



# City Council

## Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
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Monday, December 6, 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 December 6, 2021 at 7:00pm at a Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

| Attendee Name     | Title              | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|
| Melvin A. Edwards | Ward 3 Councilor   | Present |         |
| Jesse Lederman    | At-Large Councilor | Present |         |
| Gumersindo Gomez  | Ward 1 Councilor   | Absent  |         |
| 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 | 7:13 AM |
| 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 Whitfield - Finance Sub-Committee. 5 million dollars for the Main Street Convention area. Application submitted and approved. Transfer of \$75,000 go to outstanding services that need to be paid.

Councilor Lederman - COVID-19 Response Committee. Contact tracing funds came through from the state (\$200,000). Trying to encourage younger folks to be vaccinated.

Reports of Committee Accepted

### Informational

#### 1. Order (ID # 6535)

October Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#1** - October Revenue versus Expenditure Report, Pat Burns reported. First four months of the Fiscal Year. Tracking the gas /diesel expenses, they are up 50% from last year. Emergency Communications Department move expenses to salary and overtime.

Councilor Whitfield thanked Pat for attending the Finance meeting, but was never called.

Councilor Allen had questions.

Councilor Walsh inquired about drivers and snow/ice.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- October Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                                  |

## Petitions

### 2. Petition (ID # 6520)

21-18 Halll St.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#2** - Petition for 21-18 Hall Street, Chris Cignoli, DPW Director reported. All five items are traffic related. Request to take them all at once was approved by Council President. Petitions are for 18 Hall Street - Remove 8a-6a parking on both sides of the street and provide more handicap spaces (referred to Traffic Commission).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 21-18 Order NOPARKING86 Hall ST (PDF)
- 21-18 tR (PDF)
- 21-18 (PDF)
- TCM 10-4-2021 Agenda (PDF)
- TRAFFIC mins OCT 4 2021 (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                                  |

### 3. Petition (ID # 6521)

21-19 Dubois St.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#3** - Petition for 21-19 Hall Street, Chris Cignoli, DPW Director reported. All five items are traffic related. Request to take them all at once was approved by Council President. Petitions are for 19 Dubois Street- installation of stop signs.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 21-19 Order Stop Dubois St. (PDF)
- 21-19 (PDF)
- TRAFFIC mins OCT 4 2021 (PDF)
- TCM 10-4-2021 Agenda (PDF)

**RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]****AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez**4. Petition (ID # 6522)**

21-20 Kane St.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#4** - Petition for 21-20 Kane Street, Chris Cignoli, DPW Director reported. All five items are traffic related. Request to take them all at once was approved by Council President. Petitions are for 20 Kane Street - installation of stop signs.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 21-20 Order Stop Kane ST (PDF)
- 21-20 (PDF)
- TCM 10-4-2021 Agenda (PDF)

**RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]****AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez**5. Petition (ID # 6523)**

21-22 Audley St.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#5** - Petition for 21-22 Audley Street, Chris Cignoli, DPW Director reported. All five items are traffic related. Request to take them all at once was approved by Council President. Petitions are for 22 Audley Street - installation of stop sign.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 21-22 (PDF)
- TRAFFIC mins OCT 4 2021 (PDF)
- TCM 10-4-2021 Agenda (PDF)
- 21-22 Order Stop Audley St. (PDF)

**RESULT: APPROVED [12 TO 0]****AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez**6. Petition (ID # 6524)**

21-23 Pennsylvania Ave.

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#6** - Petition for 21-23 Pennsylvania Ave, Chris Cignoli, DPW Director reported. All five items are traffic related. Request to take them all at once was approved by Council President. Petitions are for 23 Pennsylvania Ave - stop sign installation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 21-23 Order Stop Pennsylvania Ave. (PDF)
- 21-23 (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                                  |

## Grants

### 7. Order (ID # 6533)

DPW Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) Grant - No Match - \$71,500

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#7** - DPW Dividend Program Grant no match (\$71,500). Chris Cignoli reported. Grant from the DEP, latest award to by barrels and supplement cost for hazardous waste.

Councilor Brown inquired if there was flexibility with lowering the trash rate.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Recycling Dividends Program Grant FY22 (PDF)

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

### 8. Order (ID # 6541)

Parks Department - Donation - \$28,000.00 - No Match Required

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#8** - Parks Department donation (\$28,000).

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Parks - Donation \$28K - Springfield Cultural Partnership (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>  | <b>ADOPTED [11 TO 0]</b>                                                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>    | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b> | Orlando Ramos                                                                              |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>  | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                           |

## Orders

### 9. Order (ID # 6471)

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

#### HISTORY:

10/18/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

**Item#9** - Section 108 loan (\$5 million), Federal Funding from CDBG. Tim Sheehan reported.

Councilor Fenton thanked everyone involved.

Councilor Ramos inquired if there would be wage theft language, and wanted clarification on Section 11.

Councilor Walsh inquired about security.

\*Motion to suspend Rule 19. Motion accepted.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Section 108 Request for Grant Setup (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                                                                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor                                                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                                  |

### 10. Order (ID # 6534)

Budget Transfer W/In the Department of Law \$75,000.00

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

\$75,000

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

**Item#10** - Budget Transfer (\$75,000) for Law Department, Kathy Breck reported. Move the funds in order to pay for outside Counsel and litigation expenses.

Councilor Ramos inquired if this would be used for the Police Commission appeal.

Councilor Davila would like to know how much money is spent on outside Counsel.

\*Motion to suspend Rule 19. Motion accepted.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Law Budget Transfer \$75,000 (PDF)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:** Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor  
**SECONDER:** Tracye Whitfield, Vice President  
**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams  
**ABSTAIN:** Orlando Ramos  
**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez

**11. Order (ID # 6531)**

Bills of Prior Year - Various Departments - \$33,554.91

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#11** - Bills of prior years (\$33,554.91), Lidsay Hacket reported. Pay Police Dept, and City Clerk for services in previous years.

Councilor Lederman wanted specifics as to what the bills were for.

\*Motion to suspend Rule 19. Motion accepted.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CAFO Cert - BOPYS 12.06.21 (DOCX)
- US\_QUOTE\_1033629830589.1 (PDF)
- CITY CLERK - WB MASON (PDF)

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**  
**MOVER:** Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor  
**SECONDER:** Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor  
**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams  
**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez  
**AWAY:** Tracye Whitfield

## Special Permits

**12. Petition (ID # 6363)**

For a Special Permit for New Construction (Mixed Use Building), Totaling More Than One Thousand (1,000) Square Feet, Within the Neighborhood Commercial Design Overlay District, at the Property Known as SS Belmont Avenue (A.K.A. 462)(01235-0094)(Book#22895/Page#261), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 8, Section 8.1.30(A).

Request: See Above  
 Owner: Sage Home Builders, LLC  
 By: Seneca Slaughter  
 Petitioner: Seneca Slaughter  
 By: Seneca Slaughter

**HISTORY:**

**09/20/21** City Council **CONTINUE VOTE**  
**Next: 11/22/21**

**11/22/21** City Council **CONTINUE VOTE**  
**Next: 12/06/21**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#12** - Special Permit for 462 Belmont Ave. Forest Park Civic Association voted in favor of the permit.

Councilor Edwards outlined reasons on approval. Reasons accepted.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- SS\_Belmont\_Ave\_Tax\_Formal (PDF)
- Belmont\_Ave\_SS\_2021 (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [11 TO 0]</b>                                                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor                                                    |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor                                                    |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                       |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Tracy Whitfield                                                                        |

**13. Special Permit (ID # 6481)**

For a Special Permit for the Expansion of a Pre-Existing Crematorium at the Property Known as WS Pine Street (A.K.A. 171 Maple Street) (09715-0040) (Book#2541/Page#92), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 8.5.

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|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| Request:    | See Above                                |
| Owner:      | Properties of the Springfield Cemeteries |
| By:         | James Mooney                             |
| Petitioner: | Properties of the Springfield Cemeteries |
| By:         | James Mooney                             |

**HISTORY:**

**11/22/21** City Council **CONTINUE VOTE**  
**Next: 12/06/21**

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

**Item#13** - Special Permit for a Crematorium on 171 Maple Street.

Councilor Fenton inquired about the design and impacts on the Historic District.

Councilor Edwards outlined reasons on approval. Reasons accepted.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Pine\_St\_WS\_Tax\_Formal (PDF)
- Pine\_St\_WS\_2021 (PDF)

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

## Zone Change

### 14. 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:

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|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>10/06/21</b> | <b>Planning Board</b> | <b>MOTION TO CONTINUE</b> |
| Next: 10/20/21  |                       |                           |
| <b>10/18/21</b> | <b>City Council</b>   | <b>CONTINUE</b>           |
| <b>10/20/21</b> | <b>Planning Board</b> | <b>APPROVED</b>           |
| <b>11/22/21</b> | <b>City Council</b>   | <b>RECEIVED 1ST STEP</b>  |
| Next: 12/06/21  |                       |                           |

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

**Item#14** - Zone change for 8 Florence Street from Residence B to Residence C. Alex Wytas presented.

Councilors Whitfield and Lederman inquired if sidewalks/fence would be updated.

Councilor Brown appreciates the effort and make the property look nice, please.

Councilor Edwards outlined reasons on approval. Reasons accepted.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

- Florence\_St\_8\_Formal (PDF)
- 3226\_8\_Florence\_St\_2021 (PDF)
- 3226\_8\_Florence\_St\_2021\_PB\_Report (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor                                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                                                                |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Gumersindo Gomez                                                                                  |