



City Council

Regular Meeting

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Monday, December 5, 2022

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Maria Perez		Remote	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Remote	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Remote	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Remote	
Jesse Lederman	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

No reports

Informational

1. Order (ID # 7143)

October Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Pat Burns, Comptroller, gave the report

ATTACHMENTS:

- October Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

Grants

2. Order (ID # 7146)

Council on Aging Grant - No Match Required - \$352,920

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sandy Federico, director of elder affairs spoke to this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- COA Formula - FY23 Grant (PDF)

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

3. Order (ID # 7150)

FY23 SHINE Grant Supplemental Funds Increase - No Match Required \$79,163.73

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sandy Federico spoke to this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- SHINE Earmark Supplemental FY23 funds (PDF)

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

4. Order (ID # 7125)

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, DPW director spoke to this item.

Councilor Allen asked about recycling.

Councilor Walsh spoke to a change in pick up options.

Mr. Cignoli spoke to concerns.

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

5. Order (ID # 7149)

HHS American Rescue Plan Act Grant - No Match Required - \$65,500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner Helen Caulton-Harris Spoke to this.

ATTACHMENTS:

- HHS American Rescue Plan (PDF)

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

6. Order (ID # 7147)

Tobacco Control Grant Increase- No Match Required \$44,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner Helen Caulton-Harris spoke on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY23 Tobacco Control Program Increase (PDF)

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

Orders**7. Order 2022-1**

An Order to Amend Chapter 218, Section 2 VIII

Preferably Preserved Building Ordinance - Chapter 218

HISTORY:

11/14/22	City Council	FIRST READING
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COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Davila spoke on this item.

Councilor spoke to concerns.

Board members for preservation commission spoke to concerns.

Item passed for 2nd & 3rd step

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Lederman

8. Order (ID # 7109)

CCA Authorization

HISTORY:

11/14/22	City Council	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 12/05/22		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Perez Opened the floor for Councilor Lederman.

Councilor Lederman spoke to this item.

Councilor Govan spoke in support of this item.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, President
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Lederman

9. Order (ID # 7141)

Bills of Prior Year - Election Commission Office - \$536.12

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke on this item

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO CERT -BOPY (PDF)
- Elections BOPY (PDF)

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

10. Order (ID # 7144)

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Department of Elder Affairs - \$100,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Department of Elder Affairs - \$100,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Sandy Federico spoke on this item.

Councilor Allen inquired about hot lunch vs cold lunch for senior centers

Councilor Curran asked about number of meals a day.

Councilor Walsh asked about a partnership with Putnam

Ms. Federico stated she was in contact with the school.

Council Davila asked about lunch costs.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Elder Affairs(PDF)

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

11. Order (ID # 7148)

Thomas J. O'Connor Donations - \$3,980.70

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lori Swason, TJO, spoke.

Councilor Walsh inquired as to where the donations are from.

Councilor Govan spoke in praise of TJO.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Donation \$3,980.70 (PDF)

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

Suspension of Rule 19**Suspension of Rule 19 for items 9-11**

Motion made by Councilor Edwards. Second by Councilor Davila.

Zoning Changes**12. Zoning Change (ID # 7138)**

Amendment Article 4, Section 4.7.114(B)(4)(Adult Use)

PETITIONER:	PS Springfield, LLC
ADDRESS:	City Wide
CHANGE REQUESTED:	Amendment to Article 4, Section 4.7.114(B)(4)

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No action is required this meeting.

Forward to Planning Board.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3235_Formal_Application (PDF)
- 3235_Article_4_Amendment_Dec_2022 (PDF)

RESULT:	RECEIVED 1ST STEP
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Ordinances**(13.) (ID # 7126) Federal Square/Upper State Street Local Historic District**

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 “49-29”:

49-29 Federal Square - Upper State 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 Federal Square - Upper State Street Historic District as shown on the map labeled Exhibit 29-2Y, entitled "Federal Square - Upper State Street"; said map to be considered part of this chapter.
- B. Exemption from Controls:
1. Temporary structures 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;
 3. Storm windows, screens, window air conditioners, antennas, and similar appurtenances as decided by the Commission;
 4. Color of paint;
 5. 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;
 6. 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: FIRST STEP

Next: 1/9/2023 7:00 PM

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
Chairman Walsh and Mr. Allen from the planning dept spoke on this item.

Roll called on passing first steps.

ATTACHMENTS:

- AQCA-FedSq-Letter_of_Support (PDF)
- MHSCNC-FedSq-Letter_of_Support (PDF)
- SPT - support letter (PDF)
- Federal_Square-Upper_State_Street_LHD(Final_Report with conveyance_letter) (PDF)

(14.) ORD-2022-8 Increase in Compensation

AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 61

ORD. NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, 1986, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING ARTICLE I, § 61-1.

Chapter 61, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, is hereby further amended by DELETING ARTICLE I, § 61-5.

Chapter 61, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, is hereby further amended by INSERTING A NEW ARTICLE I, § 61-1 as follows:

The annual compensation of the President of the City Council shall be \$28,500, and the annual compensation of all other members of the City Council shall be \$28,000 per annum, effective January 1, 2024, and thereafter. Said sums shall be paid in equal installments at the end of each month of service.

Chapter 61, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, is hereby further amended by INSERTING A NEW ARTICLE I, § 61-5 as follows:

The annual compensation of the Mayor shall be \$175,000, effective January 1, 2024.

Chapter 61, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, is hereby further amended by INSERTING A NEW ARTICLE IV, § 61-7 as follows:

The annual compensation of the School Committee shall be \$18,000, effective January 1, 2024.

Increase in Compensation

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

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Walsh presented the amendment for the ordinance.

Vanessa Otero, 37 Pinewoods Ave, stated worked with the compensation advisory committee, third time presented to the council.

Otero stated the compensation increase would be effective January 1, 2023. However, the compensation increases are effective January 1, 2024. Increase would be for Mayor, City Council and School Committee.

Councilor Davila stated nothing has changed and motioned to move to question. Motion seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Roll to approve first step.

Motion To: Motion to Move to Question

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Victor Davila, Ward 6 Councilor
SECONDER:	Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Lederman

Resolutions

15. Resolution 2022-5

Stipend for Boards and Commissions

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Davila requests the City Clerk read the resolution into the record.

City Clerk reads resolution.

Councilor Davila spoke on the stipend.

Councilor Hurst speaks in support.

Roll was called on passage of the resolution.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 0]
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Davila, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Lederman
AWAY:	Malo Brown

Orders Cont'd.

16. Order (ID # 7145)

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Law Department - \$265,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Law Department - \$265,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Entered executive session.

Motion to enter made by Councilor Fenton. Second by Councilor Edwards.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Law (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 2]
AYES:	Perez, Click-Bruce, Curran, Walsh, Davila, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Lederman
NAYS:	Justin Hurst, Tracye Whitfield
ABSENT:	Malo Brown

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

No further Deliberation

Roll call