



City of Springfield

Special Meeting

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Wednesday, January 20, 2016

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 20, 2016 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
E. Henry Twiggs	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Timothy J. Rooke	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President- Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Bud L. Williams	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Marcus J Williams	Ward 5 Councilor	Present	
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Thomas M. Ashe	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	President - Ward 2 Councilor	Present	

II. Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 3371)

For a Casino Overlay Site Plan Review to Facilitate the Location of Licensed Casino and Casino Complex with the Boundaries Established by the City of Springfield for Casino Gaming Activities as Outlined Under the Casino Overlay Regulations (Article 8, Section 8.5) at the Property Bounded by State Street, Main Street, Union Street and East Columbus Avenue - Continued Hearing

Request: See Above
Owner: Blue Tarp reDevelopment, LLC
By: Seth Stratton, Vice President &
General Counsel

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Council President outlined the how the Council would conduct the continued hearing and noted that live streaming will be available on the Focus Springfield website and future meetings will be archived and stated that the hearing will last for hour and 30 minutes (90 minutes) as follows:

- 1. Public testimony for 30 minutes.**
- 2. Abutters presentations for up to 15 minutes each;**

3. Council could have questions for MGM, abutters, City or any consultants for the balance of time.

The following individual(s) spoke in favor or opposed to the Casino Overlay Site Plan Review:

1. Mike Thomas spoke in favor of the MGM project saying that MGM is great company and the days of cars passing the City should be over and could house a roof top garden.
2. Attorney Dean Martin of the Caring Health Center spoke in favor of MGM but has lost revenue and has put in a application for mitigation funds.
3. Mark Chekwicz spoke in favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City
4. Jeff Burstein spoke in opposition to the Casino project.
5. Jay Michelman spoke in opposition to the MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City
6. Attorney Robert Cunningham spoke in opposition to the Casino project.
7. Lawrence Beals spoke in opposition favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City
8. Frank Colacino spoke in opposition favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City in favor of the Casino project.
9. Tom Lott spoke in favor MGM project saying that the Southend residentsit the best chance to grow the City
10. Rhonda Latney spoke in opposition favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City.
11. Ray Corporate spoke in favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City
12. Bob Bolduc spoke in opposition favor MGM's saying it the best chance to grow the City

ATTACHMENTS:

- Casino_Overlay_Site_Plan_Review_Formal (PDF)
- Casino Overlay District Regs (PDF)
- Special Meeting Notice MAIL-2 (PDF)
- Casino_Overlay_Site_Plan_Review_Staff_Analysis_Jan_2016 (PDF)
- MGM Springfield SitePlanReviewApproval ReportFINAL (PDF)

RESULT: LAY ON TABLE**Next: 1/25/2016 5:30 PM****Motion To:** A. Motion to Allow Testimony on Monday, January 25, 2016**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Councilor Ramos made a motion to allow more public testimony for additional 30 minutes for 1 minutes 30 second for each individual that may want to testify on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 5:30 pm and was seconded by Councilor Williams after discussion about whether to allow unlimited time or only new the time individuals the voice vote was in doubt and the President Fenton asked for a roll call vote said motion passed by the following roll call vote.

RESULT: ADOPTED [9 TO 4]**MOVER:** Orlando Ramos, Vice President- Ward 8 Councilor**SECONDER:** Bud L. Williams, At-Large Councilor**AYES:** Hurst, Shea, Allen, Ramos, Williams, Williams, Gomez, Edwards, Walsh**NAYS:** E. Henry Twiggs, Timothy J. Rooke, Thomas M. Ashe, Michael A. Fenton