



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

October 6, 2025

7:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Councilor Curran - arrived at 7:09PM

Councilor Click-Bruce - arrived at 7:06PM

Councilors Brown, Santaneillo, Perez and Govan were REMOTE for this meeting.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

Councilor Govan stated the Environmental and Sustainability Committee met on 09/26/2025 regarding 5 Mile Pond. The residents are concerned about the condition that it has been in over the years. The Parks Department was present at the meeting along with Councilor Davila. The Parks Department will be working to make it better for the residents.

Councilor Santaneillo stated the Health and Human Services Committee met with Baystate Medical team along with Commissioner Caulton-Harris, Councilors Walsh and Davila. The topic was Breast Cancer among Black, Asian, and Latina's having a high mortality rate. This group is committed to bring those numbers down.

Councilor Delgado stated that the Digital Equity Committee met earlier today along with Councilors Whitfield, Fenton and Allen. GONET SPEED was present and discussed all the items that were on this tonight's agenda. This was a follow up discussion that from the last Council meeting.

Zone Change - Referral

To Change the Zoning of the Property Known as NS Hampshire Street, I.O. (06240-0010) from Residence B to Residence C.

Petitions

1 Honorary Street Sign - Overseer Dorothy Davis

DPW Director Cignoli introduced the item.

Councilor Brown outlined his connection with Dorothy Davis and fully supports this initiative.

Councilor Govan spoke about Dorothy's Courthouse Ministry. She referenced a personal experience involving her son.

Councilor Whitfield stated that she knows her granddaughter. Happy to see a woman going on a street sign.

Linda Bowenson and School Committee member La'Tonya Naylor spoke on behalf of Dorothy Davis.

2 Traffic Control Agreement - Sumner Avenue

DPW Director Chris Cignoli spoke on the item. There has been a design change in order to reduce the impact at Commonwealth Avenue and Belmont Avenue.

Councilor Davila asked for clarification. The City and Police enforce the traffic. All signs included in the project that are affected MASS DOT must be notified. These are permanent changes at the completion of the project. There will be minimal construction during Bright Nights. This project has been going on since 2014 and the state is giving 23 million dollars towards this project.

3 Stop Sign Fair Oak Rd.

Items # 3 - # 7 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

4 Stop Sign Fenwick St.

Items # 3 - # 7 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

5 Stop Sign Athol St.

Items # 3 - # 7 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

6 Stop Sign Cherokee Dr.

Items # 3 - # 7 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

7 Stop Sign Redland St.

Items # 3 - # 7 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

8 25-31 Crosswalk on Worthington

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

Councilor Brown and Perez asked for details regarding the project.

9 EVERSOURCE - Alsace St.

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

Councilor Davila emphasized that EVERSOURCE needs to do a better job re-paving the work that they complete. Director Cignoli agreed. Stated that permits get withheld.

Councilor Brown inquired if EVERSOURCE was present. Jason from EVERSOURCE was present on ZOOM.

Councilor Whitfield asked that Jason assist in getting information out to the community.

10 EVERSOURCE - Wilbraham Road

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

11 EVERSOURCE - Reed Street

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

12 EVERSOURCE - Delmore Street

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

13 EVERSOURCE - Nantasket Street

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

14 CROWN CASTLE - Liberty Street

Items # 14 - # 15 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

15 COMCAST - Brookdale Drive

Items # 9 - # 13 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items.

16 GONETSPEED - Duffy Lane

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

DPW Director Chris Cignoli presented the items. The Director provided a detailed outline of each item because these items have been continued since the beginning of June. The Director supports all of these items and asked the Council to please join.

Councilor Delgado thanked his colleagues for standing with him and pushing back. He stated that sometimes compromise is necessary. The Councilor referenced the topics that were brought up during the Digital Equity meeting that took place before the Council meeting.

Councilor Whitfield thanked Councilor Delgado and the City Councilors for standing together and demanding more from GONET SPEED.

Councilor Allen stated that the City has come a long way in the past three weeks. Gave KUDOS to Councilor Delgado and President Fenton for providing clarity.

Councilor Santaneillo, Councilor Perez and Councilor Govan wanted to echo what Councilor Allen just stated. Ready to support the items. Thanked GONET for coming to the table and work with the Council.

Councilor Brown also thanked GONET SPEED. Referenced MGM's commitment to a high rise in the City. Would like something in writing that is binding. Cannot support the items. Asked Attorney Shea if a private company could enter an agreement in writing. Attorney Shea stated that companies have entered MOU's. GONET gave a letter at today's meeting that outlines the intentions.

Councilor Davila asked the Director how the City accept a 50 million dollar commitment without something in writing. The Director stated that no mechanism to enter in a written agreement. Verbal only. The Councilor asked Atty Shea if the City can do an "MOU." The Attorney stated that items 14 & 15 are competitions to GONET and all

companies have to be treated fairly. Other companies did not have to sign, so GONET does not have to. All companies must be treated the same way. Councilor Davila stated that some constituents do not like companies digging into the treebelts. The Director stated that the treebelts are easier to handle than roadwork. Councilor Davila stated that he is not comfortable and the City should come up with a comprehensive plan.

Councilor Curran stated that the City can an MOU with GONET. He is satisfied with the letter and map. Confident this will benefit the City.

Councilor Walsh wants to vote on this and strongly supports.

Councilor Edwards asked Attorney Shea if these items failed can GONET go to court and overturn. Attorney Shea confirmed that Councilor Edwards is correct.

Councilor Whitfield clarified that GONET is investing 90 million and not 50 million. Encourages the Council to support.

Councilor Govan called the question and the motion passed unanimously by the Councilors.

17 GONETSPEED - 117 Rosemary Drive

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

18 GONETSPEED - 174 Rosemary Drive

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

19 GONETSPEED - Sunbrier Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

20 GONETSPEED - Senator Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

21 GONETSPEED - North Brook Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

22 GONETSPEED - Marchioness Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

23 GONETSPEED - 172 Mallowhill Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

24 GONETSPEED - 93 Mallowhill Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

25 GONETSPEED - Woodrow Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

26 GONETSPEED - Arnold Avenue

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

27 GONETSPEED - Almira Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

28 GONETSPEED - 472 Boston Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

29 GONETSPEED - 461 Boston Road

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

30 GONETSPEED - 56 Fargo Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

31 GONETSPEED - 34 Fargo Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

32 GONETSPEED - Rosewell Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

33 GONETSPEED - Breckwood Boulevard

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

34 GONETSPEED - 11 Gresham Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

35 GONETSPEED - 206 Durant Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

36 GONETSPEED - 341 Parkerview Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

37 GONETSPEED - 341 Patricia Circle

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

38 GONETSPEED - 568 Parker Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

39 GONETSPEED - 700 Parker Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

40 GONETSPEED - 658 Parker Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

41 GONETSPEED - 700 Parker Street

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

42 GONETSPEED - N Branch Parkway

Items # 16– # 42 were taken together.

Orders

43 Donation of Goods to Elder Affairs — Pickleball Ball

Items 43 & 44 taken together.

Councilor Walsh stated that pickleball is extremely popular.

- 44 Donation of Goods to Elder Affairs - Box of 2-hole punches

Items 43 & 44 taken together.

- 45 Order Authorizing the Transfer of North Side Fernald Street

Wilson Darbin, Project Manager for the offices of Planning and Economic Development, presented the item. Currently, vacant property in the Pine Point neighborhood. This property will be used for landscape equipment.

- 46 Amending Ordinance Chapter 275 Article IV

- 47 Amending Ordinance Chapter 245 Article II

Resolution

- 48 Resolution Demanding the Massachusetts Legislature Amend M.G.L. Chapter 94C § 32J to Restore Controlled Substance Proximity Protections for Schools, Parks and Playgrounds in Springfield

Councilor Click-Bruce would like to keep this Resolution be kept in committee, both Public Safety and Health and Human Services..

There was a press conference next week. HHS will be hiring someone to oversee the cleaning of the Parks.

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