



# City Council

## Special Meeting

~ Final ~

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

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Friday, March 25, 2022

12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

### I. Call to Order

12:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 25, 2022 at Virtual Meeting (Zoom) , Virtual Meeting, N/A, NA.

| Attendee Name     | Title                   | Status  | Arrived |
|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Maria Perez       |                         | 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        | Absent  |         |
| 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 |         |
| Marcus J Williams | President               | Present |         |

### Orders

#### 1. Order (ID # 6662)

Free Cash to 13-31 Elm Street Project - \$6,500,000

#### HISTORY:

03/07/22 City Council REFER COMMITTEE VOTE  
Next: 03/16/22

03/21/22 City Council LAY ON TABLE  
Next: 03/25/22

#### COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Tim Sheehan spoke in favor of item #1

Councilor Whitfield and Councilor Hurst spoke in opposition of this item. (05:50-14:50)

Councilor Whitfield stated the 6.5 mil requiring a match was misleading (the match does not have to come from the city of Springfield) and how Councilor Whitfield asked to get the same free cash (5 Mil) to give Springfield residences a break on property tax and there was no discussion.

Councilor Hurst stated he also felt mislead by where the 6.5 million comes from. Councilor Hurst stated how people are struggling and help out rather than the developers.

Councilor Perez pointed out the housing issue on the city.

Councilor Brown stated this project will make Springfield better.

Councilor Allen made a motion to move to question.  
Seconded by Councilor Edwards.

Move forward and take a vote

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash - Court Square (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [10 TO 2]</b>                                                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>NAYS:</b>   | Justin Hurst, Tracye Whitfield                                                 |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Victor Davila                                                                  |

**Motion To:** Move to Question

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [12 TO 0]</b>                                                                         |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                                                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor                                                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Perez, Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                                                    |

## Petitions

### 2. Petition (ID # 6688)

Eversource-Verge Street

**HISTORY:**

03/21/22                      City Council                      CONTINUE  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Hector Velez spoke in favor of this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Verge St - For Permit Only Drawing (PDF)
- Verge St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)
- Verge St. Report (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>APPROVED [10 TO 0]</b>                                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Whitfield, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Victor Davila                                                                      |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Maria Perez, Malo Brown                                                            |

### 3. Petition (ID # 6690)

Eversource- Main Street & Locust St.

**HISTORY:****03/21/22****City Council****CONTINUE****Next: 03/25/22****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Hector Velez spoke in favor of this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Main St at Locust St - Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)
- FPO MA-SPR-PIP-22-025RA 21-83600 MAIN-LOCUST, SPRINGFIELD (1) (PDF)
- Locust St. Report (PDF)

**RESULT: APPROVED [9 TO 0]****AYES:** Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams**ABSENT:** Victor Davila**AWAY:** Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield

## Grants

**4. Order (ID # 6691)**

Parks - MVP Program Action Grant Increase Funding - \$1,587,953 - No Match Required

**HISTORY:****03/21/22****City Council****LAY ON TABLE****Next: 03/25/22****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Pat Sullivan spoke in favor of this item.

Motion to approve grant made by Councilor Edwards and seconded by Councilor Allen.

Grant approved.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- FY23 Forestry Op Center State Amendment - Parks (PDF)

**RESULT: ADOPTED [10 TO 0]****MOVER:** Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor**SECONDER:** Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor**AYES:** Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams**ABSENT:** Victor Davila**AWAY:** Maria Perez, Tracye Whitfield**5. Order (ID # 6674)**

Council on Aging Grant - No Match Required - \$286,608.00

**HISTORY:****03/21/22****City Council****LAY ON TABLE****Next: 03/25/22****COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Helen Caulton, Commissioner of Health and Human Services, spoke in favor of this item.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Allen, Seconded by Govan.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- FY22 Council on Aging Grant - Elders (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Melvin A. Edwards, Timothy C. Allen                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

**6. Order (ID # 6671)**

FY22 S.A.F.E and Senior SAFE Grant - No Match Required - \$14,930

**HISTORY:**

03/21/22                      City Council                      LAY ON TABLE  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

6-7 Voted together

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- S.A.F.E. and Senior S.A.F.E. Grant - Fire (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

**7. Order (ID # 6672)**

Hazardous Materials Grant Program (HMEP) - No Match Required - \$3,000

**HISTORY:**

03/21/22                      City Council                      LAY ON TABLE  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

6-7 voted together

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- HMEP Grant - Fire (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

## Orders Cont'd

### 8. Order (ID # 6673)

Pawnbroker Moratorium Chapter 270

Pawnbroker Moratorium Chapter 270

**HISTORY:**

03/21/22                      City Council                      LAY ON TABLE  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Send to General Government Committee

--ordinance--

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>REFERRED TO COMMITTEE</b> |
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### 9. Order (ID # 6689)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - United Public Service Employees Union - (UPSEU) Local 424

**HISTORY:**

03/21/22                      City Council                      LAY ON TABLE  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Bill Mahoney spoke in favor of item.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Walsh, Second by Councilor Allen.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2022-02-24 UPSEU Tentative Agreement - Signed (PDF)
- 2022-03-16 Letter to City Council re. UPSEU - Final (PDF)
- UPSEU 424 CAFO CERT (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Kateri B. Walsh, At-Large Councilor                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

### 10. Order (ID # 6685)

Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$36,000

**HISTORY:**

**03/21/22**                      **City Council**                      **LAY ON TABLE**  
Next: 03/25/22

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$36,000

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO, spoke in favor of this item.

Motion to approve made by Councilor Allen, Second by Councilor Lederman.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CAFO Cert Budget Transfer (DOCX)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jesse Lederman, Vice President                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

**Motion To:** Suspend Rule 19

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jesse Lederman, Vice President                                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Melvin A. Edwards, Ward 3 Councilor                                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

**11. Order (ID # 6692)**

Bills of Prior Year - Various Departments - \$2,906.48

**HISTORY:**

**03/21/22**                      **City Council**                      **LAY ON TABLE**  
Next: 03/25/22

**COMMENTS - Current Meeting:**

Lindsey Hackett spoke in favor of this item.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- CAFO Cert various depts. (DOCX)
- Elections - Republican Invoices (PDF)
- TJO - Grainger Invoices (PDF)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

**Motion To:** Suspend Rule 19

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [9 TO 0]</b>                                                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor                                     |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Zaida Govan, Ward 8 City Councilor                                      |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Hurst, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                           |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Tracye Whitfield                               |

## Ordinances

### ( 12.)      **ORD-2022-1 Springfield Housing Trust Fund Ordinance**

An Ordinance Amending the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as Amended by Inserting in Chapter 16, Entitled, "Boards, Commissions and Committees", Article XXI, "Springfield Housing Trust Fund"

Chapter 16. Boards, Commissions and Committees.  
Article XXI. Springfield Housing Trust Fund Ordinance.  
[Adopted 2-7-2022]

§ 16-79. Establishment.

§ 16-80. Administration, Board of Trustees, Appointment of Advisory Committee & Length of Advisory Committee Appointment

§ 16-81. Authority and responsibility.

§ 16-82. No necessity for appropriation of monies.

§ 16-83. Annual Audit.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [8 TO 0]</b>                               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Jesse Lederman, Vice President                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Timothy C. Allen, Ward 7 Councilor                               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Victor Davila                                                    |
| <b>AWAY:</b>     | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Justin Hurst, Tracye Whitfield          |

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Lederman & Councilor Govan spoke in favor of this ordinance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 7261 (PDF)
- 7262 (PDF)
- Order Amending Chapter 16 (PDF)

***Amendment to Ordinance #6615***

Councilor Govan made a motion to amendment from 9 members to 10

Motion second by Councilor Edwards

**Motion To:** Amendment to Ordinance # 6615

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| <b>RESULT:</b> | <b>ADOPTED [8 TO 0]</b>                                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>   | Lederman, Curran, Walsh, Edwards, Allen, Govan, Fenton, Williams |
| <b>ABSENT:</b> | Victor Davila                                                    |
| <b>AWAY:</b>   | Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Justin Hurst, Tracye Whitfield          |