



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez
413-787-6096

Monday, June 13, 2022

7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Possible Public Speak-Out Time 6:30 PM

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 13, 2022 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maria Perez		Present	
Jesse Lederman	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 City Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Present	7:19 PM

Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance

Reports of Committee

Election of Vice President

1. Order (ID # 6864)

Election of City Council Vice President

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Perez made a motion to Elect Melvin Edwards Vice President of the Council.

Councilor Fenton seconded the motion.

Each Councilor took a turn in speaking the name of the candidate for Vice President out loud.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**
MOVER: Maria Perez, Jesse Lederman
SECONDER: Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton
ABSENT: Tracye Whitfield

Petitions

2. Petition (ID # 6850)

Verizon- Benton Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Petition Benton St. (PDF)
- Report Benton Street (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan
ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

3. Petition (ID # 6851)

Verizon- Wilbraham Road

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Petition Wilbraham Rd. (PDF)
- Reportl Varizon Wilbraham Street (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan
ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

4. Petition (ID # 6821)

Verizon-Baird Terrance

HISTORY:

06/06/22

Next: 06/13/22

City Council

REFER TO COMMITTEE

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Baird Terr. (PDF)
- ROW 1A5N4QP WPI 2120358 - BAIRD TRACE - PPLAN (PDF)
- Baird Terr. Petition (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]

AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan

ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

5. Petition (ID # 6822)

Verizon-Westbanks Court

HISTORY:

06/06/22

City Council

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- ROW 1A5JY3L - WESTBANKS CT - PPLAN (PDF)
- Westbanks Court. Petition (PDF)
- Report Westbank Ct. (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]

AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan

ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

6. Petition (ID # 6823)

Verizon-Baird Rd.

HISTORY:

06/06/22

City Council

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Baird Rd. (PDF)
- ROW 1A5N4QP - BAIRD RD - PPLAN (PDF)
- Baird Rd. Petition (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan
ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

7. Petition (ID # 6824)

Verizon-Sawmill Rd.

HISTORY:

06/06/22 **City Council** **REFER TO COMMITTEE**
Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Sawmill Rd. Petition (PDF)
- ROW 1A5N4QP WPI 2120325- SAWMILL RD - PPLAN (PDF)
- Report Sawmill Rd. (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan
ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

8. Petition (ID # 6825)

Verizon-Bairdcrest Rd.

HISTORY:

06/06/22 **City Council** **REFER TO COMMITTEE**
Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Bairdcrest Rd. (PDF)
- Bairdcrest Rd. Petition (PDF)
- Petition Plan - 1A5N4QP- BAIRDCREST RD (PDF)

RESULT: **APPROVED [10 TO 0]**
AYES: Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan
ABSTAIN: Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield

9. Petition (ID # 6826)

Verizon-Paulk Terr.

HISTORY:**06/06/22****City Council****REFER TO COMMITTEE****Next: 06/13/22****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Walsh asked for items 2-9 to be taken in one vote.

No objections were voiced and items 2-9 were all taken in one vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Paulk Terr. Petition (PDF)
- Plan Paulk Terr. (PDF)
- Report Varizon Paulk Terr. (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [10 TO 0]**AYES:** Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan**ABSTAIN:** Michael A. Fenton, Tracye Whitfield**10. Petition (ID # 6827)**

EversourceGas-Moore Street

HISTORY:**06/06/22****City Council****REFER TO COMMITTEE****Next: 06/13/22****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Perez made a motion to lay the item on the table until Eversource has met with the neighborhood council.

Motion seconded by Councilor Fenton.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Moore St. Report (PDF)
- MA-SPR-PIP-22-031 FPO Drawing (PDF)
- Moore St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**MOVER:** Maria Perez**SECONDER:** Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor**AYES:** Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield**11. Petition (ID # 6849)**

Crosswalk Painting Springfield Cultural Partnership

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

KAREN FINN, SPRINGFIELD CULTURAL PARTNERSHIP, SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Petition Springfield Cultural Partnership (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
ABSTAIN:	Malo Brown

12. Petition (ID # 6837)

Honorary Sign Ben Swan Way

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR SEAN CURRAN SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THIS PETITION.

ALL COUNCILORS SPOKE HIGHLY OF COUNCILOR CURRAN'S EFFORT ON THIS PETITION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 4-4-2022 Agenda (PDF)
- Sean Curran Honorary Sign (PDF)
- TRAFFIC comm mins 4 4 2022 (PDF)
- Ben Swan Way (PDF)
- map location (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

Grants**13. Order (ID # 6843)**

CDBG Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$3,776,615.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CATHY BONO, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR A LIST OF ALL THE CDBG FUNDS

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Dev - CDBG Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

14. Order (ID # 6842)

HOME Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$1,823,012.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CATHY BONO, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Dev - HOME Entitlement Grant(PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

15. Order (ID # 6852)

Order Accepting Mass Gaming Commission Grant Contract Amendment For \$1,014,612.49 to Reimburse Police Department FY23 Costs of Participation in the Gaming Enforcement Unit at MGM Springfield - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ PLANTE, CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY23 GEU Grant Request Setup Form (signed) (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

16. Order (ID # 6841)

HOPWA Entitlement Grant - No Match - \$771,820.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CATHY BONO, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Dev - HOPWA Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
ABSTAIN:	Maria Perez

17. Order (ID # 6840)

ESG Entitlement Grant - No Match Required - \$332,422.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

CATHY BONO, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Community Dev - ESG Grant (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
ABSTAIN:	Maria Perez

18. Order (ID # 6847)

ValleyBike Share Grant - No Match Required - \$61,454.55

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PHIL DROMEY, PLANNING DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THIS GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- OPED - ValleyBike Share (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

Orders

19. Order (ID # 6845)

FY21 Certified Free Cash to Stability Reserves Stabilization Fund - \$5,841,7380

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ PLANTE, CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

COUNCILOR GOVAN QUESTIONED IF THERE IS ANYWAY TO HELP RESIDENTS WITH PROPERTY TAXES (MAINLY ELDERS)

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD HAS BEEN SPEAKING ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES INCREASING. RESIDENTS CAN BARELY AFFORD THE COST OF LIVING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD WENT ON THE RECORD STATING SHE IS NOT SUPPORTING THE BUDGET.

COUNCILOR HURST STATED THE COUNCIL SHOULD VOTE NO ON THE BUDGET IF THEY WANT TO REDUCE THE BURDON ON TAX PAYERS.

C. GOVAN STATED WE ARE GOING ON A RECESSION AND HELP AT LEAST THIS YEAR.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED FOR A FINANCE PERSPECTIVE- COULD WE HAVE THIS DISCUSSION IN A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING?

C. WHITFIELD WOULD BE GLAD TO HOLD A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

COUNCILOR ALLEN RECOGNIZED CITY HALL (CAFOS)

TJ PLANTE HAPPY TO HAVE FURTHER CONVERSATIONS ABOUT FREE CASH. MINIMUM OF FREE CASH IS 40 MIL FROM EVERSOUCE PAYMENT. FINANCE IS DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN DO FOR THE SENIORS.

3.5MIL TO FURTHER REDUCE THE TAX RATE.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED AGAIN HOW MUCH \$ FOR TAX RELIEF-WHAT IS OUR TARGET? TJ PLATE STATED 6 MILLION AND WANTS FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE END GOAL- NOT JUST AGE BASED ALSO INCOME BASE.

DEADLINE ON FREE CASH IS JUNE 30TH.

COUNCILOR BROWN STATED THERE NEEDS TO BE ADJUSTMENTS TO FIX THE TAX RATE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW MUCH THE MAYOR IS PLANNING FOR TAX RELIEF- PLANTE STATED 3.5MIL FOR FY 23-REDUCING AGE & DOUBLING BENEFIT.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED WHEN FREE CASH WAS CERTIFIED. TJ PLATED STATED LATE OCTOBER / EARLY NOV. WHITFIELD STATED THERE IS TIME.

COUNCILOR GOVAN SAID ONLY 240 RESIDENTS GOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE 41C.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE AGAIN ON HOW HE IS TORN-HE SUGGESTED TO SPLIT UP SOME OF THE \$

COUNCILOR PEREZ BELIEVES THIS ISSUE IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND

COUNCILOR GOVAN MADE THE MOTION TO REF TO FINANCE COM. SECONDED BY DAVILA.

#19,20,21 SENT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 CAFO Cert Free Cash to Stabilization Reserves (PDF)

RESULT:	REFER COMMITTEE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield	

20. Order (ID # 6846)

Transfer - FY21 Certified Free Cash to Capital Projects Reserve - \$2,525,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY21 Certified Free Cash to Capital Projects Reserve - \$2,525,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ PLANTE, CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

#19,20,21 SENT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Capital Account (PDF)

RESULT:	REFER COMMITTEE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield	

21. Order (ID # 6844)

FY21 Free Cash to Pension Stabilization Reserve - \$1,500,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer of \$1,500,000 from FY21 Certified Free Cash to the Pension Stabilization Reserve Fund

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

TJ PLANTE, CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

#19,20,21 SENT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Certification - Free Cash to Pension Reserve (PDF)

RESULT:	REFER COMMITTEE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 6/27/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor	
SECONDER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor	
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield	

22. Order (ID # 6848)

Budget Transfer Within a Department - Finance to Multi-Year Pay-Go Fund - \$405,584.17

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Budget Transfer Within a Department - Finance to Multi-Year Pay-Go Fund - \$405,584.17

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - FY22 EOY Pay-Go Transfer (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

Motion To: Suspension of Rules

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Suspension of Rule 19 - Passed by a unanimous voice vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
AWAY:	Kateri B. Walsh

23. Order (ID # 6860)

FY23 Budget - EF Retained Earnings

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR GOVAN MADE MOTION TO LAY THIS ORDER ON THE TABLE.

RESULT:	LAY ON TABLE -VOTE [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor
SECONDER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
AWAY:	Kateri B. Walsh

24. Order (ID # 6836)

An Order Adjusting 41C

HISTORY:

06/06/22

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PATRICK GREENHALGH, CHAIR OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

COUNCILOR FENTON SAID THE GEN GOV COM MET AND MADE UNANIMOUS DECISION IN FAVOR. COUNCILOR FENTON MADE A MOTION TO TAKE ITEM #28 OUT OF ORDER

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order Adjusting 41C (PDF)

RESULT:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES:

Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

25. Order (ID # 6861)

Order Adjusting 41D

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

PATRICK GREENHALGH, CHAIR OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS, SPOKE ON THIS ORDER.

COUNCILOR GOVAN WONDERED IF IT WAS POSSIBLE FOR THE INCOME CAN BE RAISED MORE

COUNCILOR BROWN HOPES IT RAISES AS WELL.

RESULT:

ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES:

Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

Special Permits

26. Special Permit (ID # 6712)

For a Special Permit for a Mixed-Use (Commercial/Residential) Building at the Property Known as 443 State Street (11110-0570) (Book#3097/Page#457), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-4, Section 2.4 and Table 4-2.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Nelen Associates Realty, Trust
By:	Joseph Nelen
Petitioner:	Renaissance Development, LLC
By:	Donald Mitchell

HISTORY:

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CONTINUE VOTE

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06/06/22

City Council

CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 06/13/22

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

NO FURTHER TESTIMONY

PETITIONER, MR. DONALD MITCHELL SPOKE IN FAVOR ALONG WITH M.H.A LEADERSHIP STAFF

COUNCILOR BROWN STATED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPERTY BEING SO CLOSE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL- WANTS TO MAKE SURE THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE SECURE

CHRISTINE PALMERI, VICE PRES OF M.H.A (RECOVERING & HOUSING) KIM LEE, VICE PRES OF M.H.A. (RESOURCE DEVLP & BRANDING) SARA KYSER, VICE PRES M.H.A (NEW WAY DIVISION) ALL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT AND HAPPY TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR BROWN STATED ASKED WHO WILL BE HOUSED THERE?

KIM LEE- COMBINATION OF PEOPLE WHO NEED THEIR SERVICE-ALL HAVE THE CHOICE TO RETURN HOME.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THERE WILL BE A SAFETY ISSUE

KIM LEE SAID NO YOU WONT HAVE TO WORRY-BUT SITUATIONS CAN HAPPEN IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS AND M.H.A HAS WELL TRAINED STAFF AND HAS BEEN DOING THIS FOR OVER 60 YEARS.

CHRISTINE PALMERI STATED THE PROGRAM GOES THROUGH AN ASSESMENT/SCREEN PROCESS OF THE PERSONS THAT WILL BE HOUSED.

COUNCILOR GOVON IS EXCITED OUT THIS PROJECT. BELIEVES MASSACHUSETTS NEEDS MORE TREATMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH.

COUNCILOR WALSH STATED WE SHOULD FOCUS ON THE POSITIVES ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND IS IN FULL SUPPORT.

COUNCILOR ALLEN ASKED IF THERE IS ON SITE SUPERVISION

PALMERI -7 DAYS A WEEK- 10 AM TO 8PM BUT VERY FLEXIBLE - STAFF AVAILABLE BY PHONE 24/7

SARA KYSER MENTIONED FOR THE BRAIN INJURY PROGRAM WILL BE STAFF 24/7

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW MANY TOTAL UNITS? (31)

DONALD MITCHELL EXPLAINED THE STATE OF ART SECURITY SYSTEM

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD, BROWN AND HURST THANKED PETITIONER DONALD MITCHELL AND M.H.A

CITY CLERK READ ALAN GOLDSMITH-ELLIOT STREET TESTIMONY ON TO THE RECORD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- State_St_443_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- State_St_443_2022 (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [11 TO 1]

AYES: Perez, Lederman, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

NAYS: Sean Curran

Motion To: On The Reasons

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 1]
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
NAYS:	Sean Curran

Ordinances

(27.) ORD-2022-2 The Creation of the La Marquise Local Historic District for the Property Known as 2612-2616 Main Street.

Proposed Ordinance

TEXT:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1986, AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 2.46 ENTITLED “SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION”

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Springfield, as follows:

Chapter 49, Article II of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, as amended, entitled “Historic Districts” is amended by the addition of the following section:

Subsection “49-27”:

49-27 La Marquise - 2612 Main Street

- A. There is further established under the provisions of and in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, so-called, as mentioned in this chapter, the La Marquise Historic District as shown on the map labeled Exhibit 27-2V, entitled " La Marquis"; said map to be considered part of this chapter.
- B. Exemption from Controls:
1. Temporary structure or signs, subject to such conditions as to duration of use, location, lighting, removal and similar matters as the Commission may reasonably specify;
 2. Terraces, walks, driveways, and sidewalks provided that any such structure is substantially at grade level (not including parking lots);
 3. Storm windows, screens, window air conditioners;
 4. Signs of not more than one (1) square foot in area in connection with use of a residence for a customary home occupation, or for professional purposes, provided only one (1) such sign is displayed in connection with each residence and, if illuminated, are illuminated only indirectly;
 5. The reconstruction, substantially similar in exterior design, of a building, structure or exterior architectural feature damaged or destroyed by fire, storm or other disaster, provided such reconstruction is begun within one year thereafter and carried forward with due diligence.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Maria Perez
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
AWAY:	Kateri B. Walsh

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ON FOR 2ND & 3 RD STEP

PHIL DROMEY, PLANNING DEPT, SPOKE ON THIS ORDINANCE-JUST A REQUEST TO BUILD A SINGLE BUILDING DISTRICT

COUNCILOR PEREZ STATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT

ATTACHMENTS:

- La_Marquise_LHD(Final_Report_&_Form_B) (PDF)
- NNCC Historic Preservation Letter (PDF)

Rule 22C

Motion To: Motion to Invoke Rule 22C

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Victor Davila, Tracye Whitfield
SECONDER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield
ABSTAIN:	Malo Brown

(28.) ORD-2022-4 Ordinance to Require 30 Days Notice of Projects Seeking Appropriation Over \$1 Million Dollars from Free Cash or the Stabilization Fund

Whereas the Springfield City Council considers, reviews , assesses and approves the appropriation of funds for projects and Bonds for the betterment of Springfield; and

Whereas the Springfield City Council has the fiduciary responsibility to evaluate and deliberate how our Citizens' Tax Dollars are being spent; and

Whereas, the Springfield City Council makes important decisions that impacts future policy, fiscal transparency is a necessary element of effective public financial management

Whereas, The Springfield City Council has been asked to appropriate City funds for major economic development projects without sufficient or adequate notice and without benefit of public input; and

Whereas, any City department proposing a project , bond or Real Estate purchase which requires an appropriation of funds as set forth below, must inform the City Council at least 30 days in advance of the details and anticipated cost of the project; before it can be put on the Calendar for a vote.

Now Therefore be it Ordered that the following Ordinance shall be added to Chapter 42, Finances, Article VII, Financial Policies, as Section 42-37, paragraphs H and I, to take effect upon enactment:

"H. Any City department proposing an expenditure that requires an appropriation of funds in excess of One Million Dollars from Free Cash or the Stabilization Fund, is required to submit a draft of the proposed Order to the City Clerk for the distribution to Springfield City Council at least 30 calendar days prior to the requested City Council meeting date to vote on the

appropriation. The draft Order may be submitted by email. Failure to so notify the City Council will automatically trigger a referral of the Order to the Finance Committee. This requirement does not apply to transfers or appropriations which are emergent in nature, the result of a legal settlement, or are within the adopted General Fund Budget or Enterprise Fund Budget.

I. Upon request by a member of the City Council, the Chief Administrative and Financial Officer shall submit project updates to the Mayor and all City Councilors through the City Clerk, for projects which require an appropriation of more than One Million Dollars from the City Council, including but not limited to any change orders, cost over-runs and deadline changes.”

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kateri B. Walsh, Michael A. Fenton
SECONDER:	Justin Hurst, Zaida Govan
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ITEM TAKEN OUT OF ORDER (AFTER #24)

COUNCILOR WALSH SPOKE ON THIS ORDINANCE

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD THANKED BOTH COUNCILOR WALSH & FENTON ON THE HARD WORK ON THIS ORDINANCE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 30 Day Notice (PDF)

(29.) ORD-2022-3 Code Enforcement Inspection Ordinance

- A. The City of Springfield Departments such as the Department of Code Enforcement, assessor's Department and the Building Department in carrying out the duties as imposed by **G. L. c 111, G. L. c 59, G. L. C 143** and all other applicable statutes shall apply for a warrant to enter the property if entry has been denied by the landowner or business owner, in order to perform an inspection or for assessment of valuation when ensuring compliance with the State sanitary Code, State Building Code, City Zoning ordinance or enforcement of any other applicable Laws.
- B An administration search warrant is not required if any of the following are applicable.
1. Consent from person over 18 years of age authorized to permit entry onto the property based on joint access or control over the premises.
 2. Plain View Areas; areas that can be seen from the public way without entering the property.
 - 3 Exigent circumstances; Emergency situation calling for a need to protect or preserve life or to avoid serious injury or property damage.

APPROVED 9/13/2022 Law Department .

RESULT:	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE [11 TO 0]	Next: 10/3/2022 7:00 PM
MOVER:	Justin Hurst, At Large Councilor	
SECONDER:	Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor	
AYES:	Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Whitfield	
AWAY:	Michael A. Fenton	

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR HURST SPOKE ON THIS ITEM. COUNCILOR THINKS ITS WRONG CITY OFFICIALS CAN GO ONTO RESIDENTS PROPERTY VIOLATION THEIR PRIVACY. COUNCILOR HURST MADE THE MOTION TO REFER THIS TO COMMITTEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Code Enforcement Inspections-Warrant Requirement (PDF)