spoke on this issue.

This item is on for 1st steps.

Peter Serafino, Director of Development for Home City Development 261 Oak Grove Avenue, spoke on this item.

29:40

Councilor Curran asked how much HCH purchased the property from the City for.

PS- said that he believes the purchase price was \$200,000 or \$250,000.

Councilor Walsh 31:06

Motion To: Motion to take first steps to ammend Chapter 49 of the City of Springfield Ordinances

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Allen/Lederman

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

6. 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

05/17/21 **City Council** **CONTINUE**
 Next: 06/28/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this issue.

This item had been on the agenda and there were questions so the item was tabled. An M&D subcommittee took place.

Councilor Walsh said that the item was taken up on the M&D committee and the petition was approved.

Councilor Lederman thanked Eversource on being responsive to the Council's request for information.

Councilor Lederman asked that going forward Eversource make every effort to work with homeowners when a cabinet is being installed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Cabinets (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

Grants

7. Order (ID # 6324)

Order Accepting Mass Gaming Commission Grant Contract Amendment For \$821,169 to Reimburse Police Department FY22 Costs of Participation in the Gaming Enforcement Unit at MGM Springfield - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 7-18 being voted on as a collective.

Deputy Wells, COS SFD, spoke on the item. 35:33

Rebecca Ocasio, COS Dispatch, spoke on the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- GEU 2022 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

8. Order (ID # 6315)

State 911 Support & Incentive Grant - No Match - \$992,816

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Deputy Chief Kent, COS SPD, spoke on the item. 37:04

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 State 911 S&I Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

9. Order (ID # 6330)

FY22 SSYI Grant Increase - No Match - \$662,346

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Deputy Chief Kent, COS SPD, spoke on the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SSYI22 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

10. Order (ID # 6334)

Parks - EEA Green City Trees Grant Increase - No Match Required - \$230,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Alex Sherman, COS Forester, spoke on the grant. 37:39

Councilor Walsh 40:20

Councilor Lederman 42:36

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks Green City Trees Continuation Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

11. Order (ID # 6316)

State 911 Training Grant - No Match - \$214,177.06

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Rebecca Ocasio, Dispatch Deputy Director, spoke on this item.

45:19

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 State 911 Training Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

12. Order (ID # 6333)

DPW Complete Streets Tier 3 Construction Program Grant - No Match Required - \$192,500

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this item.

Councilor Ramos asked for information on how the City prioritizes these types of projects.

Cignoli gave details on how the COS prioritizes the complete street projects.

Councilor Ramos 47:42 spoke again

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW Complete Streets Tier 3 Construction Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

13. Order (ID # 6332)

Springfield Library Foundation Trust & Endowments Grant - No Match Required \$180,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Jean Albano, Deputy Director COS City Library spoke on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Library Trust & Endowments Grant (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

14. Order (ID # 6331)

DPW Shared Streets & Spaces Program Grant - No Match Required - \$167,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, COS DPW Director, spoke on this item.

Councilor Ramos commended Andy Carr on his work on these grants. COS was originally excluded and due to the efforts of Carr, Cignoli and the Council's letter to the Governor helped secure the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW Shared Streets and Spaces Program Grant (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

15. Order (ID # 6325)

FY22 Prevention in Early Childhood Services Grant- \$156,250.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HELEN CAULTON-HARRIS, COS HEALTH COMMISSIONER, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 HHS Prevention in Early Childhood Grant (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

16. Order (ID # 6335)

FY22 Mason Square Library Grant - No Match Required - \$145,393.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Jean Albano, Deputy Director COS City Library spoke on this

Councilor Walsh asked about the opening of the branch libraries.

Albano spoke on the opening of the libraries.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mason Square Library Grant \$145,393.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

17. Order (ID # 6302)

Tobacco Control Grant Program - No Match Required \$140,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HELEN CAULTON-HARRIS, COS HEALTH COMMISSIONER, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Tobacco Program Grant \$140,000.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

18. Order (ID # 6317)

FY22 Local Consumer Aid Grant - No Match Required \$112,727.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MILAGROS JOHNSON, COS MOCI, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MOCI Grant Award Letter FY2022 (PDF)
- MOCI Grant Setup Form (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

19. Order (ID # 6320)

Thomas J O'Connor Veterinarian Grant - No Match Required \$42,000.69

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Whitfield moved to take items 19-28 in one vote as they are under the \$50,000 threshold.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Vet Grant FY22 \$42,000.69 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

20. Order (ID # 6327)

DPW Rideshare Funding - No Match - \$41,435.40

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- DPW Rideshare Funding (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

21. Order (ID # 6321)

Thomas J O'Connor Veterinarian Technician 2 Grant - No Match Required \$27,619.73

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 TJO VetTech2 Grant \$27,619.73 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

22. Order (ID # 6342)

FY22 SHINE Grant 1St Quarter - No Match Required \$24,999.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- SHINE GRANT - 1ST QUARTER FY22- \$24,999.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

23. Order (ID # 6278)

Project Safe Neighborhood Grant - No Match Required - \$24,839.02

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- PROJECT SAFE (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

24. Order (ID # 6322)

Thomas J O'Connor Veterinarian Technician 1 Grant - No Match Required \$18,988.56

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 TJO VetTech1 Grant \$18,988.56 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

25. Order (ID # 6328)

Libraries Rose Smith Music Fund Grant - No Match Required \$12,500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Libraries Rose Smith Music Fund Grant \$12,500.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

26. Order (ID # 6329)

Springfield Library Foundation Staff Development Grant - No Match Required \$10,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Springfield Library Foundation Staff Development (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

27. Order (ID # 6337)

FY22 LSTA at the Table Grant- No Match Required \$10,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- LSTA At the table award (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

28. Order (ID # 6284)

Springfield City Library Donation - \$200.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEMS # 19-28 VOTE TOGETHER (UNDER \$50,000 THRESHOLD)

ATTACHMENTS:

- SKM_C55821061508300 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

Orders

29. Order (ID # 6326)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - (AFSCME) Local 1596A

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

WILLIAM MAHONEY, COS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

1:04:50

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT LINDSAY HACKET EMAILED THE BODY INFORMATION ON WHAT THE COST OF RATIFYING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN SPOKE THANKING THE UNION MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to City Council AFSCME 1596A 2021-2024 (PDF)
- AFSCME1596A TA 2021-2024 (PDF)
- CAFO Cert- AFSCME Local 1596A Agreement (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

30. Order (ID # 6314)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees - Local 3065 (AFSCME 3065)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

WILLIAM MAHONEY, COS DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND LABOR RELATIONS SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

1:07:54

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN SPOKE THANKING THE UNION MEMBERS FOR THEIR WORK.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to City Council AFSCME Local 3065 (2021-2024) (PDF)
- CAFO Cert- AFSCME Local 3065 Agreement (PDF)
- 2021-06-01 AFSCME 3056 - T.A. EXECUTED (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Malo Brown, Marcus J Williams

31. Order (ID # 6341)

Community Preservation Committee FY22 Budget

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BOB MCCARROLL, CHAIR OF THE SPRINGFIELD CPC, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPC FY21 increased reserves (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

32. Order (ID # 6338)

Order Granting Permanent Utility Easement to NSTAR/Eversource at 415 State Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item 32 changed the address on this Order to 415 State Street.

Robert Shewchuck, COS Attorney, spoke on behalf of the order. He asked that the address on the order be changed to 415 State Street.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Plan (Ex. A) (PDF)
- Easement (Exhibit 1) (PDF)

RESULT: **ADOPTED [12 TO 0]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

Motion To: Motion to Change Address on Order 6338

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion to change address on Order 6338 (Order Granting Permanent Utility Easement).

Change from 415 Main Street to 415 State Street.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

33. Order (ID # 6336)

May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PATRICK BURNS, COS COMPTROLLER, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- May Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 1]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Hurst
NAYS:	Michael A. Fenton
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

34. Order (ID # 6339)

Order Authorizing Contract Over 3 Years for School Department Copy Operations Request for Proposals

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

INGRID DELVALLE, COS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, SPOKE ON EXTENDING THE COPY CONTRACT.

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN ASKED IF IT WAS AN EXTENSION OR GOING OUT TO BID FOR A NEW CONTRACT.

ID: CURRENT CONTRACT WAS 3 YEARS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A 3 YEARS AND 9 MONTHS.

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN: HE HISTORICALLY HAS VOTED AGAINST THESE TYPES OF REQUESTS. WILL OPPOSE THE CONTRACT AS HE BELIEVES THE SPIRIT OF PROCUREMENT LAW IS TO ALLOW THE COUNCIL TO INSPECT LENGTHY CONTRACTS.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [10 TO 2]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Hurst
NAYS: Jesse Lederman, Michael A. Fenton
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

Zoning Ordinances

Motion To: Invoke Rule 22C

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Invoking Rule 22C for Zoning Ordinance 1259 East Columbus Avenue. Second and Third steps.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [11 TO 1]**
MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER: Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton
NAYS: Justin Hurst
ABSENT: Marcus J Williams

35. 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 Next: 06/02/21	Planning Board	MOTION TO CONTINUE
06/02/21	Planning Board	APPROVED
06/14/21 Next: 07/19/21	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP
06/28/21 Next: 08/16/21	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

NO TESTIMONY RECEIVED IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THIS ITEM.

FRANCO LACCHINO, 1259, EAST COLUMBUS AVE, SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE ITEM. EMPTY BUILDING TO BE CONVERTED INTO BURGER KING WITH A DRIVE THROUGH.

COUNCILOR FENTON ASKED ABOUT THE OTHER HEARING THAT WAS HELD. IT REFERENCED ST. JAMES BLVD.

THE PETITIONER ASKED THAT THE ST. JAMES ITEM BE PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

THE HEARING WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL WAS CALLED ON APPROVING THE ZONE CHANGE.

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:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

Motion To: Invoke Rule 22C

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Invoke Rule 22C for Zone Change 1021 Boston Road. Second and Third steps.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

36. 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	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP
Next: 07/19/21		
06/16/21	Planning Board	APPROVED
06/28/21	City Council	RECEIVED 1ST STEP

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

NO WRITTEN OR RECORDED TESTIMONY WAS SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK IN FAVOR OR AGAINST THIS ITEM.

JASON SUMMER, MARIETTA GEORGIA, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF A ZONE CHANGE FROM BUS A TO BUS B TO BUILD A MOSTLY CLIMATE CONTROLLED STORAGE FACILITY. PLANNING BOARD AND PINE POINT CITIZEN'S COUNCIL ARE IN SUPPORT.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED ABOUT THE RESIDENCE A TO BUS A.

MR. SUMMERS AGREED THAT THERE IS A WETLANDS PORTION THAT WILL NOT BE DISTURBED.

MR. PHIL DROMEY AGREED THAT THEIR WILL NOT BE A BUILDING ERECTED ON THE WETLANDS PORTION.

COUNCILOR RAMOS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT BASED ON INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND NOTED THE LOCAL AND MINORITY HIRING PROMISED BY THE PETITIONER.

MOTION FOR 22C TO TAKE SECOND AND THIRD STEPS.

COUNCILOR FENTON NOTED THAT WOLLASTON STREET IS LISTED ON THE PLAN AS A PAPER STREET.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

Resolutions

37. Resolution 2021-3

Support Act to Prevent COVID-19 EVICTIONS, FORECLOSURES AND PROMOTE EQUITABLE HOUSING RECOVERY

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Orlando Ramos, Ward 8 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

Suspension of Rules

Motion To: Motion to Add Conditions on Order 6070

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Motion to add conditions to the special permit:

(1) that a six foot tall vinyl fence be installed along the entire perimeter of the property with the exception of frontage on Boston Rd, and (2) that arborvitae not less than 6 ft tall be installed along the entire perimeter for the property where the property abuts residential zoning districts including Etna Ct and that said arborvitae be spaced not more than four feet apart.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst
ABSENT:	Marcus J Williams

38. 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 Next: 04/05/21	City Council	CONTINUE
04/05/21 Next: 04/26/21	City Council	CONTINUE
04/26/21 Next: 05/17/21	City Council	CONTINUE
05/17/21 Next: 06/28/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Jim Cranston with Bohler Engineering spoke as a proponent. Allison Brickett of McDonald's also joined.

Jim Cranston spoke to the previous meeting about the abutter who had concerns with the site. The operator has reached out via email and regular mail with a copy to Phil Dromey. The operator is looking move forward and satisfy Ms. Headly's concerns but the attempts to reach her have not been successful according to Mr. Cranston.

Councilor Ramos asked Phil Dromey if there was anything to add as to whether the abutters concerns have been addressed.

Mr. Dromey reiterated the statement from Mr. Cranston regarding the unsuccessful attempts to contact the abutter.

Councilor Davila asked Jim Cranston to specify who he was referring to when he mentioned the operator. **Mr. Cranston** clarified that George Gomez is the operator/franchisee.

Mr. Cranston shared a letter that was sent to the abutter of the property.

Councilor Edwards referenced several concerns that the abutter raised and asked if any of the concerns have been addressed.

Mr. Cranston said that some of the concerns have been addressed. Grease trap inspections have been obtained from the establishment and provided to the City. Concerns with trash blowing in front of the abutters house. The operator has agreed to patrol the property once a day and police it for trash. The abutter also had concerns about loitering and late night hours. Another concern was additional traffic and noise. The new plans with decrease the noise impact because the ordering device is further away from the abutters property.

Councilor Whitfield closed the period for opponent / proponent testimony.

Councilor Hurst asked Jim Cranston if there was anything else that the operator did in order to mitigate the noise from the establishment. Councilor Hurst referred to a video that the abutter sent depicting loud noise. He asked if there was anything else that the operator has done to address this.

Mr. Cranston spoke to the new speaker systems put in place that would mitigate ambient noise. Offered the solution of installing plants that would help with the noise as well.

Councilor Fenton asked where this item has been on the agenda as it was originally before the Council months ago. He stated that the plan that was on the agenda was not as legible as the plan that was being screen in March. He specifically asked Mr. Cranston to address the fence, landscaping and lighting. Mr. Cranston - the project will not have impact on the fencing, fence is in good condition, no upgrades to the lighting is proposed, the project will not increase any trespass beyond the property. Small shrubs can be planted. Minimally increasing the amount of green space.

At the appropriate time I would like to amend to require the installation 6ft tall vinyl fence for the entirety of the property boundary with the exception of the frontage on Boston Road specifically not less than 6ft tall arborvitae with appropriate spacing with the property boundary that abuts Etna Ct.

Councilor Ramos asked if Phil would recommend any additional conditions in addition to the 18 recommendations presented.

Phil Dromey suggested that the noise from the drive through should not be audible to the abutters as a condition that can be added as it is a major concern to the abutter.

Walking the site multiple times a day to ensure trash pick up.

Councilor Lederman believes that all drive thrus include a provision that noise shall not be audible from the drive thru. We would want to make sure that it is not limited to the first floor.

Councilor Hurst said that at the appropriate time would like to continue the item. If we approve this today the likelihood is high that the opponent would not be able to get in touch with the operator.

I would like to give her another 30 days and give the opponent another opportunity to show up. It will allow the operator time to address the issues.

Councilor Whitfield asked for guidance from Attorney Davis.

Continue to another meeting per Attorney Davis.

Phil Dromey for the continuance will have to be in concurrence with that because it's over the 90 days.

Councilor Hurst asks when the 90day timeline starts. Asked Councilor Fenton for clarification.

Councilor Fenton said it starts from the close of the meeting.

Councilor Davila made a suggestion to the proponent that any correspondence be sent by certified mail and provide the council with proof that an attempt to contact the opponent was made.

Councilor Edwards suggested the operator walk over to the abutter as they are neighbors to the property.

Councilor Ramos asked Phil Dromey that the code enforcement do a review as to whether there were any violations. Have we heard a report out from that review? Phil has not heard anything.

MOTION BY COUNCILOR FENTON TO ADD CONDITIONS TO THE PERMIT 1. require the installation 6ft tall vinyl fence along the entire perimeter of the property with the exception of the frontage on Boston Road 2. That arborvitae not less than 6ft tall be installed along the entire perimeter of the property where the property abuts residential zoning districts including Etna Ct and that said arborvitae be spaced not more than 4feet apart. Seconded by Councilor Edwards.

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 [11 TO 0]	Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
ABSENT:	Malo Brown, Marcus J Williams	