



City Council

Maintenance & Development

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Lavar Click-Bruce (Chair)

April 28, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person

Councilor Click-Bruce (Chair)

Chris Cignoli

Mohammad Awan

Christina Kakharchuk

Jessica Denishchich

Montenia Shider

Zahia Farouqui

Mary Johnson

Atty Dave

Zoom

Councilor Perez (Committee member)

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	Present	
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	Present (Late)	4:36 PM

Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Absent	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Present (Chair)	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Call To Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on April 28, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. **Discontinuance of Cloverdale Street**
2. DPW MassDOT Applications
3. Signal Screens Update

Minutes:

The April 28th Maintenance and Development Meeting, chaired by Councilor Click-Bruce, convened at 4:32 PM and addressed the Cloverdale Street discontinuance, DPW MassDOT crosswalk applications, and traffic signal screen upgrades, including those at Mason Square.

On Cloverdale Street, an unaccepted private paper street, the committee reviewed a proposal to relocate a planned mosque from 148 Fort Pleasant Street, following the purchase of adjacent parcels. Attorney David Bartley, representing Zahia Farouqui and Mohammad Awan, stated that the development plans would not encroach on the street or neighboring properties and would comply with professional surveying and design standards. Christina Kakharchuk of Breakthrough Worship Center raised concerns regarding continued vehicle access if the street is discontinued. Both parties agreed to meet to review access and related impacts. Councilor Victor Davila supported continued coordination. The matter was tabled until May 4th, with a possible continuation to May 18th.

The Department of Public Works presented five MassDOT crosswalk improvement locations requiring council presentation. Sites include St. James Boulevard at Marshall Roy Field, Dickinson Street near a synagogue, Dugan Street at Wilbraham Road, Tiffany Street at Dickinson Street, and Dickinson Street near the Jewish Community Center. Proposed improvements include enhanced pedestrian safety features such as flashing beacons and

upgrades to existing crossings, coordinated with neighborhood councils and schools. A Bay Street near Oak Grove request remains under review due to funding limitations.

For traffic signal upgrades, resident Montenia Shider raised concerns about delays in Mason Square and described current conditions as needing improvement. DPW representative Chris Cignoli stated the City has secured approximately \$18 million, including \$15 million in federal funding, for upgrades across 15 intersections and 11 corridors, including State Street, Main Street in Mason Square, and Wilbraham Road. The project includes replacing signal back panels with reflective components, pedestrian enhancements, and related infrastructure work. He noted that signal screens cost approximately \$400 to \$500 per unit and must be installed as part of larger roadway projects. The project is in the design phase following federal approval, with construction expected next year and a public meeting planned for the fall. Some upgrades have been completed at Knox School and American International College. Councilors noted that Mason Square is included in the broader scope and stated that updates will continue at future meetings.

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