



City Council

Special Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez
413-787-6096

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on December 22, 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	5:45 PM
Orlando Ramos	Ward 8 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Absent	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Absent	5:46 PM
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Absent	
Marcus J Williams	President	Present	

Informational

1. Order (ID # 6551)

November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Pat Burns, City Comptrollers, spoke in favor of item #1

ATTACHMENTS:

- November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

Grants

2. Order (ID # 6546)

FY22 State Aid to Public Library- No Match Required - \$413,704.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsey Hackett, Deputy Cafo, spoke in favor of item #2.

Motion to approve grant made by Councilor Allen, Seconded by Councilor Lederman.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY22 Libraries State Aid \$413,704.00 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor
SECONDER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Fenton, Williams
ABSENT:	Gomez, Whitfield, Walsh, Davila, Hurst

3. Order (ID # 6532)

Emergency Management Performance Grant - \$92,735.00 - in Kind Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Commissioner B.J Calvi, Springfield Fire Department, spoke in favor for this grant.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Lederman, seconded by Councilor Edwards.

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY21 EMPG Approval to Apply for a Grant Application (Signed) (PDF)
- FY21 EMPG Contract Documents 11-23-21 (PDF)
- FY21 EMPG Request for Grant Set-Up (Signed) 11-29-21 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [7 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Brown, Fenton, Williams
ABSTAIN:	Orlando Ramos
ABSENT:	Gomez, Whitfield, Walsh, Davila, Hurst

4. Order (ID # 6545)

Mary & John J. Brogan Endowment- No Match Required \$50,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsey Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of this grant.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Brogan Research Room \$50,000 FY22- Libraries (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [8 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jesse Lederman, At-Large Councilor
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Ramos, Brown, Fenton, Williams
ABSENT:	Gomez, Whitfield, Walsh, Davila, Hurst

5. Order (ID # 6560)

Thomas J. O'Connor Donations - \$13,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5&6 donations accepted together

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Radiology Room Donation \$13,000 (PDF)

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

6. Order (ID # 6547)

Donation of Good for North End Senior Center

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Items 5&6 donations accepted together

ATTACHMENTS:

- DEA - Donation of Good - Valued at \$133.00 (PDF)

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

Orders

7. Order (ID # 6553)

Bills from Prior Year - Treasurer - \$140.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsey Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of item #7

ATTACHMENTS:

- Springfield Cty Hall 3.11.21 (PDF)
- Springfield City Hall (PDF)
- CAFO Cert BOPY 12.22.21 (DOCX)

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

Reasons

8. Order (ID # 6423)

Order Approving CPC Recommendation to Fund the East Springfield Library Outdoor Reading Room

HISTORY:

09/13/21	City Council	REFER COMMITTEE VOTE
Next: 10/04/21		
10/04/21	City Council	REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
Next: 12/22/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Karen Lee, Administrator for Community Preservation Committee, spoke out in favor for order #8

Councilor Allen asked about replenishment funds come from.

Molly Fogarty, Library Director, stated a few things could happen- all efforts would be made to not disturb work that has been done for this grant. This issue may not ever happen.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Whitfield, seconded by Councilor Lederman.

Suspension of Rule 19 approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CPA Orders Appropriation account codes (XLSX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
SECONDER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Kateri B. Walsh, Justin Hurst

Motion To: Suspension of Rule 19

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Suspension of Rule 12 - Passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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

9. Order (ID # 6550)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of WS Richelieu St. (10172-0006) to Nixon Augustin

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Julisa Davila-Ramos, Senior Program Manager for the office of housing, spoke in favor of this item.

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

10. Order (ID # 6552)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of East Side Hayden Avenue (06460-0024) to Eis Quinones

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Julisa Davila-Ramos, Senior Program Manager for the office of housing, spoke in favor of this item.

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

Special Permits

11. Special Permit (ID # 6518)

For a Special Permit for the Alteration of a Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming Structure (Changing Image Sign), at the Property Known as 1000 West Columbus Avenue (A.K.A. Hall of Fame Way) (12168-0096) (Book#17676/Page#21), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance, Article 10, Section 10.1.30.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Springfield Riverfront Condominium Association
By:	Kevin Morin
Petitioner:	Springfield Riverfront Condominium Association
By:	Kevin Morin

HISTORY:

12/13/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 12/22/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No questions for petitioner.

Hearing closed, motion approved by Councilor Edwards and second by Councilor Whitfield
Councilor Edwards read reasons for approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- West_Columbus_Ave_1000_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- W_Columbus_Ave_1000_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [10 TO 0]
MOVER:	Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor
SECONDER:	Tracye Whitfield, Vice President
AYES:	Edwards, Lederman, Allen, Curran, Whitfield, Ramos, Brown, Davila, Fenton, Williams
ABSENT:	Gumersindo Gomez, Kateri B. Walsh, Justin Hurst

12. Special Permit (ID # 6503)

For a Special Permit for the Re-Use of an Existing Structure(S) (More Than 26 Dwelling Units/41 Units), at the Properties Known as 195 State Street (11110-0623) (Book#23920/Page#129) and ES Maple Street (08218-0204) (Book#23920-/Page#129), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-2.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	City of Springfield
By:	Christopher Caputo - City Collector/Treasurer
Petitioner:	Merrick Park Apartments, LP
By:	Gordon Pulsifer

HISTORY:

12/13/21	City Council	CONTINUE VOTE
Next: 12/22/21		

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tabled

motion by Councilor Edwards
second by Councilor Whitfield

ATTACHMENTS:

- State_St_195_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- State_St_195_2021 (PDF)

RESULT:	TABLED	Next: 1/24/2022 7:00 PM
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13. Special Permit (ID # 6519)

For a Special Permit for the Re-Use of an Existing Structure(S) (More Than 26 Dwelling Units/52 Units), at the Properties Known as 310 State Street (11110-0072) (Book#12146/Page#463), 300 State Street (11110-0070) (Book#12146/Page#463) and ES Spring Street (11040-0108) (Book#13009/Page#0444), as Allowed by M.G.L. and the Springfield Zoning Ordinance Article 4, Table 4-2.

Request:	See Above
Owner:	Cataldo & Wallace/300 State Street Realty, Trust
By:	Francis Cataldo
Petitioner:	Residence at the Vault, LP
By:	Gordon Pulsifer

HISTORY:**12/13/21****City Council****CONTINUE VOTE****Next: 12/22/21****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Tabled

motion by Councilor Edwards

second by Councilor Whitfield

ATTACHMENTS:

- State_St_300_Tax_Formal (PDF)
- State_St_310_2021 (PDF)

RESULT: TABLED**Next: 1/24/2022 7:00 PM**