



City Council
**Maintenance &
Development Meeting**

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

**Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
(Chair)**

~Final~

April 2, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person:

Councilor Click-Bruce
Sheila McElwaine
Jeremy Cole
Dennis Coleman
Betsy Johnson
Chris Cignoli (DPW Director)
Dallas Clark
Deborah Huber
Todd Crosset
Council President Whitfield

Zoom:

Rick Garib (School Dept)
Liam Gousios (Walk Bike Spfld)
Councilor Fenton
Chris Coleman (School Dept)
Councilor Davila

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Excused	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Absent	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Virtual	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Virtual	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Present	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Present (L)	5:45 PM

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 2, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Discussion on speed humps and raised crosswalks

Minutes

On April 2, 2026, the Maintenance and Development Meeting, chaired by Councilor Click-Bruce, focused on traffic and pedestrian safety near Springfield schools, including raised crosswalks and speed humps. Betsy Johnson from Walk Bike Springfield highlighted concerns following recent pedestrian fatalities. Rick and Chris Coleman from the School Department presented a prioritized list of school intersections needing safety improvements. DPW Director Chris Cignoli reviewed ongoing initiatives, including stop sign installations and upcoming SS4A projects. Councilor Fenton noted community resistance to speed humps despite planning and adherence to ordinance procedures. Discussion included contractor challenges with plowing and equipment damage, as well as efforts to implement traffic-calming measures through stop signs, crosswalk enhancements, and speed boards.

Action items include: Rick sending the prioritized intersection list to Councilor Click-Bruce; Chris updating and sharing the locations of planned or ongoing school-area safety improvements; circulating SS4A concept plans to relevant parties and posting them on the DPW website; and Councilor Click-Bruce informing the School Committee and scheduling a follow-up meeting. Chris and Hector will ensure warning signage for new stop signs and traffic pattern changes, Chris and Andy will ensure speed boards display visible speed limit signage, and Councilor Davila will direct traffic inquiries to Chris and follow up offline.

The meeting emphasized continued collaboration with the School Committee to identify unsafe intersections. Rick's team will continue implementing safety improvements. Chris described phased traffic-safety plans, incremental stop sign implementation, and consideration of higher-

cost measures, including raised crosswalks. Councilor Fenton noted that neighborhood opposition to speed humps often results in alternatives such as stop signs and speed boards, and that residents generally support safety initiatives, but local installations can prompt objections, highlighting the need for improved advanced signage. References were made to Springfield's pedestrian fatality rate, Vision Zero initiatives, and neighborhood council engagement. Council President Whitfield supported extending safety improvements beyond schools. The committee agreed to await Chris's updated list and seek further input from the School Committee before proceeding.

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