



City Council
Maintenance and Development Sub-Committee <http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>
~ Agenda ~

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Thursday, May 27, 2021

3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

I. Call to Order

3:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 27, 2021 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

II. Public Portion

III. Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6155)

Eversource Gas- Cabinet Installations

HISTORY:

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

Hector Velez stated Columbia would like to change the cabinet from underground to above ground. The Board of Public Works approved all but a petition near Forest Park.

Brian Meccareillo of Eversource Gas stated the stations provide a layer of safety.

Councilor Fenton asked if there are any plans or drawings.

Mr. Meccareillo stated there are drawings. He shared his screen and explained the drawings.

Councilor Fenton made a motion to refer the item to Committee, seconded by Councilor Davila. At present Councilors being in favor, the item was sent to Committee.

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

The item remained in committee.

IV. Orders

1. Order (ID # 6136)

Order Approving Amendments to the Towing Management Agreement and Lease Agreement with the Springfield Parking Authority

Please see attached

HISTORY:

04/05/21 **City Council** **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
Next: 05/03/21

Tom Moore, Director of Springfield Parking Authority, addressed the Council. He stated the amendment is to extend the towing contract to be in agreement with the general agreement. There will be a procurement process to determine who will serve the City at the best price.

Councilor Ramos asked the term and what the process for vendor selection was previously.

Atty. Moore stated a towing contract is exempt from 30B procurement but Cities are encouraged to still use a process for selection of a towing company. He explained the cost for towing can reach upwards of \$200 just for one day.

Councilor Ramos stated he has heard from constituents regarding towing and the cost is disproportionately impacting specific communities. The tow truck drivers are not treating constituents with respect. The conversation about cost and impact needs to be had prior to approving any agreement. There is institutional racism impacting people of color.

Councilor Brown asked if a log of complaints are being kept.

Atty. Moore stated there is a record of complaints kept by the SPA. Many times people have a negative experience but there are fair amount of complaints made to the vendor and not to the SPA.

Councilor Brown asked about the procurement process. He asked if services is included and not just strictly price.

Atty. Moore stated that the selection process attempts to encourage competition and they have not been very successful. He is hopeful they will get smaller business groups to provide quotes.

Councilor Whitfield stated the Public Health Institute and Pioneer Valley Commission are working on a racial equity assessment to assist the City in procuring businesses that are more diverse.

Councilor Allen made a motion to committee, seconded by Councilor Fenton. All being in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

05/03/21 **City Council** **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
Next: 05/10/21

The item remained in Committee with no Councilor taking it out of Committee.

05/10/21 **City Council** **REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
Next: 06/07/21

The item remained in Committee.

Councilor Walsh made a motion to remain in committee, second by Councilor Davila. All being in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order Approving SPA Towing Amendments (DOC)