



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, October 2, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 2, 2023 at Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Present	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Present	
Maria Perez	Ward 1 City Councilor	Remote	
Tracye Whitfield	At Large City Councilor	Remote	
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	Remote	
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 presented a report on the 10/02/2023 Finance Committee

Councilor Govan presented a report on the 09/21/2023 HHS Committee

The reports were accepted by the Council.

Zone Change Referral Vote

1. Zoning Change (ID # 7609)

To Change the Zoning of a Portion of the Property Known as 1267 Boston Road (01655-0494), from Residence a to Business A.

PETITIONER:

KA Realty Trust

ADDRESS:

1267 Boston Road

CHANGE REQUESTED:

Residence A to Business A

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

This item is on for automatic referral. No vote needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 3241_1267_Boston_Rd_Formal (PDF)

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

Informational

2. Order (ID # 7668)

August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Acting Cafo and Comptroller Patrick Burns presented on the item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report (PDF)

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

Grants

3. Order (ID # 7671)

FY24 Springfield City Library Foundation Sound Systems Grant - No Match Required \$80,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Molly Fogarty , Library Director, spoke on this item. Will be using to replace the sound system and several libraries in the City.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Springfield Library Foundation Sound System Grant(PDF)

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

4. Order (ID # 7672)

TJO Best Friends Animal Society - No Match Required \$5,000

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Under \$50,000 threshold. Vote was taken.

ATTACHMENTS:

- TJO Best Friends Animal Society Grant (PDF)

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

Orders

5. Order (ID # 7669)

Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of ES Morton St. (08860-0069), ES Morton St. (08860-0068) and ES Morton St. (08860-0060) to City of Homes Real Estate Ventures, LLC for Consideration of \$7,000.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Robert Demusis, 33 Colorado Street, City of Springfield Deputy Director of Housing , spoke on this item. Developer wants to build 4 homes on these parcels.

Councilor Click-Bruce spoke in support of this item. He noted the petitioner had met with the neighborhood council.

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

6. Order (ID # 7670)

Order Approving Contract Over 3 Years for Lease Purchase Financing for Pierce Enforcer Aerial Ascendant Tower Fire Apparatus for Springfield Fire Department

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

BJ Calvi, City of Springfield Fire Commissioner, spoke on the item. Enter a six year lease to replace a ladder truck from 1996 for the Mason Square Fire Station.

Councilor Walsh asked what type of the vehicle it was and asked the Commissioner to send the picture to the council.

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

7. Order (ID # 7674)

PEG Access and Cable Related Fund FY24 Q1 Franchise Fee Payment - \$170,303.95

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO 80 Tamarack Drive spoke on the item. Transfer funding to the PEG fund. This will be a quarterly bill.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Comcast PEG Access Receipt (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED [11 TO 0]**AYES:** Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Click-Bruce, Edwards, Lederman**ABSENT:** Sean Curran, Victor Davila**8. Order (ID # 7666)**

Deficit Spending Authorization - Abbe Brook Culvert Failure

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Chris Cignoli, DPW Director, presented on this item. Looking at 5 - 6 1/2 million dollars of work.

Mr. Cignoli noted the collaboration between the COS, MEMA and FEMA.

There is an expected 80% reimbursement from MEMA.

Councilor Fenton thanked Mr. Cignoli and noted that there is a Springfield Preservation trust acquisition that was recently approved by the City Council is part of this item. He noted that he has been working with the Law Department on this item.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Abbe Brook Narrative with All Attachments 09.25.23 (PDF)

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