



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, May 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 15, 2023 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

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

ROC

COUNCILOR GOVAN STATED THE NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY OF LIFE MEET 2 TIMES.

COUNCILOR FENTON STATED THAT DIGITAL EQUITY AND MUNICIPAL INTERNET WORKING GROUPS HAVE MET TWICE. REPORTED THAT THE RESIDENCY COMPLIANCE COMMISSION CONDUCTED 3 HEARINGS.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS STATED THAT THE LABOR RELATIONS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HAS MET AND HAS ONE SCHEDULED NEXT WEEK. MAY 1TH PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MET REGARDING VIBRA HOSPITAL. WANTS THIS TO REMAIN IN COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DELIBERATION.

COUNCILOR ALLEN STATED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MET BEFORE THIS MEETING AND TOOK UP 6 ITEMS.

Zone Change Referral

Zoning Change (ID # 7385)

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as 1781 Page Boulevard (09440-0772) from Business B to Industrial A.

PETITIONER: United Rentals, Inc.
ADDRESS: 1781 Page Boulevard
CHANGE REQUESTED: Business B to Industrial A

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

READ AND REFERRED

ATTACHMENTS:

- Page_BI_1781_Zone_Change_Formal (PDF)

Petitions

1. Petition (ID # 7396)

Crown Castle- Main Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HECTOR VELEZ, ENGINEER AT THE DPW SPOKE ON THE ITEM:

INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS TO SUPPORT THE DOWNTOWN AREA. 4 INCH CONDUIT 135 FEET IN DIRECTION TO STATE STREET.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report-Main Street (PDF)
- Civil Prop_SI00838_1277 Main St Springfield, MA (tmh5206 to tmh5208A)_110122 (PDF)
- Petition -1277 Main St (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracy Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

2. Petition (ID # 7397)

Crown Castle- State Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

HECTOR VELEZ, ENGINEER AT THE DPW SPOKE ON THE ITEM:

137 FEET OF 4 INCH CONDUIT FOR FIBER OPTICS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Civil Prop_SI00838_119 State St Springfield, MA (tmh5208 to tmh5209)_110122 (PDF)
- Petition -119 State St (PDF)

RESULT:	APPROVED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

Grants

3. Order (ID # 7398)

FY23 SSYI Grant Increase - No Match - \$149,199

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

INCREASE FUNDING THROUGH FY25. ANTHONY FALVO AND CAPT. KEENAN ARE ON STANDBY FOR QUESTIONS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- [External] Springfield re-budget - for your approval (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

Orders

4. Order (ID # 7400)

Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - International Association of Fire Fighters Local 648

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

REVOTE FROM LAST MEETING DUE TO THE ADDITION OF THE LANGUAGE ADDING "EFFECTIVE AND RETROACTIVE"

LEADERSHIP FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON STAND BY TO FIELD QUESTIONS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2023-03-28 IAFF TA (PDF)
- 2023-04-19 Letter to City Council-Executed (PDF)
- IAFF CAFO CERTIFICATION 5-10-23 (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

5. Order (ID # 7403)

Transfer - FY22 Certified Free Cash to Finance Professional Services - \$700,912.03

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY22 Certified Free Cash to Finance Professional Services - \$700,912.03

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

MOU BETWEEN FOCUS SPRINGFIELD & CITY OF SPRINGFIELD FOR THE FRANCHISE FEE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - Free Cash to Finance (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

6. Order (ID # 7404)

Order Approving MOU Agreement with FOCUS Springfield Corporation

Order Approving MOU Agreement with FOCUS Springfield Corporation

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, NOTED THAT ATTORNEY MOORE AND STEPHEN CARY WERE ON THE ZOOM:

ATTORNEY TOM MOORE SPOKE AND NOTED THE WHAT THE DETAILS OF THE MOU WERE. MOU WOULD RUN CONCURRENTLY WITH THE COMCAST CONTRACT. QUARTERLY TRANSFERS FOR THE PEG SERVICES BEING CONTRACTED.

STEPHEN CARY, 87 PINEYWOODS STREET SPRINGFIELD MASS, SPOKE ON THE MOU. MR. CARY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOU WHICH WOULD IN PART FACILITATE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW IN THE MOU OR ANYTHING MR. CARY WISHED WAS INCLUDED IN THE MOU. SHE ALSO ASKED IF NEW PROGRAMMING WAS BEING DONE.

PEG -PUBLIC, EDUCATIONAL AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMING IS BEING DONE. CURRENT FOCUS IS GOVERNMENT.

COUNCILOR GOVAN THANKED FOCUS FOR THE WORK THAT WAS BEING DONE DURING THE PANDEMIC. COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF LANGUAGE TRANSLATION, SPECIFICALLY SPANISH.

MR. CARY NOTED THAT FOCUS IS ACTIVELY RESEARCHING THE LANGUAGE TRANSLATION ASPECT OF THE WORK DONE BY FOCUS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW LONG THE MOU IS GOOD FOR.

MR. CARY NOTED THAT IT IS UP TO 10 YEARS. 5 YEARS WITH A 5 YEAR EXTENSION. COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THE NEED FOR TRANSLATIONS SERVICES INCLUDING SPANISH AND VIETNAMESE. HE NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE WORK DONE BY FOCUS DURING THE PANDEMIC TO KEEP GOVERNMENT RUNNING.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Order Approving FOCUS Franchise Fee MOU (PDF)
- Order Approving FOCUS Franchise Fee MOU (DOC)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracy Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

7. Order (ID # 7395)

Reserve for Contingencies to TJO Salaries & Wages - \$33,724.85

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

TJO IS PROJECTING A SMALL DEFICIT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO - CAFO CERT (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracy Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

8. Order (ID # 7399)

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to Building Code - \$7,500

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to Building Code - \$7,500

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

GASOLINE AND DIESEL LINE DUE TO A SMALL DEFICIT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transfer From Reserve for Contingencies (Building Code) (DOCX)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

9. Order (ID # 7384)

Springfield City Library Donations - \$500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

MASON SQUARE LIBRARY ON BEHALF OF THE C3 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT BOARD.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Mason Squar Library C3 Donation (PDF)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Tracye Whitfield, Lavar Click-Bruce

Ordinances**(10.) ORD-2023-3 An Ordinance Further Amending Chapter 270, Section 270-11(B), of the Code of the City of Springfield**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 270 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, BY FURTHER AMENDING SECTION 270-11, part 11(B)

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 270-11(B) of Chapter 270, Pawnbrokers and Junk Dealers, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

B. This section shall take effect upon enactment, and shall be valid until June 30, 2025.

Ordinance further amending Chapter 270, Section 270-11(B) of the Code of the City of Springfield, to extend the moratorium in Section 270-11(A) for Pawnbrokers and Secondhand Articles to June 30, 2025.

RESULT:	FIRST STEP	Next: 6/5/2023 7:00 PM
----------------	-------------------	-------------------------------

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
COUNCILOR FENTON SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

PROCEDURAL ERROR FROM OCTOBER OF 2022. 1ST STEPS WERE HEARD BUT DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT, IT WAS NEVER READ FOR 2ND & 3RD STEPS.

ON APPROVAL OF 1ST STEP:

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES
COUNCILOR FENTON - YES
COUNCILOR PEREZ - YES
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - ABSENT
COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES
COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES
COUNCILOR BROWN - YES
COUNCILOR HURST - YES
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - ABSENT
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES
COUNCILOR CURRAN - YES
COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES
COUNCILOR LEDERMAN - YES

(11.) ORD-2023-1 Isolation Hospital Local Historic District

Isolation Hospital Ordinance

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 “49-30”:

49-30 Isolation Hospital

- A. There is established under the provisions of and in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, so-called, as mentioned in this chapter, the Isolation Hospital Historic District as shown on the map, labeled Exhibit 27-2Z, entitled “Isolation Hospital,” 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;
 - 3. Storm windows, screens, window air conditioners;
 - 4. Color of paint on wood features;
 - 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:**REFERRED TO COMMITTEE****Next: 7/17/2023 7:00 PM**

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR EDWARDS MADE A MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE

COUNCILOR ALLEN SECONDED THE MOTION

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE AND NOTED HIS AGREEMENT THAT THE ITEM SHOULD BE SENT TO COMMITTEE. HE NOTED THAT THE ITEM SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ECO DEV COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ALSO NOTED HIS SUPPORT FOR SENDING THE ITEM TO COMMITTEE. HE NOTED HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE OWNERS TO SHOW UP FOR THIS IMPORANT HISTORICAL ISSUE.

MOTION TO COMMITTEE:

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES
COUNCILOR FENTON - YES
COUNCILOR PEREZ - YES
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - ABSENT
COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES
COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES
COUNCILOR BROWN - YES
COUNCILOR HURST - YES
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - ABSENT
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES
COUNCILOR CURRAN - YES
COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES
COUNCILOR LEDERMAN - YES

Resolutions

12. Resolution (ID # 7405)

UAW Teachers at Springfield Partners for Community Action

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR DAVILA MOTIONED TO WITHDRAW

SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HURST

MOTION TO WITHDRAW:

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES
COUNCILOR FENTON - YES
COUNCILOR PEREZ - RECUSE
COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - ABSENT
COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES
COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES
COUNCILOR BROWN - RECUSE
COUNCILOR HURST - YES
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - ABSENT
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES
COUNCILOR CURRAN - YES
COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES
COUNCILOR LEDERMAN - YES

RESULT: WITHDRAWN
