



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Monday, January 10, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Excused	
Gumersindo Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Excused	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman	Vice President	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	President	Present	

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Reports of Committee

Councilor Hurst reports about the Audit Sub Committee meeting held on 12/14/21 joined by President Williams, Allen, Edwards, Davila, Whitfield & more.

The purpose of the meeting 1. Presentation and Discussion of the City's Cannabis Company Selection Process

Findings from auditor No of the meeting:

- Errors in tally of scores
- Transportation company that wasn't in compliance with the cities ordinance.
- Documents that could not be located

Accept Reports voted by all City Council members.

Grants

1. Order (ID # 6565)

MassWorks Infrastructure Grant - No Match - \$400,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, DPW Director states Grant was granted in October by Executive Office of Housing and Economics

This grant is for studies to replace North End Bridge

ATTACHMENTS:

- MassWorks Infrastructure Grant - \$400,000 (PDF)

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

2. Order (ID # 6578)

Byrne JAG Grant - No Match - \$138,875

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ Plante (serving as interim CAFO of police department) speaks about the grant to cover a training program for Lieutenants and police Sergeants.

ATTACHMENTS:

- JAG 62422 (PDF)

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

Orders

3. Order (ID # 6579)

2022 City Council Rules and Orders

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

President Williams proposes Springfield Women 10th standing sub committee

President Williams makes motion

Councilor Walsh seconds and speaks about Springfield Women Commission

Amendment adopted

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

3a. Adopting Rules & Orders

Mover-Edwards

Secunder-Whitfield

Yes/Ayes: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield & Williams

4. Order (ID # 6580)

Order Requesting the Enforcement of Chapter 73

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Section 73-15 Residency Compliance Commission & Section 73:16 Residency Compliance Unit

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Hurst speaks in favor about Mayor Sarno enforcement of Chapter 73 (Residency Ordinance)

testimony (27:30) - (38:41)

Councilor Whitfield speaks in favor of order #4 asking questions about Compliance Commission to Edward Pikula

Attorney Pikula speaks about specific cases.

Councilors Whitfield, Walsh, Fenton, Hurst, Davila, Govan, & Allen all speak in favor for order #4

ATTACHMENTS:

- Chapter 73 Residency Ordinance (PDF)
- Legal Opinion on Residency Ordinance from Solicitor Pikula (PDF)
- Savage vs City of Springfield Superior Ruling Residency (Judge Hodge) (PDF)
- Order Chapter 73 Residency Ordinance (PDF)

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

Resolutions

5. Resolution (ID # 6581)

Resolution in Favor of the Tenant Protection Act

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Whitfield makes motion to table order #5

RESULT:	LAY ON TABLE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, At Large City Councilor
SECONDER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Gomez, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Walsh, Davila, Fenton, Hurst, Williams