



City Council

Finance Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Timothy Allen (Chair)

December 15,
2025

5:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person

Councilor Jose Delgado

Councilor Tim Allen

Cathy Buono

Stephen Lonergan

Bill Mahoney

Sacoy Malone

Chris Frasier

Pat Burns

Roy Goodman

Laura Walsh-V

Chris Cignoli-V

Councilor Zaida Govan-V

Brian Connors-V

Stephen Howard—Constituent

Lindsay Hackett-V

Daniel Jackson -Republican

Call To Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on December 15, 2025, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. **Order Authorizing Mayor to Execute Quitclaim Deed for Sale of Real Property known as 135-155 Lyman Street to BAR Belmont, LLC for Consideration of \$544,000.**
2. **Transfer - Free Cash to Pay-Go - Land & Water Grant Match - \$1,000,000**
3. **Transfer — Free Cash to City Retirement Account — \$500,000.00**
4. **Transfer- Free Cash to the Finance Pay-Go – Tapley Gas Pumps Project Account- \$1,500,000**
5. **Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification - SEIU Local #888**
6. **Order Approving Grant of Easement to the Springfield Redevelopment Authority - Bruce Landon Way**
7. **Approval of a Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 113 State Street and 1163-1167 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103**
8. **Approval of a Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 1155 Main Street and 11-21 Stockbridge Street, Springfield, MA 01103.**
9. **Parks Department - Donation - \$2,381.70 - No Match Required**
10. **FY26 Recycle Dividend Program (RDP) Grant - No Match - \$58,500**
11. **MassTech Grant Amendment 1 - \$80,666.74**
12. **FY26 Senior Community Service Employment Grant - In-Kind Match Required - \$468,150.00**

Minutes

Meeting Overview

The Finance Committee reviewed and approved several financial matters, including property transactions, free cash transfers, grant applications, infrastructure investments, tax agreements, and labor contract updates. All approved items will advance to the full City Council for final action.

Key Actions and Decisions

- Approved an order authorizing the Mayor to execute a quitclaim deed for the sale of City property at **135 Lyman Street** to Bar Belmont (Jeb Belis) for **\$544,000**.
- Approved allocation of **\$1 million in free cash** as a local match for a **Land and Water Conservation Fund grant** for the Five Mile Pond renovation project.
- Approved transfer of **\$500,000 in free cash** to the City Retirement Account due to returned funds from a pending disability pension.
- Approved transfer of **\$1.5 million in free cash** for replacement of outdated gas tanks and

pumps at the DPW Tapley Street facility.

- Reviewed and advanced ratification of the **SCIU 888 collective bargaining agreement** covering City engineers.
- Approved grant of an **easement on Bruce Landon Way** to the Springfield Redevelopment Authority for special events and access related to the Civic Center and parking garage.
- Reviewed **Tax Increment Exemption Agreements** for properties at **113 State Street** and **1155 Main Street**.
- Reviewed a proposed **\$68 million mixed-use housing development** by McCaffrey Interests, including a tax increment agreement tied to new growth.
- Approved multiple grants supporting Parks, Recycling, Digital Equity initiatives, and the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

Project and Program Highlights

- **Five Mile Pond Renovation:** \$2 million project with anticipated completion by December 2028.
- **DPW Fuel Infrastructure:** Replacement of aging gas pump systems serving over 500 City vehicles, with construction expected to begin in spring.
- **Housing Development:** 99 residential units (20% affordable) with ground-floor commercial space; currently non-taxable properties projected to generate future tax revenue.
- **Labor Agreement:** Engineers to receive a \$1.50/hour increase retroactive to July 1, 2025, followed by 2% annual increases, plus signing and licensing incentives.

Next Steps

- Completion of property purchase at 135 Lyman Street.
- Submission of grant applications and tax credit applications by stated deadlines.
- Initiation of approved construction projects in the spring.
- Implementation of collective bargaining agreement terms.
- Continued recruitment and program outreach by the Department of Elder Affairs.
- All approved items are to proceed to the full City Council for final approval.

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