



City Council

Finance Committee Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Govan (Chair)

June 1, 2026

3:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person:

Bill Mahoney (HR)
Sacouy (Finance)
Chris Fraser (Finance)
Cathy Buono (CAFO)
Karen Lee (Springfield Community Preservation Committee)
Councilor Govan
Roy Goodman (Director, Elders Affairs)
Pat Burns (City Auditor/Comptroller)
Steve Lonergan (Director of /Collectors-Treasurers)
Bob McCarroll (Director, Springfield Community Preservation Committee)

Zoom:

Vanessa Otero (NNCC)
Councilor Davila
Bethany
Heather Benjamin
Rosemary Morin
Molly Fogarty (Library)
Yolanda Cancel
Lindsey Hackett (Deputy CAFO)
Mathieu Zahler
Kimothy Jones
Gerry McACfferty (Director of Housing)
Carolyn Ware
Tina Quagliato (Housing)
Trish P. Smith
Laura Walsh (Parks)
Frank Dailey
Bobby Demusis

Steve Bosworth
Council President Whitfield (*L)

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	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Present	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Remote	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Absent	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Late	3:37 PM

Call To Order

3:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 1, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Discussion and review of the FY27 CPC Budget and 20 FY26 CPA Recommendations.
2. **April Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report**

3. **Donation of Goods to Elder Affairs - Go fresh Mobile Market**
4. **GOLF FOR KIDS - No Match Required - \$2,600**
5. **FY26 MBLC State Aid Grant Increase - No Match Required - \$4,754.55**
6. **Community Development - FY27 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - \$322,650.00**
7. **Community Development - FY27 HOME Entitlement Grant - \$1,461,823.34**
8. **Community Development - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Grant - \$3,681,050.00**
9. **Community Development - FY27 HUD Continuum of Care Grant - \$10,358,841**
10. **Cable PEG Access Account Comcast Franchise Fee — \$121,430.16**
11. **FY25 Free Cash to EPA grant transfer — \$12,920.37**
12. **Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$121,500**
13. **FY25 Free Cash to Benefits — \$625,000**
14. **FY25 Free Cash to Fire — \$800,000**
15. **Bond Proceeds to Various Capital Projects — \$5,865,610.45**
16. **Order Accepting Gift of Real Estate**

Minutes:

On June 1, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida, met to review Community Preservation Act funding recommendations, grant items, free cash transfers, bond transfers, and other financial matters. The committee reviewed the FY27 Community Preservation Committee budget and FY26 CPA project recommendations, including funding for first-time homebuyer assistance, park and playground improvements, historic preservation projects, affordable housing initiatives, church restorations, outdoor recreation projects, neighborhood improvements, and urban green space studies. Committee members discussed funding priorities, the demand for affordable housing projects, and the balance between supporting large-scale developments and smaller neighborhood-based projects. The committee voted to move the CPA recommendations forward to the full City Council for consideration.

The committee also reviewed the April FY26 Revenue versus Expenditure Report, which showed revenues ahead of expenditures due to fourth-quarter tax collections. Members discussed several annual federal entitlement grants, including the Emergency Solutions Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, Community Development Block Grant Program, and Continuum of Care Grant, which support homelessness services, affordable housing, community

development, neighborhood improvements, and housing assistance programs throughout the city. Discussion also included increased demand for down payment assistance programs and funding limitations tied to federal and state income guidelines.

The committee reviewed free cash transfers related to departmental budget adjustments, retroactive fire contract costs, employee benefits, workers' compensation expenses, and reimbursement delays tied to an EPA grant. Members also discussed transferring unused bond proceeds from completed capital projects to active construction projects, primarily school-related, to avoid issuing additional debt. The committee further reviewed and supported the acceptance of a small parcel of real estate near Forest Park for park maintenance purposes. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:54 PM.

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