



City Council

Regular Meeting

~ Final ~

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

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, June 5, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Remote	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large Councilor	Remote	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 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 Councilor	Present	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

Councilor Allen reported on the Finance Committee

Councilor Edwards reported on the Planning and Economic Development Committee

Councilor Davila reported on the Committee on Elder Affairs

Informational

1. Order (ID # 7438)

April Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Patrick Burns, City Comptroller, presented the April Revenue vs. Expenditure Report:

FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD HAD A QUESTION FOR RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCY.
COMPTROLLER BURNS WILL EMAIL THE REPORT BREAKDOWN TO ALL THE COUNCILORS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- April Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

Zone Change Referral

2. Zoning Change (ID # 7386)

To Change the Property Known as NS Rutledge Avenue (10485-0004) from Residence C to Business B.

PETITIONER: 457 Main Street, LLC

ADDRESS: NS Rutledge Avenue

CHANGE REQUESTED: Residence C to Business B

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

No vote needed. Read into the record as a referral vote.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Rutledge_Ave_NS_Zone_Change_Formal (PDF)

Motion to Combine items 3-8

Councilor Fenton made the motion to take items 3-8 together

Councilor Davila seconded the motion

All Councilors voted in favor of taking items 3-8 in one vote.

Petitions

3. Petition (ID # 7443)

Fort Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCILOR FENTON MADE A MOTION THAT THE PETITIONS 3-8 BE TAKEN TOGETHER.
COUNCILOR DAVILA SECONDED THE MOTION.

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES

COUNCILOR FENTON - YES

COUNCILOR PEREZ - YES

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - YES
COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES
COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES
COUNCILOR BROWN - YES
COUNCILOR HURST - YES
COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - YES
COUNCILOR EDWARDS - YES
COUNCILOR CURRAN - YES
COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES
COUNCILOR LEDERMAN - YES

William Porter, manager of the Student Prince, presented on behalf of the Fort.

Councilor Hurst asked questions about this items and made a motion to send the item to committee.

Seconded by Councilor Davila

Discussion on the motion:

Councilor Whitfield spoke on the item and asked how the representative from the Fort was notified to be present at the meeting.

Mr. Velez noted that the Fort was here to request that this temporary street closure be an annual event that would not have to go through the permitting process.

Councilor Davila asked if the Fort planned on expanding the amount of tables/seating for outdoor dining. Councilor Davila also asked if the Fort received ARPA funds for outdoor dining. Councilor Davila also asked what the fee the City of Springfield.

Councilor Curran noted that he would be voting against the motion to committee. Councilor Allen agrees.

Councilor Perez noted that she is against sending the item to committee.

Councilor Hurst spoke again on the item and requested that Attorney Shea inform the Council what rules, regulations and guidelines the Council has authority over.

Councilor Whitfield noted again that she wants to move this to committee

Councilor Brown gave a summary about the process and why the petitioner is coming before the City Council and that he will be voting against the motion to committee.

Councilor Walsh asked if we have an opinion from Council Attorney Ken Shea.

Attorney Shea noted that he would like to take the week's time that it would take to research the process of shutting down a street and what role the Council plays in this type of request.

ON THE MOTION TO REFER TO MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

COUNCILOR WALSH - YES

COUNCILOR FENTON - NO

COUNCILOR PEREZ - NO

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD - YES

COUNCILOR GOVAN - YES

COUNCILOR ALLEN - YES

COUNCILOR BROWN - NO

COUNCILOR HURST - YES

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE - YES

COUNCILOR EDWARDS - NO

COUNCILOR CURRAN - NO

COUNCILOR DAVILA - YES

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN - YES

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Fort Street (PDF)
- location Fort St.(PDF)
- Petition Letter January 30 DPW (PDF)

RESULT: REFER TO COMMITTEE

Next: 6/12/2023 7:00 PM

4. Petition (ID # 7444)

Eversource- Lyman Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

STATE BUILDING ON DWIGHT STREET. 800 FEET OF 4 INCH CONDUIT AROUND 32 FEET TO THE GEAR SWITCH TO THE PARKING LOT OF THE BUILDING.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 9584030 Lyman & Kanor St SPFLD Map (PDF)
- 9584030 Lyman & Kanor SPFLD UG Petition (PDF)

- Lyman St. Report 1 (PDF)

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

5. Petition (ID # 7445)

Eversource Gas -Haskin St.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

REPLACE THE MAIN TO PLASTIC FINE POINT, UPDATE TO MEDIUM PRESSURE.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Hasking St. (PDF)
- 23EG053 HASKIN ST - SPRINGFIELD - FPO (PDF)
- Springfield City Council Letter - Haskin St (PDF)

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

6. Petition (ID # 7446)

Comcast -Brown Street

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

COMCAST WILL INSTALL NEW SERVICES ON 40-42 BROWN STREET.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 40-42 Brown St-Springfield MA-Google Picture (PDF)
- 40-42 Brown St-Springfield MA-Letter (PDF)
- 42 Brown St-Springfield MA-Drawing (PDF)
- COMCAST REPORT - Brown Street (PDF)

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

7. Petition (ID # 7447)

Eversource Gas -Canterbury Rd.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

GO FROM CAST IRON TO PLASTIC AND UPDATED TO MEDIUM PRESSURE.

Councilor Perez asked if there was a representative from Eversource present and if they could explain the Eversource agenda items specifically what the replacement of low pressure cast iron pipes to medium pressure infrastructure.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Report Canterbury Rd. (PDF)
- Canterbury Rd - FPO (PDF)
- Canterbury Road, Springfield City Council Letter (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman**8. Petition (ID # 7448)**

Eversource - Jefferson Ave.

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

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

MOVE A LIGHT POLE AND INSTALL A NEW ON 20 FEET FROM THE ORIGINAL LOCATION.

RYAN MATTHEWS FROM EVERSOURCE GAS TO CLARIFY TO MEDIUM PRESSURE. STATE PROGRAM GCEPT CALLS TO REPLACE THE CAST IRON BECAUSE IT LEAKS AND CORRODES. THIS WILL ALLOW NEIGHBORHOODS TO RUN UP TO CODES. THE PLASTIC WILL BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE FUTURE. ALL THE AGING CAST IRON WILL BE REMOVED. COUNCILOR PEREZ WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT THESE INSTALLATIONS DO NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE PIPELINE BEING INSTALLED.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 12688377 - 2705 Main St Springfield (Petition) (PDF)
- Main St Springfield UG Petition (PDF)
- Jefferson Ave. Report (PDF)

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman**Grants****9. Order (ID # 7453)**

Mass in Motion Grant Award - No Match Required \$279,610.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO SPOKE ON THE ITEM:

AWARDED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR THE MASS IN MOTION PROGRAM TO REDUCE OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IN THE COMMUNITY.

ATTACHMENTS:

- MIM GRANT SETUP (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman**10. Order (ID # 7455)**

FY24/FY25 Tobacco Control Grant - No Match Required \$243,364.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

Councilor Davila asked if the grant also includes outreach to the businesses themselves. He noted that the sale of "loosies" should be prohibited.

COUNCILOR FENTON MADE A MOTION TO REFER TO COMMITTEE, SECONDED BY EDWARDS.

WITHDREW MOTION BECAUSE THE AGE IS 21.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TOBACCO GRANT SETUP (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman**11. Order (ID # 7452)**

FY23 Veterinarian Grant from Foundation for TJO Animals- No Match Required \$45,887.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOTED THAT ITEMS 11-15 CAN BE TAKEN TOGETHER.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Grant Award Vet (PDF)
- TJO Vet Grant Setup (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman**12. Order (ID # 7451)**

Vet Tech II Grant from Foundation for TJO Animals- No Match Required \$28,282.48

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Grant Award Vet Tech II (PDF)
- TJO Vet Tech II Grant Setup (PDF)

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

13. Order (ID # 7450)

Vet Tech I Grant from Foundation for TJO Animals- No Match Required \$23,215.75

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Grant Award Letter Vet Tech I (PDF)
- TJO Vet Tech I Grant Setup (PDF)

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

14. Order (ID # 7457)

FY23 SCSEP Grant Increase - No Match - \$13,218.00

ATTACHMENTS:

- SCSEP-FY23 Amendment (PDF)

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

15. Order (ID # 7401)

Mass League Staff Appreciation Fund Grant - \$6,157.21 - No Match

ATTACHMENTS:

- HHS Mass League Staff Grant (PDF)

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

Orders

16. Order (ID # 7439)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of South Side Quincy Street (10015-0088) to Raymond C. Banks

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ROBERT DEMUSIS, HOUSING SPOKE ON THE ITEM:

ABUTTER LOT SALE TO MR. BANKS OWNER/OCCUPANT. THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO GIVE IT TO GIVE IT TO HIM BECAUSE HE MAINTAINS AND HAS A GARDEN IN THAT SPOT.

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

17. Order (ID # 7442)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of South Side Pine Street Court (09717-0018) to James B. Morrissey, Jr., Trustee of JMX II Trust

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

ROBERT DEMUSIS, HOUSING SPOKE ON THE ITEM:

RFP FOR SEVERAL VACANT LOTS, ONLY THE 3 ABUTTERS CAN SUBMIT A PROPOSAL. JAMES MORRISSEY WILL COMBINE IT WITH HIS LOT. WILL BE USED FOR GREEN SPACE. SMALL POSTAGE STAMP OF A LOT.

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

18. Order (ID # 7382)

DPW GF Overtime Account to DPW GF Vehicle Supplies/Accessories - \$120,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

DUE TO A DEFICIT THROUGHOUT THE FISCAL YEAR.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO CERT - DPW Transfer (PDF)

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

19. Order (ID # 7402)

Springfield City Library Donations - \$17,500.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- Libraries Donation 1_Redacted (PDF)
- Library Donation 2_Redacted (PDF)

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

20. Order (ID # 7449)

Parks Department - Donation - \$1,000.00 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

NEW VALLEY BANK & TRUST USED FOR THE 2023 CONCERT SERIES.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Parks \$1,000 Donation New Valley (PDF)

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

21. Order (ID # 7440)

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the City Clerk's Office - \$10,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the City Clerk's Office - \$10,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

FY23 - ADVERTISING FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL PERMITS, DUE TO AN INCREASE IN COSTS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transfer From Reserve for Contingencies - City Clerk's (PDF)

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

22. Order (ID # 7441)

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Elections Office - \$8,000

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer from Reserve for Contingencies to the Elections Office - \$8,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

SALARIES AND WAGES - ACTING DEPUTY WILL MAINTAIN DAY TO DAY FUNCTIONS.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Transfer From Reserve for Contingencies - Elections Office (PDF)

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

23. Order (ID # 7454)

Bills of Prior Year - HHS- \$183.72

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

LINDSAY HACKETT, DEPUTY CAFO, SPOKE ON THIS ITEM:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL FOR PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO CERT - HHS BOPY (PDF)
- HHS Travel Reimbursement (PDF)

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

Ordinances

(24.) 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:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

2ND & 3RD STEP - COUNCILOR FENTON SPOKE THE ITEM:

COUNCILOR DAVILA - ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION

Rule 22C

Councilor Walsh made a motion to invoke 22C to pass item #24 in one vote.

Councilor Davila seconded the motion.

All Councilors voted unanimously to invoke Rule 22C.

Resolutions

25. Resolution 2023-6

Official Juneteenth Song

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Councilor Click-Bruce spoke on the resolution and read the resolution into the record.

RESULT:**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]****AYES:**

Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Curran, Davila, Lederman