



## City Council

### Finance Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

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Zaida Govan (Chair)

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June 2, 2026

3:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

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### Roll Call

#### In Person:

Steve Lonergan, Director of Collectors/Treasurers

Jessica Guerra, Assessors

Councilor Govan, Chair

Cathy Buono, CAFO

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	Absent	
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	Excused	

**Call To Order**

3:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 2, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

**Public Portion**

1. Discussion on Taxation Aid Committee Update.

**Minutes:**

On June 2, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, met to receive an update on the Taxation Aid Program and review eligibility guidelines, application procedures, implementation timelines, and future funding options.

City officials stated the program is intended to assist residents who narrowly miss qualifying for existing tax relief programs and is expected to be implemented for Fiscal Year 2027. The committee discussed income and asset thresholds, application requirements, outreach efforts, and the need to assist residents with completing paperwork. Officials reported approximately 1,300 abatement-related applications were received this year, with approximately 1,200 approved.

The committee also reviewed future funding opportunities, including voluntary donations through property tax bills and possible online payment options. Members discussed future public outreach efforts to educate residents and neighborhood councils about available tax relief programs and donation opportunities. Committee members expressed support for the program and acknowledged the Mayor’s \$1 million commitment to the initiative. The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

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