



City Council
Economic Development
~ Agenda ~

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Wednesday, May 10, 2023

4:00 PM

Hybrid Room 200

I. Call to Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 10, 2023 at Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

III. Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2023-1

Isolation Hospital Local Historic District

HISTORY:

04/10/23 City Council ADOPTED

Councilor Brown spoke in favor of this item.

Item is on the agenda for 1st steps.

Councilor Fenton noted that normally a representative from the Historic Commission would present before the Council. Also noted that the body should also hear from the property owner. He will vote in favor of first steps on this ordinance with the understanding that the property owner will be notified and the body will hear from the property owner before 2nd and 3rd steps.

Councilor Govan (***** insert here)

Councilor Davila (***** Insert here)

Councilor Brown agreed with

05/01/23 City Council ADOPTED

JULISA DAVILA - INITIAL PETITION IS WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE SPRINGFIELD PRESERVATION TRUST.

MR. WALSH

COUNCILOR BROWN SPOKE ON THE ITEM. NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. ASKED TO HEAR FROM HIS COLLEAGUES AND SUGGESTED MOVING THE ITEM TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR ALLEN SPOKE ON THE ORDINANCE AND NOTED A CONVERSATION WITH CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TIM SHEEHAN. NOTED THE ZONE CHANGE THAT THE COUNCIL VOTED DOWN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. NOTED THAT QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS REMAIN AND ACKNOWLEDGED A LETTER THAT WAS EMAILED TO SOLICITOR JOHN PAYNE. ATTORNEY KEN SHEA SPOKE AND SUGGESTED THE COUNCIL SEND THE ITEM TO

COMMITTEE AS THE PROPERTY OWNER IS SUGGESTING POSSIBLE LITIGATION IF A VOTE PASSES TO CHANGE ISOLATION HOSPITAL TO A HISTORIC DISTRICT.

COUNCILOR FENTON NOTED

STEPHEN WAGNER, LUDLOW MASS, CURRENT MANAGER OF VIBRA.

FENTON ASKED IF MR. WAGNER WAS PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER.

COUNCILOR LEDERMAN ASKED IF THERE WAS A MOTION TO SEND TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR FENTON MADE A MOTION AND COUNCILOR WALSH SECONDED THE MOTION.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS NOTED THAT THE MOTION WAS ON THE TABLE AND THAT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY HAS YET TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COUNCIL. HE NOTED THE BUILDING HAS BEEN IN DISREPAIR FOR SOME TIME AND CITED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPEAKING TO THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY.

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE ON THE ITEM.