



City Council

Regular Meeting

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

Monday, December 18, 2023

7:00 PM

Springfield City Hall -- Council Chambers

Call to Order

7:00 PM Meeting called to order on December 18, 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	Present	
Zaida Govan	Ward 8 City Councilor	Present	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Malo Brown	Ward 4 Councilor	Present	
Justin Hurst	At Large Councilor	Present	
Lavar Click-Bruce	Ward 5 City Councilor	Absent	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
Sean Curran	At-Large Councilor	Absent	
Victor Davila	Ward 6 Councilor	Present	
Jesse Lederman	President	Present	

Reports of Committee

Councilors Click-Bruce and Curran were absent from this vote.

Councilors Perez, Fenton, Edwards, Brown, Davila, Allen, Govan, Lederman, Walsh, Whitfield, Hurst voted to accept the Reports of Committee.

Informational

1. Informational 2023-3

Confirmation of the Appointment of Walter Kroll to the Historical Commission

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MR. WALTER KROLL SPOKE TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION. MR. KROLL IS CURRENTLY AN ALTERNATE.

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KROLL'S APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE TO ASK IF MR. KROLL IS ALREADY ON THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION.

COUNCILOR WALSH SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KROLL'S APPOINTMENT.

COUNCILOR ALLEN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KROLL'S APPOINTMENT.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KROLL'S APPOINTMENT.

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF MR. KROLL'S APPOINTMENT.

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

Grants

2. Order (ID # 7795)

Order Authorizing the Library Department to Receive and Expend Grant Funds for East Springfield Branch Library

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

MOLLY FOGARTY SPOKE ON THE GRANT

ATTACHMENTS:

- Municipal Support Letter from City of Springfield for MBLC Construction Grant April 2023 (PDF)

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

3. Order (ID # 7800)

Byrne JAG Grant - No Match - \$164,978

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY DANIELS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE GRANT

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON SPD SENSITIVITY AND CONFLICT DE-ESCALATION.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOTED HER BELIEF THAT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE COUNCILORS TO ATTEND THE TRAINING.

ATTACHMENTS:

- JAG2023 (PDF)

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

4. Order (ID # 7798)

FY24 Council on Aging Grant Increase - No Match Required \$74,934.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elders Increase in FY24 COA (PDF)

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

5. Order (ID # 7796)

FY24 Cultural Investment Portfolio Grant (CIP) - \$20,000 - No Match Required

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE GRANT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Libraries Cultural Investment Portfolio (PDF)

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

6. Order (ID # 7803)

FY24 Support and Incentive Grant Increase - No Match - \$17,407

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE ITEM

ATTACHMENTS:

- FY24 S&I Grant Increase (PDF)

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

Orders

7. Order (ID # 7802)

Elder Affairs Donation - \$150.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Elders Donations_Redacted (PDF)

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

8. Order (ID # 7804)

Transfer - FY23 Certified Free Cash to Opioid Settlement Fund - \$1,521,535.00

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Transfer - FY23 Certified Free Cash to Opioid Settlement Fund - \$1,521,535.00

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED FOR THE SPECIFIC USES OF THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT GRANT. HE NOTED HE IS NOT COMFORTABLE VOTING TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER AND NOTED SINCE THIS IS HIS LAST MEETING HE WILL DEFER TO HIS COLLEAGUES.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD MOTIONED TO SEND THE ITEM TO COMMITTEE, THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR WHITFIELD.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE ON THE USAGE OF THE SETTLEMENT MONEY FOR THE TACK UNIT. HE NOTED THAT THE DEPARTMENTS USING THE FUNDS SHOULD BE PRESENT TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL ON THE FUNDS. HE WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOTED THAT SHE WILL SUPPORT THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD SPOKE ON THE ITEM AND NOTED ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS THAT COULD BENEFIT FROM THIS FUNDING.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THE MONIES COULD BE ALLOCATED TO DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS. DEPUTY CAFO HACKETT WAS NOT CERTAIN. COUNCILOR BROWN NOTED THAT PROGRAMS EXIST WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FROM THIS OPIOID FUNDING.

COUNCILOR ALLEN SPOKE THAT MAKING A MOTION TO COMMITTEE IS VALID AND HE WILL SUPPORT IT.

ATTACHMENTS:

- CAFO Cert - FY23 Free Cash Opioid Transfer (PDF)

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

9. Order (ID # 7805)

Order Approving Intergovernmental Agreements -UMass Medicaid Processing

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

DEPUTY CAFO LINDSAY HACKETT SPOKE ON THE ORDER.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR THE REVENUE AND PERCENTAGE THAT UMASS

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

Ordinances

(10.) ORD-2023-5 Order Amending the Community Preservation Committee Ordinance to Allow Holdover Terms Chapter 16, Article XX Community Preservation Committee, Section 16-75 Terms of Office

**AN ORDER AMENDING CHAPTER 16, BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES,
ARTICLE XX. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, BY REVISING
SECTION 16-75 TERMS OF OFFICE:**

Be it ordained by the City Council, in session assembled, that the following amendment to the Code of the City of Springfield, as amended, be enacted:

1. CHAPTER 16, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES, ARTICLE XX. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE, of the Code of the City of Springfield, SECTION 16-75, TERMS OF OFFICE, be amended to add a new section (C), as follows:

“C. Each member shall continue in office after the expiration of their term until a successor is duly appointed and qualified, provided the person remains a member of the body they represent.”

2. Upon passage, the effective date for the amendments listed above shall be _____, 202__.

Approved as to form,

Associate City Solicitor

RESULT:	ADOPTED [11 TO 0]
MOVER:	Michael A. Fenton, Ward 2 Councilor
AYES:	Walsh, Fenton, Perez, Whitfield, Govan, Allen, Brown, Hurst, Edwards, Davila, Lederman
ABSENT:	Lavar Click-Bruce, Sean Curran

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:
COUNCILOR FENTON SPOKE ON THE ITEM.
THE ITEM PASSED 3RD STEPS UNANIMOUSLY.
THE ITEM IS ON FOR 2ND AND 3RD STEPS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED HOW APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE
COUNCILOR FENTON GAVE A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND THE TERM LIMITS. COUNCILOR FENTON HOPES THE PASSAGE WILL ALLOW FOR THE CPA TO WORK EFFECTIVELY UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT A SECOND AMENDMENT TO REMOVE TERM LIMITS WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE COUNCIL IN 2024.

COUNCILOR BROWN ASKED IF THERE IS A MECHANISM WHERE MEMBERS WHO ARE NO LONGER ON THE BOARD COULD FILL IN ON AN INTERIM BASIS.

End of Year Business

Informal Caucus to Elect President and Vice-President of the City Council for the 2024 Legislative Session

COUNCILOR BROWN NOMINATED COUNCILOR MELVIN EDWARDS FOR VICE PRESIDENT THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE TERM

SECONDED BY COUNCILOR PEREZ

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD NOMINATED COUNCILOR ZAIDA GOVAN

VOTE COUNCILOR

ME WALSH
ME FENTON
ME PEREZ
ZG WHITFIELD
ZG GOVAN
ME ALLEN
ME BROWN
ZG COUNCIL ELECT DELGADO
AB CLICK BRUCE
ME EDWARDS
AB CURRAN
ME DAVILA
ME COUNCILOR ELECT SANTANIELLO

COUNCILOR EDWARDS NOMINATED COUNCILOR FENTON AS CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE TERM

SECONDED BY COUNCILOR BROWN

COUNCILOR GOVAN NOMINATED COUNCILOR TRACYE WHITFIELD FOR CITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE TERM

VOTE COUNCILOR

MF WALSH
MF FENTON

MF PEREZ
ZG WHITFIELD
ZG GOVAN
MF ALLEN
MF BROWN
MF COUNCIL ELECT DELGADO
AB CLICK BRUCE
MF EDWARDS
AB CURRAN
MF DAVILA
MF COUNCILOR ELECT SANTANIELLO

COUNCILOR FENTON SPOKE ON HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS FOR 2024 INCLUDING THE FORMAL PORTRAIT, SWEARING IN AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.

COUNCILOR FENTON RECOGNIZED COUNCILOR HURST AND COUNCILOR LEDERMAN.

VARIOUS COUNCILORS SPOKE CONGRATULATING THE OUTGOING COUNCILORS.

COUNCILORS HURST AND LEDERMAN GAVE EXIT SPEECHES.