



City Council
General Government
Committee

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Victor Davila (Chair)

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November 12,
2025

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on November 12, 2025, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person: Victor Davila, Timothy Allen, Geraldine McCafferty.
Zoom: Kevin Coffee, Tracye Whitfield.

Public Portion

Meeting Overview:

The General Government Committee convened to review nominations for appointments to city boards, including the **Mobile Home Rent Control Board** and the **Springfield Historical Commission**.

Key Discussions:

- **Mobile Home Rent Control Board – Geraldine McCafferty**
 - McCafferty explained the board's responsibilities, focusing on regulating lot rents across Springfield's three mobile home parks.
 - The committee was briefed on a pending rent increase request of \$50–60 per lot.
 - Discussion concluded with plans to forward McCafferty's nomination for consideration at the next City Council meeting.
- **Springfield Historical Commission – Kevin Coffee**
 - Coffee highlighted his background as a historical archaeologist and museologist, with extensive experience preserving historic structures and landscapes.

- He emphasized the importance of balancing development with preservation and committed to attending most commission meetings to maintain quorum.
- Councilor Tracye Whitfield expressed support for Coffee's appointment, noting his expertise in historical buildings and civic engagement.
- The committee agreed to recommend Coffee's nomination to the full City Council.

Next Steps:

- **Geraldine McCafferty:** Attend the City Council meeting on Monday, November 17, for appointment consideration to the Mobile Home Rent Control Board.
- **Kevin Coffee:** Attend the City Council meeting at 7:00 PM in the chambers for appointment consideration to the Historical Commission.
- **Committee Focus:** Present both appointments to the full City Council for consideration.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM, with plans to continue discussions at the upcoming City Council session.

Informational

1. Confirmation of Geraldine McCafferty to Mobile Home Rent Control Board
2. Confirmation of Kevin Coffee to the Historical Commission

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