



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

January 5, 2026

10:00 AM

City Hall - Room 200

I. Procession Into Chambers

II. Call To Order

Tracy Willinham Johnson served as emcee of today's agenda, with no objection from the Council.

III. Invocation

Rev. Dr. Atu White, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

IV. Musical Selection

The Star Spangled Banner by Falasha Paul

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Lift Every Voice and Sing by Leah Jackson

V. Pledge Of Allegiance

Trinity Whitfield, Journee Powell & Blessed Whitfield

VI. Recognition Of Outgoing Councilors

Timothy Allen and Sean Curran

VII. Oath Of Office For Councilors

Gladys Oyola-Lopez, City Clerk

VIII. Election Of Vice President

Councilor Kateri Walsh nominated Jose Delgado as Vice President

Councilor Zaida Govan seconded the nomination

Councilors Hurst, Martin, Govan, Walsh, Edwards, Davila, Brown, Fenton, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Perez and Whitfield voted to elect Jose Delgado as Vice President of the City Council for the 2026 Legislative Session.

VIII. Election Of President

Councilor Kateri Walsh nominated Tracye Whitfield as President.

Councilor Zaida Govan seconded the nomination.

Councilors Hurst, Martin, Govan, Walsh, Edwards, Davila, Brown, Fenton, Delgado, Click-Bruce, Perez and Whitfield voted to elect Tracye Whitfield as President of the City Council for the 2026 Legislative Session.

Oath Of Office For President

Remarks By Family Of The President

Jane Maye - Mother Taquoya Whitfield & Jelani Bland - Children

The folloeing individuals provided remarks to the newly elected City Council President, Tracye Whitfield:

Lydia Early, Personal Friend

Larry Akers, Superintendent of Police

Sonia Dinall, Superintendent of Schools

Jane Maye, Mother

Taquoya Whitfield, Daughter

Jelani Bland, Son

Poem

Jason Bland

Jason Bland, father to Tracye Whitfield's children wrote a poem for this occasion.

Remarks By City Council President

X. Drawing Of Seats

1. SANTANIELLO
2. MARTIN
3. PEREZ
4. BROWN
5. GOVAN
6. WALSH
7. HURST
8. DAVILA
9. FENTON
10. DELGADO
11. CLICK-BRUCE
12. EDWARDS
13. WHITFIELD

XI. Closing Prayer & Blessing Of The Food

Rev. Dr. Atu White, Pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church

XII. Adjournment

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