



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Monday, October 18, 2021

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 18, 2021 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

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	Absent	
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

Councilor Jesse Lederman (7:40 on video)

COVID-19 Response Committee - Met on October 12th. Joined on the meeting by Councilor Edwards and Council President Williams. Agenda item was meeting with the Covid-19 Youth Council. Commsr Caulton-Harris and several members of the Youth Council were present.

Councilor Jesse Lederman (9:24 on video)

Sustainability and Environment Committee - Met on October 14th.

Councilor Fenton, Councilor Hurst and Councilor Davila were present at the meeting as well as reps from Eversource. Presentation of pipeline construction from Bliss Street through Forest Park into Longmeadow.

Councilor Tracye Whitfield (11:31 on video)

Finance Committee - Met on October 18th

Councilors Hurst, Davila, Williams, Fenton, Allen, Davila and Lederman.

Increase to the supplemental budget to the School Department.

Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6472)

Eversource- Bradley Rd.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No representative from DPW or Eversource was present to speak to the petition.

Councilors voted to refer to committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Bradley Rd. (PDF)
- 80103144 BRADLEY RD UG (PDF)
- 80103144 ORDER (PDF)
- 80103144 SKETCH (PDF)
- Screenshot 2021-10-06 113229 (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM

2. Petition (ID # 6480)

EVERSOURCE-Pinevale Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No representative from DPW or Eversource was present to speak to the petition.

Councilors voted to refer to committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 6687083 MAIN & PINEVALE PETITION (PDF)
- 6687083 MAIN&PINEVALE SKETCH (PDF)
- 6687083 ORDER (PDF)
- Pinavale Report (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM

3. Petition (ID # 6473)

Eversource- Wilbraham Rd.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No representative from DPW or Eversource was present to speak to the petition.

Councilors voted to refer to committee.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 80110053 ORDER (PDF)
- 80110053 SKETCH (PDF)
- 80110053 WILBRAHAM RD UG (PDF)
- Screenshot 2021-10-06 113229 (PDF)
- Report Wilbraham Rd. (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 10/25/2021 7:00 PM

Grants

4. Order (ID # 6474)

Parks Department - PARC Grant - Blunt Park- \$400,000 - Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Sullivan, Arvesta Street-Springfield, MA spoke to the PARC Grant.

He stated that the master plan has been in the works with the input of the Neighborhood Councils.

Councilor Whitfield asked for further explanation about the improvements and if the track at Blunt Park would be worked on.

Picnic Area, installation of a splash pad, increased lighting and irrigation were among some of the improvements mentioned by Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan stated that the City would be looking to other state grants for the repair of the track.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Parks - PARC Grant - Blunt Park (PDF)
- FY22 Parks - PARC Grant Blunt Park - \$400K (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [11 TO 0]

MOVER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor

SECONDER: Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor

AYES: Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams

ABSENT: Kateri B. Walsh

RECUSED: Gumersindo Gomez

5. Order (ID # 6479)

MassTrails Grant - Camp STAR Trail Phase 2 - Match Required - \$100,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Sullivan, Arvesta Street-Springfield, MA spoke to the Mass Trails Grant.

Mr. Sullivan explained that this is phase 2 to make the Porter Lake water resource available for kayaking or sailing to the Camp Star participants.

Councilor Lederman asked if the lake was swimmable. Mr. Sullivan said it is not at the current time.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Parks - MassTrails Grant - Camp STAR Phase 2 (PDF)
- FY22 Parks - MassTrails Grant - Camp Star Phase 2 - \$100K (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSTAIN:	Orlando Ramos
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

6. Order (ID # 6463)

FY22 SHINE Grant Amendment Increase - No Match Required \$74,997.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sandy Federico, Director of Elder Affairs, 1285 Bradley Road spoke to the grant.

Ms. Federico explained it was remaining balance of the FY22 SHINE grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 SHINE Program Increase \$74,997 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Gumersindo Gomez, Ward 1 Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSTAIN:	Orlando Ramos
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

7. Order (ID # 6478)

FY22 Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant- No Match Required \$28,294.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams asked that items 7-9 be taken together with no objection.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Libraries ECF Grant \$28,294.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

8. Order (ID # 6476)

Parks Donations - Various - \$5,251.99

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams asked that items 7-9 be taken together with no objection.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Parks - Various Donations - \$5,251.99 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

9. Order (ID # 6477)

Parks Department - Donation - \$5,000.00 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Williams asked that items 7-9 be taken together with no objection.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Parks - Colony Hills Donation - \$5,000 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

10. Order (ID # 6471)

Section 108 Loan - No Match - \$5,000,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilors voted to send this item to a joint meeting of the Finance and Economic Development Committees.

Waiting on CC Staff to add joint meeting into Minute Traq

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Section 108 Request for Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [12 TO 0]	Next: 12/6/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh	

Orders**11. Order (ID # 6450)**

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

HISTORY:

10/04/21

City Council

CONTINUE VOTE

10/07/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Mike Eton, South Hadley, from the School Department's Business Office spoke to the Supplemental Budget Increase (29:43)

Councilor Whitfield asked if this would free up 3.8 million dollars in the budget.

Student Opportunity Act Allocations were budgeted with the 3.8 Million from the supplemental budget.

Councilor Davila spoke on the matter 33:47

Councilor Gomez spoke on the matter at 34:48

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Final Cherry Sheet Numbers(PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSTAIN:	Orlando Ramos
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

Suspend Rule 19

Councilor Walsh was absent

Councilor Ramos abstained from this vote

The remaining 11 Councilors voted unanimously to suspend Rule 19.

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

10/04/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Gomez asked for a yes vote on this item.

Councilor Ramos spoke on this item regarding the use of CPA funding and monitoring wage theft.

41:13

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

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

(13.) 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:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracy Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
Rich Blind, Director of Facilities for the Springfield Museums spoke on the issue.

Councilor Davila asked about the Springfield Museums exempt status

Alvin Allen, Principal Planner - COS explained the reason for the historic district.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Letter to City Council on GWVS Museum (PDF)

14. Order (ID # 6475)

An Order Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Tax Incentive Financing Agreement for Duc-Pac Corporation and FM Holdings, LLC at 1125 Page Boulevard, Springfield

A Project Summary is attached for reference.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Brian Connors, Planning and Eco Dev, spoke on the matter.

Councilor Ramos spoke in favor of the order and stated that the petitioner has met with the neighborhood council.

Councilor Gomez asked about jobs. (53:32)

ATTACHMENTS:

- Duc-Pac Project Summary (PDF)
- Exhibit A, Tax Increment Financing Agreement between the City and FM Holdings, LLC, and (PDF)

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, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Kateri B. Walsh

Zone Change

15. Zoning Change (ID # 6437)

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as 8 Florence Street (05200-0001) from Residence B to Residence C.

PETITIONER: Wytas Properties, LLC

ADDRESS: 8 Florence Street

CHANGE REQUESTED: Res B to Res C

HISTORY:

10/06/21 Planning Board MOTION TO CONTINUE

Next: 10/20/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Referral vote to the next Planning Meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

- Florence_St_8_Formal (PDF)
- 3226_8_Florence_St_2021 (PDF)

RESULT: CONTINUE [12 TO 0]**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, Williams**ABSENT:** Kateri B. Walsh