



City Council

Finance Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Zaida Govan (Chair)

January 12, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on January 12, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In person:

Councilor Zaida Govan
Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
Councilor Victor Davila
Council President Tracy Whitfield
Roy Goodman , Dept of Elder Affairs
Tetinda Sternary, Labor Relations
Bj Calvi, Fire Commissioner
Bill Mahoney, Director of Human Resources
Cathy Buono, CAFO
Stephen Lonergan, Treasurers & Collectors
Chris Cignoli DPW Director
Brian Elliot, PD
Pat Monroe, PD
Kylo Ranner, Grants Admin for PD
Chris Fraser, Budget Director
Pat Burns, Comptroller
Steven Howard, Resident

Zoom:

Lindsey Hacket, Deputy CAFO
Brian Connors, Planning & Economic Dev
Molly Fogarty, Library Director
Richie Allen, Resident
Councilor Fenton

Public Portion

1. **November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report**
2. **Elder Affairs Donation - \$2000.00**
3. **MBI Connected & Online Program Grant**
4. **Department of Mental Health Jail/Arrest Diversion Program (JDP26) Increase - \$77,500.00 - No Match**
5. **Brownfields Site Assessment Grant- \$100,000**
6. **FY26 Shine Earmark Grant - No Match Required - \$104,000.00**
7. **FY26 Shannon CSI Grant - \$860,688.88 - In-Kind Match Required - \$215,172.22**
8. **FY26 Tier 3 Complete Streets Funding Grant - No Match Required - \$269,749.73**
9. **FY26 Site Readiness Grant- \$300,000**
10. **FY26 MBLC State Aid to Public Library - No Match Required - \$618,298.00**
11. **FY26 MassWorks Grant- \$3,000,000**
12. **Bill of Prior Year - DPW - \$1,495.00**
13. **IAFF Local 648 Tentative Agreement**

Minutes:

Overview

The Finance Committee reviewed the November Revenue and Expenditure Report and discussed multiple grant awards, project updates, and departmental items. Key topics included library state aid compliance, payment of an outstanding Sodexo invoice, and a tentative collective bargaining

agreement with IAFF Local 648. The meeting concluded with a detailed review of firefighter contract provisions, including changes to the work schedule and their impact on compensation.

Financial Review

The November Revenue and Expenditure Report showed revenues of \$454.6 million (45% of budget) and expenditures of \$488 million (48% of budget), both tracking slightly ahead of the prior fiscal year. A \$3.1 million police education incentive payment was noted, along with a \$2,000 donation to the Department of Elder Affairs.

Grants and Project Updates

- The public library received equipment valued at \$72,558.75 through the Mass Broadband Institute grant, including Dell tablets and Chromebooks for public use and training.
- A \$77,500 Department of Mental Health Jail Arrest Diversion grant was approved to fund crisis intervention training for police officers.
- Additional grants were reviewed, including environmental testing and planning funds, a \$3 million MassWorks roadway improvement grant, a \$104,000 SHINE Medicare assistance grant, an \$860,688 Shannon TSI youth prevention grant, and a \$269,000 grant for sidewalk construction on Roosevelt Avenue.

Library Aid and Vendor Payment

State aid to public libraries and related compliance requirements were reviewed. The committee also discussed and agreed to pay a delayed Sodexo invoice from January 2024 for DPW employee food services during a snow event.

Firefighter Collective Bargaining Agreement (IAFF Local 648)

The committee reviewed a tentative agreement running through June 2028. Key elements include wage increases, a new 24-hour shift schedule, a four-day work week for fire prevention and training staff, increased EMT stipends, an updated social media policy, and expanded firefighter participation in road details. The contract also replaces the civil service exam with assessment centers for district chief promotions. Retroactive pay of approximately \$1.3 million is expected to be covered through salary savings and attrition, with free cash identified as a contingency if needed.

Next Steps

- Monitor usage of library technology funded by the Mass Broadband Institute grant through December 31, 2026.
- Coordinate regional participation in DMH-funded crisis intervention training for police officers.
- Oversee and implement scheduled sidewalk construction on Roosevelt Avenue.
- Process payment of the outstanding Sodexo invoice.

- Monitor salary savings to fund retroactive firefighter pay and prepare a free cash request if required.
- Implement and administer all provisions of the new IAFF Local 648 contract, including scheduling changes, assessment centers, policy compliance, and road detail coordination.

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