



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

March 9, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILORS PEREZ, BROWN, DAVILA AND FENTON WERE ALL PARTICIPATING REMOTELY. COUCILOR FENTON ARRIVED IN PERSON AT 6:40PM. COUNCILOR DAVILA ARRIVED IN PERSON AT 6:51PM. COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ARRIVED AT 7:05PM.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

Informational

1. City Council Public Speak Out Pilot

Councilor Hurst gave a brief background about the item, stating that President Tracy Whitfield initiated the item. Attorney Thomas Moore, Deputy Solicitor, provided an in-depth explanation. Councilor Perez made a motion to send to the General Government committee and was seconded by Councilor Walsh.

Councilor Govan spoke in favor of the item and would like to move forward.

Councilor Walsh has concerns and would like to meet about this in Committee.

Councilor Brown asked Atty Moore if the public speak outs are recorded? Focus Springfield does record the speak out.

AYES	Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracy Whitfield
NAYS	Michael Fenton

AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSENT	Brian Santaniello

Petitions

2. EVERSOURCE GAS - Pilgrim Road

DPW Director Chris Cignoli spoke on the item. He stated that 2400 inches of plastic pipe would replace the old piping. This would increase pressure.

Councilor Govan stated that she is always hesitant to pass them because it is EVERSOURCE.

The Director stated that EVERSOURCE has been increasing pressure for the last 5 years to satisfy residents.

Councilor Brown would like EVERSOURCE to do better with paving after they dig up a road.

There are many potholes because of this. Director Cignoli stated there can be a Maintenance and Development Committee meeting set up.

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

3. 26-03 REMOVE NO PARKING

DPW Director Chris Cignoli stated that there is no longer a need for the "NO PARKING" signs anymore. They were put in place to prohibit school students from parking on the streets.

Councilor Martin stated that residents were getting ticketed. He also thanked Hecotr Velez for his work on the matter.

Councilor Davila asked for clarification.

AYES	Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar
------	--

	Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSENT	Brian Santaniello

4. 25-48 STOP SIGN FOREST PARK AVE.

Items #4 & #5 were taken together. Director Chris Cignoli stated that the trial period was first, and the residents are in favor and have seen improvements.

Councilor Davila stated that this is a great addition to the area for safety purposes. The Forest Park Civic Association was the applicant.

Councilor Fenton stated that he missed the STOP sign at first, but later noticed a positive impact. This is a great benefit for the neighborhood.

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

5. 25-49 STOP SIGN FOREST PARK AVE.

Items #4 & #5 were taken together. Director Chris Cignoli stated that the trial period was first, and the residents are in favor and have seen improvements.

Councilor Davila stated that this is a great addition to the area for safety purposes. The Forest Park Civic Association was the applicant.

Councilor Fenton stated that he missed the STOP sign at first, but later noticed a positive impact. This is a great benefit for the neighborhood.

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

RECUSE	None
ABSENT	Brian Santaniello

Orders

6. Order Granting Easement to City of Springfield at NS Crystal Brook Drive (Lot 1 of Street Expansion Plan for Crystal Brook Drive)

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI presented the item.

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

Unfinished Business

7. Amending Chapter 279: Peddling and Soliciting - First Step (01/12/2026)

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI stated that there have been 4 sub-committee meetings on this topic. All parties were invited to discuss and provide input. The 3 items of concern were as follows:

- 1- cost of a permit
- 2 - the 500 foot buffer
- 3 - expanding the hours of operation

Councilor Click-Bruce thanked the Director for his time and work on the item. Mobile Food Trucks need clear guidance and rules in place while protecting the quality of life in the neighborhoods. Would like a formal document from the Committee to go to Director Cignoli. Councilor Govan inquired about a Food Truck Park. The Director stated that the City would need to identify an appropriate space. The Councilor stated that she is in favor of this, but keep the fines low.

Councilor Walsh is also concerned with the fees, otherwise supports the item.

Councilor Perez stated that she is on the Committee and she also related that the fees are a concern.

Councilor Martin thanked everyone that worked on this item and the regulation is important.

Councilor Delgado also thanked everyone that worked on this initiative. Would like to see more done for Food Trucks and referenced examples (New Haven, CT).

Councilor Davila asked for clarification on parking. There will be a plan for every Food Truck. There is a need to regulate this industry.

Motion made by Councilor Davila and seconded by Councilor Fenton to remain in Committee.

Councilor Click-Bruce encouraged colleagues to put in writing feedback.

Councilor Hurst does not support this item staying in Committee. DPW Director stated that notifying the Food Truck owners needs to be notified, and that is the most difficult challenge.

May 1st is a targeted date to get started. Many Food Trucks operate year round.

Councilor Edwards inquired if 1st steps allows for the Committee to still meet. Yes it does.

Councilor Brown stated that he has been speaking to Food Truck owners and there are still concerns. Would like this to stay in Committee.

Councilor Walsh thinks a grace period would be appropriate, so the owners can acclimate.

Councilor Delgado asked Atty Shea for clarification.

Councilor Govan does support this going back to Committee.

Councilor Martin wanted to make sure that this would not be enforceable until it passed the 2nd and Final steps.

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

8. CET - Myrtle Street (03/02/2026)

Tina Quagliato-Sullivan presented items # 8 - # 11, and they were taken together. This is a Clean Energy Grant to help the City install and oversee maintenance of Electric Vehicles for the next 5 years. These locations were vetted by the City while working with Neighborhood Councils.

Councilor Click-Bruce & Councilor Perez stated that the Maintenance and Development Committee supports this item.

Councilor Govan spoke in favor of the item.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
------	---

NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

9. CET- Pearl Street (03/02/2026)

Tina Quagliato-Sullivan presented items # 8 - # 11, and they were taken together. This is a Clean Energy Grant to help the City install and oversee maintenance of Electric Vehicles for the next 5 years. These locations were vetted by the City while working with Neighborhood Councils. Councilor Click-Bruce & Councilor Perez stated that the Maintenance and Development Committee supports this item. Councilor Govan spoke in favor of the item.

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

10. CET- ST James Blvd. (03/02/2026)

Tina Quagliato-Sullivan presented items # 8 - # 11, and they were taken together. This is a Clean Energy Grant to help the City install and oversee maintenance of Electric Vehicles for the next 5 years. These locations were vetted by the City while working with Neighborhood Councils. Councilor Click-Bruce & Councilor Perez stated that the Maintenance and Development Committee supports this item. Councilor Govan spoke in favor of the item.

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

RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

11. CET- Main & Jeferson Ave. (03/02/2026)

Tina Quagliato-Sullivan presented items # 8 - # 11, and they were taken together. This is a Clean Energy Grant to help the City install and oversee maintenance of Electric Vehicles for the next 5 years. These locations were vetted by the City while working with Neighborhood Councils. Councilor Click-Bruce & Councilor Perez stated that the Maintenance and Development Committee supports this item. Councilor Govan spoke in favor of the item.

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

12. Order Authorizing a Contract Term Over 3 Years for Food Service Management Company for The Springfield Public Schools (03/02/2026)

Councilor Govan stated that the Finance Committee will be meeting about this item on March 18th. This item will remain in "Unfinished Business"

[MIN_SIGNATURES]