



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

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Monday, October 4, 2021

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 4, 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	
Gumersindo 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	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Reports of Committee

Informational

1. Order (ID # 6461)

FY 21 June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller, spoke on the item FY June Rev Vs. Expenditure Report and recommends report is sent to Finance committee

Councilor Whitfield makes motion to send to finance committee

Seconded by Councilor Allen.

ATTACHMENTS:

- June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT: REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

2. Order (ID # 6462)

August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller spoke on item #2.

ATTACHMENTS:

- August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Grants

3. Order (ID # 6453)

Duggan Park LWCF Grant - Match Required - \$750,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Sullivan, Executive Director of Parks, Building and Recreation spoke on this grant.

He stated that it is a federal grant to start work at Duggan Park. 5 million dollar master plan was developed with the neighborhood over the past 6 years.

A motion to approve the grant was made by Councilor Allen and seconded by Councilor Whitfield.

The Council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Parks - LWCF Grant - Duggan Park (PDF)
- CAFO Cert- Parks LWCF - Duggan Park (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS] MOVER: Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor SECONDER: Tracye Whitfield, Vice President AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
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4. Order (ID # 6447)

FY22 Greater Springfield Senior Services (GSSSI) Grant Acceptance- \$87,328.00 in Kind Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sandy Federico, 1285 Bradley Road, Executive Director of Elder Affairs, spoke on this issue.

Stated the grant was to fund outreach division. It is the first year of a 3 year renewable grant.

Motion made by Councilor Allen and seconded by Councilor Whitfield. The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Greater Springfield Senior Services FY 2022 Grant (PDF)

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

5. Order (ID # 6441)

FFY22 Municipal Road Safety Grant - No Match - \$49,999.79

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5, 6, 7 and 9 were all taken in one vote.

The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MRS22 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

6. Order (ID # 6457)

Parks Donations - Various - \$44,331.94

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5, 6, 7 and 9 were all taken in one vote.

The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Parks Donations - Various - \$44,331.94 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

7. Order (ID # 6456)

Parks Department - Donation - \$36,600.00 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5, 6, 7 and 9 were all taken in one vote.

The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Parks Donation - Atwater Park - \$36,600 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

8. Order (ID # 6451)

COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Program Grant - No Match Required - \$20,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Captain Brian Keenan, 15 Yorktown Drive, Springfield Police Department was present to speak to the grant.

Stated the grant was from the Massachusetts State Police to help expand what they do regarding with narcotics investigations including targeting higher level drug traffickers.

Councilor Whitfield asked questions on what the SPD does in conjunction with the Massachusetts State Police and if the investigations target certain neighborhoods or the entire city.

Captain Keenan stated the entire city is the target of their work and investigations.

Councilor Davila said it was his understanding that the SPD disbanded the Narcotics Unit. He also asked if Narcotics officers would be working under this program.

Captain Keenan stated that he was correct. The work done under this grant is done under the auspices of the Firearms Investigation Unit. He also explained it was a joint task force of SPD, Mass State Police and Federal Law enforcement. The grant is specifically for overtime.

Councilor Lederman stated that his concern was whether the grant would be targeting high level drug trafficking versus lower level individuals who are struggling with addiction.

Councilor Brown asked if the other agencies State and Federal Law enforcement would be willing to sit and meet with the community because they are coming into the city to address drug trafficking. He is looking for a collaboration that would cater to help some people who suffer from addiction while still targeting the criminal aspect.

Captain Keenan mentioned that Lt. Otoole and some of the other state law enforcement are Springfield natives and the Captain was willing to facilitate an introductory meeting.

The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ANTIHEROIN GRANT AHO22 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

9. Order (ID # 6436)

Thomas J. O'Connor Donations - \$1,955.02

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5, 6, 7 and 9 were all taken in one vote.

The council voted unanimously to accept the grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Donations \$1,955.02 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

Orders

10. Order (ID # 6423)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the East Springfield Library Outdoor Reading Room

HISTORY:

09/13/21	City Council	REFER COMMITTEE VOTE
Next: 10/04/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Whitfield and Councilor Fenton clarified that this item was remaining in committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE	Next: 12/22/2021 5:30 PM
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11. Order (ID # 6407)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the (Hotel) Rainville & New Court Terrace Apts

HISTORY:**09/13/21****City Council****REFER COMMITTEE VOTE****Next: 10/04/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street and Chair of the Springfield CPC, spoke on the order.

Stated that the 250,000 CPC grant was to help WayFinders in the renovating 4 historic buildings on Byers Street which are already affordable housing. The renovation total is 15 million dollars. The projects contains 89 units of affordable housing.

Councilor Brown asked if the buildings are currently occupied.

Bob McCarroll stated that yes they are.

Keith Ferry, President of Wayfinders stated that yes the buildings are occupied and there will not be changes to the rents.

Councilor Ramos noted for the record that he originally made a motion to send this item to committee at the last meeting and was unable to attend the committee meeting. He stated that his concerns were addressed by the petitioner who included language in their contract regarding the contractor and hiring. Councilor Ramos is looking to make similar language in CPA contracts the standard and asked for his colleagues support when he does so in the future.

Councilor Davila echoed Councilor Ramos sentiments regarding this issue and the prevailing wages in these types of projects where public money is being used. He is in support of this project.

Mover- Councilor Allen

Seconded - Councilor Edwards

Vote - Passed Unanimously

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Marcus J Williams
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

12. Order (ID # 6408)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the Historic Renovation to 2612 Main Street

HISTORY:**09/13/21****City Council****REFER COMMITTEE VOTE****Next: 10/04/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street and Chair of the Springfield CPC, spoke on the order.

Property is on the corner of Arch and Main Streets. The property is vacant and owned by the City. It was put out for an RFP last year and the developer was not able to develop the property.

Councilor Ramos asked if the petitioner was present and because the petitioner was not present he made a motion to send the item to committee.

Councilor Lederman recommended that the motion be amended to continue to the next meeting rather than send to committee

Councilor Gomez and Councilor Davila both stated the project needs to be addressed as the building is an eyesore.

Councilor Brown asked if the petitioner reached out to the Ward 1 councilor or the neighborhood.

Councilor Williams asked that the motion be disposed of first.

Councilor Whitfield asked if the petitioner was at the first meeting in September. Karen Lee verified that yes the petitioner was at the meeting in September.

Councilor Ramos amended his motion to continue to the next meeting. Councilor Lederman seconded the motion to continue and the motion was passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/18/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Orlando Ramos, Marcus J Williams	
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	

13. Order (ID # 6419)

Order Accepting an Easement from American International College for Certain Real Property on State Street in Furtherance of the City's Bike Share Program

The Easement is granted at no cost to the City.

HISTORY:**09/13/21****City Council****REFER COMMITTEE VOTE****Next: 09/27/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

1:14:01

Councilor Walsh - Easement granted at no cost to the City.

Councilor Lederman addressed Councilor Whitfield's original question as to sanitation of the bikes and stations. It was reported that sanitation takes place daily as the bikes are shuffled around the city.

The council voted unanimously to approve.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Exhibit #1 - Easement, and Exhibit A - Map of Easement Area (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

14. Order (ID # 6459)

Transfer - Stabilization Reserve to Law Department Settlement Account - \$5,000,000.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - Stabilization Reserve to Law Department Settlement Account - \$5,000,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

1:16:30

Attorney Ed Pikula spoke on the this item.

Requesting for a pool of money to use said money to attempt to negotiate settlements in a mediation session to avoid trial and liability and cut down on the exposure that he believes they are facing on these major cases. Feels the City's exposure is much greater than the \$5 million that is being asked to settle. However, he isn't certain that all the cases will be settled.

Councilor Allen - How will this lump sum of money improve our ability to negotiate when we go to court.

Attorney Pikula- 1:23:58 - Explained that resolving a case by settlement would cost the city less money.

Councilor Allen spoke on the need to separate talk of settlement from the on going talks on police reform.

Attorney Pikula clarified that the police reform and request settlement funds are two different issues.

We are working with the DOJ and close to finalizing a settlement agreement. Noted that Attorney DeSousa could further clarify.

Attorney DeSousa - 1:26:45 - 1:31:05 - Attorney DeSousa gave details and past and current cases including figures on jury verdicts. She also spoke on mediation practices and the process of negotiating settlements and the need for the Law Department to be able to come to the table with the authority to make a binding settlement before having it approved by the Council.

Council Allen - How would you propose to monitor, control and report so that the Council is able to keep tabs on what is going on.

Attorney DeSousa - 1:31:56 - Can report on an ongoing basis through finance or monthly etc as settlements are reached.

Councilor Whitfield - 1:32:34 - Acknowledge that this type of request from the Law Department is a hard ask. Education, housing insecurity, opioid addiction are some issues that tax payer money should be going to. Stated that these tax payer money should go back into the community for real services.

Councilor Brown spoke on the order and his concerns about settlement versus payment dictated by a jury.

Councilor Gomez spoke on PTSD within the police department including training and prevention.

Councilor Davila asked Attorney DeSousa to repeat the details of amounts paid out. He stated his hesitant support for the order but spoke about the need for meaningful change.

Councilor Walsh spoke about the role of the Council when it comes to the settlements.

Attorney Pikula responded to Councilor Walshes concerns. The oversight of the council will not change. This is a short term process. Hoping to settle about a dozen cases.

Councilor Ramos spoke on protecting taxpayers from exposure on these types of lawsuits. Asked to schedule an executive session to talk about the police reforms.

Councilor Hurst stated he will not be supporting this order tonight. Stated that it is the duty of the council to analyze every case that is to be settled and further that the public be privy to the details of every case that is to be settled.

Attorney Pikula stated that the settlement is an executive function and the appropriation of funds is a legislative function.

Councilor Lederman asked about how the expenditure of the 5 million dollars would become public knowledge.

Attorney DeSousa and Attorney Pikula agreed that the settlements become public record and that they are both committed to reporting on those.

End of discussion and vote taken 2:33:53

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert -Law Settlements Transfer from Reserves (DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/13/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor	
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	

15. Order (ID # 6450)

Supplemental Budget - Increase in State Aid - \$3,860,083.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Final Cherry Sheet Numbers(PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

16. Order (ID # 6443)

Bond Authorization - Roads and Sidewalks - \$3,100,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Order - Roads & Sidewalks (DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

17. Order (ID # 6445)

Bond Authorization - FORESTRY OPERATIONS CENTER - \$1,091,005.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Loan Order - Forestry building(DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

18. Order (ID # 6442)

Bond Authorization - Police Vehicles - \$1,000,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Bond Order - Police Vehicles (DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

19. Order (ID # 6444)

Bond Authorization - Watershops Pond Dam - \$1,000,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Loan Order - Watershops dam(DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

20. Order (ID # 6446)

Unexpended Bond Proceeds to Police Headquarters Upgrades - \$945,178.27

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Unexpended Bond Proceeds - BWC to Pearl St (DOCX)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

21. Order (ID # 6448)

Bills of Prior Year - Various Departments- \$8,055.48

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- BOPs 10-4-21 (PDF)
- CAFO Certification - BOPs (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

22. Order (ID # 6464)

Election Warrant

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- polling places 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 Early Voting Calendar (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

23. Order (ID # 6421)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the Westminster Street Playground Phase 2

HISTORY:

09/13/21 City Council

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

55:12

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street and Chair of the Springfield CPC, spoke on the order.

City Council has already authorized the creation of small playground on Westminster Street. This order is asking for additional \$30,000 to cover the project. Pat Sullivan also spoke on the project and stated that it was 95% complete with the exception of the water tap.

Councilor Brown spoke in favor of the order and thanked everyone involved in working on the project.

Councilor Lederman also spoke in favor of the project and mentioned the contribution from Bob Bolduc, owner of the Pride Stores. Mentioned that this project could be a model for other neighborhoods who have small non-buildable lots that could be converted into park space.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Marcus J Williams
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

24. Order (ID # 6410)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the Classical High Façade Restoration

HISTORY:

09/13/21 City Council PASSED BY VOICE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

1:00:13

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street and Chair of the Springfield CPC, spoke on the order.

Request for funds to fix the facade that faces State Street including pointing and cleaning.

No questions or discussion on the matter.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Marcus J Williams
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
AWAY:	Kateri B. Walsh

Ordinances

(25.) ORD-2021-9 Elias Brookings LHD

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Chapter 49, Article II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as amended, entitled "Historic Districts" be amended by the addition of the following section:

Subsection "49-25":

49-25 Elias Brookings Local Historic District.

A. There is further established under the provisions of and in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, so-called, as mentioned in this chapter, the Elias Brookings Local Historic District as shown on the map labeled Exhibit 27-2S, entitled "Elias Brookings Local Historic District"; said map to be considered part of this chapter.

B. Exemption from controls:

- 1) Temporary structures or signs, subject to such conditions as to duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify.
- 2) Terraces, walks, driveways, and sidewalks, provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level.
- 3) The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or

other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

1:06:28

Taken out of order without objection at the request of Alvin Allen through the Chair.

Tom Kegelman, 261 Oak Grove Avenue, Home City Housing spoke on the issue.

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street, Springfield CPC, spoke in favor of asking the project to be declared a historic district.

Invoke 22C

Mover- Edwards

Secunder- Allen

Unanimous Vote to Invoke 22C

(26.) ORD-2021-10 Aunchman House LHD/51-53 Bay Street

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Chapter 49, Article II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as amended, entitled "Historic Districts" be amended by the addition of the following section:

Subsection "49-26":

49-26 Aunchman House Local Historic District.

A. There is further established under the provisions of and in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, so-called, as mentioned in this chapter, the Aunchman House Local Historic District as shown on the map labeled Exhibit 27-2T, entitled "Aunchman House Local Historic District"; said map to be considered part of this chapter.

B. Exemption from controls:

- 1) Temporary structures or signs, subject to such conditions as to duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify.
- 2) Terraces, walks, driveways, and sidewalks, provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level.
- 3) The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

RESULT:	FIRST STEP [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM
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	

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

1:02:54

Taken out of order without objection at the request of Councilor Whitfield.

Lisa Goodman, Funds Developer and Chair for the Aunchman House Renovation Project. Owned by Trinty Church at 57 Bay Street which abuts the project.

Councilor Lederman thanked the petitioner for their work on the renovation project.

Councilor Brown also thanked Bishop Morgan and the members of the renovation project for their work.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Holy_Trinity_Church_LHD_Request (JPG)

(27.) ORD-2021-11 Amendment to Chapter 45-Article II Historic Districts, Section 45-5

AMENDING CHAPTER 49 ARTICLE II, SECTION 49-5 OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AS AMENDED, BY INSERTING NEW LANGUAGE

1. CHAPTER 49 section 49-5 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as amended, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new CHAPTER 45 section 49-5, hereto as follows:

“CHAPTER 49 section 49-5 – Quadrangle-Mattoon Street Historic District

There is established under the provisions of and in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, so-called, as mentioned in this chapter, the Quadrangle-Mattoon Street Historic District as shown on the map labeled Exhibit 27-2A, entitled ‘Quadrangle-Mattoon Street Historic District’; said map to be considered a part of this chapter. In

accordance with Section 8, Paragraph b of said Historic Districts Act, so-called, the authority of said Commission shall, however, be limited so as not to extend to any buildings, structures or properties however owned or controlled by the Springfield Library and Museum Association and Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield. "Notwithstanding the above, the limitation set forth herein shall not apply to 220 State Street (also known as the Springfield Science Museum) or 222 State Street (also known as the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum)."

2. The effective date for the amendments listed above shall be November ##, 2021.

Approved as to form,
Associate City Solicitor

RESULT: FIRST STEP

Next: 10/18/2021 7:00 PM

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
1:11:36

Bob McCarroll, 96 Elliot Street and Chair of the Springfield CPC, spoke on the order.

CPC is requiring Springfield Museums to remove exemptions of local historic districts in order to receive CPC monies.

Mover - Whitfield
Second - Walsh
Unanimous vote by council.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to City Council on GWVS Museum (PDF)

Special Permits

28. Petition (ID # 6347)

For a Special Permit to Re-Establish a Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming Use (Motor Vehicle Service/Sales) at the Property Known as 143 Parker Street (09510-1933), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 10, Section 10.1.41.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Rhino Realty, LLC
By:	Ryan Conway
Petitioner:	Kevin Conway
By:	Kevin Conway

HISTORY:

08/16/21

City Council

CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 10/04/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Hurst made a motion to take #28 out of order.

No objection.

No testimony on record for this item.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Hurst, seconded by Councilor Edwards.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 143_Parker_St_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- Parker_St_143_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

29. Petition (ID # 6345)

386 (A.K.A. 360) Main Street

Request:	See Above
Owner:	McDonald's USA, LLC
By:	Sandra Martel
Petitioner:	Western Mass Foods, Inc.
By:	Linda G Cukurs, CFO

HISTORY:

09/20/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/04/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

2:35:30

Leo Florian spoke on the special permit.

He is in strong opposition if they plan on operating a 24 hour drive thru. Other issues include pan handlers, trash and police calls for issues at the property.

George Tazzini III, Locust Street, Tazzini Funeral Home, raised concerns about the petitioner violating the current cease and desist order.

Tyrone Davis stated that he sent over a letter to Phil Dromey agreeing to the conditions attached.

Petitioner has contracted with Jackson Security for coverage from 9pm to 2am.

Councilor Edwards stated he would make a motion to accept the Special Permit with the conditions submitted to Phil Dromey.

Councilor Davila asked about how many police calls were reported.

Councilor Curran stated that the current murder at the location weighs on his mind and he is inclined to vote against the permit.

Councilor Fenton asked the petitioner what time he has closed over the weekend and stated that he would not support the permit for an operator who has disregarded the time restrictions that are currently in place.

Councilor Whitfield stated that the establishment is not to blame for the murder that occurred at the establishment. Suggested a 6 month to a year review if the permit was granted.

Councilor Ramos asked Phil Dromey about the hours of operation. He asked Mr. Davis if it is correct that he has agreed to the conditions that were presented to the Council. Mr. Davis confirmed that he has agreed to the conditions.

Councilor Edwards acknowledged that there are people both in favor and against the extended hours. He agreed with Councilor Whitfield on her statement about not penalizing an establishment for a crime that occurs on their property. He stated that the Council needs to do a better job of following up on the conditions of the permits.

Councilor Hurst said the issue is the enforcement of the conditions. At what point in time does it trigger a review?

Councilor Lederman asked about the security and Councilor Edwards confirmed that it was condition#9 which is Jackson Security.

Councilor Edwards made a motion to approve with the conditions and Councilor Walsh seconded.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Main_St_386_Tax_Formal (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 3]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Hurst, Williams
NAYS:	Timothy C. Allen, Sean Curran, Michael A. Fenton

Vote on the Reasons

Council voted unanimously to accept the reasons for passing the permit.

30. Petition (ID # 6384)

For a Special Permit to Expand the Residential Component of a Mixed-Use Building at the Property Known as 275 Chestnut Street (02750-0485) (Book#22494/Page#357 & Book#20957/Page#352), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 2.4.

Request: See Above
 Owner: BH Chestnut Crossing, LLC
 By: Thomas P Kegelman
 Petitioner: BH Chestnut Crossing, LLC
 By: Thomas P Kegelman

HISTORY:**09/20/21****City Council****CONTINUE VOTE****Next: 10/04/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

The permit was approved without discussion.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Chestnut_St_275_Tax_Formal (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [11 TO 1]

MOVER: Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor

SECONDER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor

AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Hurst, Williams

NAYS: Sean Curran

ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton

Vote on the Reasons

Councilor Fenton abstained from voting on the reasons.

All other Councilors Voted to approve.

Zoning Changes**31. Zoning Change (ID # 6351)**

To Change the Zoning of the Properties Known as SS Boston Road (01655-0667, 0665 & 0664), ES Gilbert Avenue (05650-0127) and WS Arnold Avenue (00650-0008 & 0009) from Residence a and Commercial P to Business a and SS Boston Road (01655-0663) from Commercial P to Business A. .

PETITIONER:**Caring for Others Health Agency, LLC****ADDRESS:****SS Boston Road, et.al.****CHANGE REQUESTED:****Res A and Com P to Bus A****HISTORY:****08/18/21****Planning Board****MOTION TO CONTINUE****Next: 09/01/21****09/01/21****Planning Board****APPROVED****09/13/21****City Council**

09/20/21 **City Council** **RECEIVED 1ST STEP**
Next: 10/04/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 20210729113953845 (PDF)
- 3224_SS_Boston_Rd_2021_PB_Report (PDF)
- 3224_SS_Boston_Road_2021 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM

32. Zoning Change (ID # 6352)

To Change the Zoning of the Properties Known as SS Morris Street (08850-0046, 0038, 0037, 0036 & 0035) and NS Central Street (02560-0009, 0010, 0013, 0015, 0017 & 0019) from Industrial a to Residence C and the Properties Known as NS Morris Street (08850-0013, 0016, 0018 & 0019) from Commercial P to Residence C.

PETITIONER:

Springfield Planning Board

ADDRESS:

SS Morris Street, et.al.

CHANGE REQUESTED:

Ind A and Com P to Res C

HISTORY:

08/18/21 **Planning Board** **MOTION TO CONTINUE**
Next: 09/01/21

09/01/21 **Planning Board** **APPROVED**

09/13/21 **City Council**

09/20/21 **City Council** **RECEIVED 1ST STEP**
Next: 10/04/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 20210729115454435 (PDF)
- 3223_SS_Morris_St_2021_PB_Report (PDF)
- 3223_SS_Morris_St_2021 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM****33. Zoning Change (ID # 6368)**

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as 797 Berkshire Avenue (01340-0402) and Rear Berkshire Avenue (01340-0356) from Business a to Business B.

PETITIONER: 1626 Bay Street, LLC

ADDRESS: 797 Berkshire Avenue. et.al.

CHANGE REQUESTED: Bus A to Bus B

HISTORY:

09/01/21 Planning Board MOTION TO CONTINUE
Next: 09/15/21

09/13/21 City Council CONTINUE
Next: 10/25/21

09/15/21 Planning Board MOTION TO CONTINUE
Next: 10/06/21

09/20/21 City Council MEETING CANCELED
Next: 10/25/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

RESULT: CONTINUE VOTE**Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM****Petitions****34. Petition (ID # 6304)**

21-07 Order NOPARKING Longhill St.

HISTORY:

06/28/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 09/27/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

35. Petition (ID # 6454)

COMCAST-148 Taylor St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COMCAST REPORT - Springfield St. 4-7-2021 (PDF)
- 148 Taylor St-Springfield MA (PDF)
- 148 Taylor St-Springfield MA-Google Earth (PDF)
- 148 Taylor St-Springfield MA-Letter (PDF)
- Screenshot 2021-08-23 095750 (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

36. Petition (ID # 6385)

658 Berkshire Ave.

HISTORY:

09/13/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CMA-Berkshire Ave Report (PDF)
- 21-0826529-00 Pro Drawing REV00 (PDF)
- Springfield City Council Letter 658 Berkshire Ave (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

37. Petition (ID # 6455)

COMCAST – Wilbraham Rd

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COMCAST REPORT - Wilbraham. 9-20-2021 (PDF)
- 1810 Wilbraham Rd-Springfield MA-Google Earth (PDF)
- 1810 Wilbraham Rd-Springfield MA-Letter (PDF)
- 1810 Wilbraham Rd-Springfield MA (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

38. Petition (ID # 6458)

21-14 New Parking Meters

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TCM 8-2-2021 Agenda (PDF)
- TCM 8-2-2021 (PDF)

- [TRAFFIC mins AUGUST 2 21](#) (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

Resolutions

39. Resolution 2021-4

Eversource Overdue Payment

HISTORY:

09/13/21 **City Council**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES EXCEPT FOR COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	

40. Resolution 2021-5

Roderick I. Ireland Courthouse

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 15- 22 and 31-40 were continued to a meeting on 10-07-2021.

MOTION - COUNCILOR EDWARDS

SECOND - COUNCILOR DAVILA

ALL COUNCILORS VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILORS WALSH AND WILLIAMS.

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [11 TO 2]	Next: 10/7/2021 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Jesse Lederman	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst	
NAYS:	Kateri B. Walsh, Marcus J Williams	