



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Gladys Oyola-Lopez
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Thursday, October 7, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on October 7, 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	Absent	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	Vice President	Absent	
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	President	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 6304)

21-07 Order NOPARKING Longhill St.

HISTORY:

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

10/04/21 City Council CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

- Item#1 -Hector Velez, City Engineer would like no parking on Longhill Street for trash pickup for 2 hours.

*Councilor Curran - Changed his vote from No to Yes on Item#31 from the previous meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

2. Petition (ID # 6454)

COMCAST-148 Taylor St.

HISTORY:

10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#2 - Comcast to install 160 feet of fiber optic cable, Hector Velez presented.

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:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

3. Petition (ID # 6385)

658 Berkshire Ave.

HISTORY:

09/13/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#3 - 658 Berkshire Avenue, extend gas main by 60 feet from Eversource, Hector Velez and Jocelyn Forcier presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

4. Petition (ID # 6455)

COMCAST – Wilbraham Rd

HISTORY:

10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#4 - Comcast on Wilbraham Road, 246 feet of 3-inch fiber optic to provide service to Bruno's Pizza, Hector Velez reported.

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:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

5. Petition (ID # 6458)

21-14 New Parking Meters

HISTORY:

10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#5 - 21-14 Parking meters. New meters at AIC, Baystate, STCC and the North End, Hector Velez reported.

Councilor Lederman recommends that this item gets moved to the Maintenance Committee.

Motion to send to Committee. Motion approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TCM 8-2-2021 Agenda (PDF)
- TCM 8-2-2021 (PDF)
- TRAFFIC mins AUGUST 2 21 (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE**Next: 11/15/2021 7:00 PM**

Zoning Changes

6. 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		
10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#6 - Zone change Southside Boston Road, Eastside Gilbert Ave, and Westside Arnold Ave.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]

MOVER: Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor

SECONDER: Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor

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

ABSENT: Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

7. 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		
10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#7 - Zone change Southside Miller Street, Northside Central Street from Industrial C.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	APPROVED [10 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

Orders**8. Order (ID # 6450)**

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

HISTORY:

10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#8 - Supplemental increase for School Department for (\$3,860,083), TJ Plante reported.

Councilor Allen, and Walsh needed clarification.

Councilor Ramos wanted to abstain due to his position in the General Court.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Final Cherry Sheet Numbers(PDF)

RESULT:	CONTINUE VOTE [10 TO 0]	Next: 10/18/2021 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor	
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor	
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams	
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila	

9. Order (ID # 6443)

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

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

Item#9 - Bond authorization for roads and sidewalks for (\$3,100,000), Chris Cignoli reported.

Councilors Ramos, Lederman, and Brown commented and had questions.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

10. Order (ID # 6445)

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

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

Item#10 - Bond authorization Forestry Operations Center(\$1,091,005) MVP grant to be more responsive for storm damages, reported by Pat Sullivan.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila

11. Order (ID # 6444)

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

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

Item#11- Bond authorization for Water Shoppe Pond for (\$1,000,000), TJ Plante reported.

Councilors Allen and Lederman asked for clarification.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [9 TO 0]**MOVER:** Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor**SECONDER:** Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Orlando Ramos, Victor Davila**12. Order (ID # 6442)**

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

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

Item#12 - Bond authorization for Police vehicles (\$1,000,000), TJ Plante reported.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT: ADOPTED [9 TO 0]**MOVER:** Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor**SECONDER:** Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor**AYES:** Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams**ABSENT:** Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Orlando Ramos, Victor Davila**13. Order (ID # 6446)**

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

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

Item#13 - Transfer of Bond proceeds to Police Headquarters for esthetics (\$945,178.27), TJ Plante reported.

Councilor Curran wanted an update on the status of the new Police Headquarters.

Councilor Lederman commented.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Orlando Ramos, Victor Davila

14. Order (ID # 6448)

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

HISTORY:

10/04/21 **City Council** **CONTINUE VOTE**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#14 - Build of prior year (\$8,055.48), TJ Plante reported.

*Motion to suspend Rule 19 for Items 8-14. Motion approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

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

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Jesse Lederman
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gomez, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila

Suspend Rule 19**15. Order (ID # 6464)**

Election Warrant

HISTORY:

10/04/21 **City Council** **CONTINUE VOTE**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#15- Election warrants for 2021, Shavena Martin reported.

Councilor Walsh needed clarification for Ward 6.

Councilor Lederman had questions regarding polling locations and absentee ballots.

ATTACHMENTS:

- polling places 2021 (PDF)
- 2021 Early Voting Calendar (PDF)
- Sample Election Warrant 2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Victor Davila, Michael A. Fenton

Resolutions

16. Resolution 2021-4

Eversource Overdue Payment

HISTORY:

09/13/21	City Council	
10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#16 - Eversource overdue payment resolution, Councilor Tim Allen reported that Eversource owes 44 million dollars since 2013.

Councilors Fenton and Walsh commented.

City Solicitor Pikula provided background information on the case.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gomez, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila

17. Resolution 2021-5

Roderick I. Ireland Courthouse

HISTORY:

10/04/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 10/07/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Item#17 - Roderick Ireland Courthouse Resolution, Councilor Lederman reported.

Councilor Brown, and all the other Councilors would like to be added as co-sponsors.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Brown, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Tracye Whitfield, Orlando Ramos, Victor Davila