



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

January 12, 2026

7:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Councilors Perez was remote for this meeting. Councilors Santaniello and Martin were remote until 7:05 PM.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

2026 City Council Rules And Orders

1. 2026 City Council Rules and Orders

Councilor Hurst made a motion to change the start time to 6:30pm

Councilor Govan made a motion to change the end of the meeting to 9:30pm.

Councilors Walsh, Fenton, Govan, Hurst, Davila spoke in support of the time changes.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

Reports Of Committee

2. Reports of Committee

Councilor Govan - Finance Committee met before the Council meeting. Councilors Whitfield, Click-Bruce, Davila, and Fenton (remote) were present. All items on the agenda were approved.

Councilor Click-Bruce - Maintenance and Development Committee met. Councilors Whitfield, Davila and Govan were present. It was decided to keep the Chapter 279 Amendment for Peddling & Soliciting (Food Truck Ordinance) in Committee for further discussion.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

Informational

3. November Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

Comptroller Pat Burns presented the report.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

Petitions

4. EVERSOURCE GAS - Grover Street

DPW DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM STATING THAT 4700 OF REPLACEMENT PIPING WOULD BE REPLACED.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

Grants

5. Elder Affairs Donation - \$2000.00

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER IN ONE VOTE WITHOUT OBJECTION (UNDER THE THRESHOLD).

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

6. MBI Connected & Online Program Grant

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER IN ONE VOTE WITHOUT OBJECTION (UNDER THE THRESHOLD).

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye
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	Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

7. Department of Mental Health Jail/Arrest Diversion Program (JDP26) Increase - \$77,500.00 - No Match

ITEMS 5-7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER IN ONE VOTE WITHOUT OBJECTION (UNDER THE THRESHOLD).

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

8. Brownfields Site Assessment Grant- \$100,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRIAN CONNORS SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED HOW MUCH THE SITE ASSESSMENT WOULD COST? BRIAN CONNORS STATED THAT THIS AMOUNT WOULD SUFFICE.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None

ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

9. FY26 Shine Earmark Grant - No Match Required - \$104,000.00

DIRECTOR OF ELDER AFFAIRS, ROY GOODMAN SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

10. FY26 Shannon CSI Grant - \$860,688.88 - In-Kind Match Required - \$215,172.22

LT. BILLY ELLIOT, SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND IF THEY WERE PUBLIC. COUNCILOR HURST ASKED THAT THE INFORMATION GETS SHARED WITH THE COUNCIL WHEN AVAILABLE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ASKED IF THE APPLICANTS THAT RECIEVE FUNDING GET AUDITED. LT. ELLIOT ADVISED THAT THE STATE AND CITY REVIEW PAPERWORK ON A QUARTERLY BASIS. THE RESEARCH REPORTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF THE 30% CUT WAS FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION (FEDERAL). LT. ELLIOT ADVISED IT WAS CUT BY THE STATE.

COUNCILOR PEREZ ASKED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE RESEARCH REPORTS.

COUNCILOR HURST IF ALL MUNICIPALITIES EXPERIENCED CUTS IN FUNDING ACROSS THE BOARD. COUNCILOR HURST STATED IT MAY BE WORTH CHALLENGING THE STATE DELGATION REGARDING THE CUTS.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	Jose Delgado
RECUSE	None

ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

11. FY26 Tier 3 Complete Streets Funding Grant - No Match Required - \$269,749.73

DPW DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM. MASS DOT FUNDS FOR THE INSTALLION OF SIDEWALKS ON ROOSEVELT AVE BETWEEN ALDEN STREET AND WILBRAHAM RD. CONTINUATION FOR STUDENTS WALKING TO SCHOOL. THE WORK WOULD COMMENCE THIS SUMMER.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	Gerry Martin
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

12. FY26 Site Readiness Grant- \$300,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRIAN CONNORS SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

13. FY26 MBLC State Aid to Public Library - No Match Required - \$618,298.00

MOLLY FOGARTY, SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY DIRECTOR SPOKE ON THE ITEM. SHE STATED SPRINGFIELD COMPLIED WITH ALL STATE REQUIREMENTS AND IS BASED ON A PER CAPITA FORMULA.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

14. FY26 MassWorks Grant- \$3,000,000

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BRIAN CONNORS SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

Orders

15. Bill of Prior Year - DPW - \$1,495.00

DPW DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THIS WAS A BILL FOR SEDEXO THAT PROVIDED FOOD FOR THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK OFF SHIFT DURING THE SNOW STORM IN JANUARY 2024.

AYES	Lavar Click-Bruce, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Melvin Edwards, Michael Fenton, Zaida Govan, Maria Perez, Brian Santaniello, Tracye Whitfield, Kateri Walsh, Gerry Martin, Justin Hurst
NAYS	None
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RECUSE	None

ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Malo Brown

16. IAFF Local 648 Tentative Agreement

Human Resources Director William Mahoney spoke on the contract stating that this group includes Lieutenants, Captains, Repair and Prevention staff. Two contracts including 257 members.

Councilor Davila complimented the HR Director and Lt. Brian Ward for his efforts in the negotiations on this contract. Thanks to all the firefighters and is pleased that the EMT's will be getting more.

Councilor Delgado concurs with Councilor Davila and is pleased to see that they are added to the road details.

Councilor Walsh asked for a representative of the Springfield Fire Department to speak.

Commissioner Calvi spoke on behalf of the department. He stated that this was passed by 75% of the 257 members.

Councilor Hurst asked about the assessment center. The Commissioner advised that the promotion exam is written and intense and the center helps prepare.

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Ordinances

17. Amending Chapter 279: Peddling and Soliciting

DPW DIRECTOR STATED THAT THE FORMER CITY COUNCILOR ALLEN STARTED THIS ORDINANCE, SPECIFICALLY FOR FOOD TRUCKS, AS THERE IS NO OVERSIGHT FOR FOOD TRUCKS OPERATING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. THIS ITEM STARTED IN NOVEMBER OF 2025. THE DIRECTOR WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS APPROVED BY THE SPRING.

COUNCILOR DELGADO ASKED IF THE FOOD TRUCK VENDORS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. THE DIRECTOR WILL BE WORKING WITH HHS TO NOTIFY ALL VENDORS. COUNCILOR ASKED IF THERE IS A ONE-PAGER THAT CAN BE DISTRIBUTED.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED IF THE BRICK AND MORTOUR RESTAURANTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BECAUSE THESE BUSINESS PAY TAXES AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THEM GO OUT OF BUSINESS. THE DIRECTOR ADVISED THEY HAVE NOT.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY PUSH BACK FROM THE FOOD TRUCK OWNERS. THE ONLY VENDORS THAT HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED WITH ARE THE 5 VENDORS THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE. ADVISED THAT ALL THE VENDORS BE INVITED TO THE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING.

COUNCILOR GOVAN ADDED THAT THE RESTAURANT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS SHOULD BE INVITED TO THE SUB COMMITTEE MEETING AS WELL.

COUNCILOR LAVAR CLICK-BRUCE MADE A MOTION THAT THIS STAYS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION FROM ALL PARTIES. COUNCILOR DAVILA SECONDED THE MOTION.

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