



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

April 7, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO WAS REMOTE FOR THIS MEETING.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

COUNCILORS MARTIN, GOVAN, DAVILA, CLICK-BRUCE, DELGADO, HURST AND SANTANIELLO GAVE THEIR REPORTS OF COMMITTEE.

Informational

1. City Council Public Speak Out Pilot

COUNCILOR HURST MADE A MOTION TO SEND THE ITEM TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR WALSH.

ON THE MOTION:

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

2. February Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

DEPUTY COMPTROLLER HEATHER BENJAMIN SPOKE ON THE REPORT.

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

Petitions

3. EVERSOURCE- Girard Avenue

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE ITEM. THIS IS FOR THE CIRCLE APARTMENTS POWER INCREASE.

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

4. Honorary Street Sign – Pastor Andrew Daniels

SABRINA BRANTLEY SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION OF AN HONORARY STREET SIGN FOR PASTOR ANDREW DANIELS ON DWIGHT STREET IN SPRINGFIELD.

COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE AND PEREZ SPOKE AS CO-SPONSORS IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR

COUNCILOR DAVILA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF THE PETITION AND ASKED TO BE ADDED AS A CO-SPONSOR

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED THAT ALL COUNCILORS BE ADDED TO THE PETITION.

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

5. Discontinuance of Cloverdale Street

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE DISCONTINUANCE.

MR. CIGNOLI GAVE A BRIEF SUMMARY NOTING THAT THE DISCONTINUANCE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED THAT TWO OF THE PETITIONERS ARE LLC'S. HE ASKED ATTORNEY SHEA IF THE LLC CAN PETITION FOR A DISCONTINUANCE.

ATTORNEY SHEA CLARIFIED THAT YES. THE OFFICERS OF THE LLC CAN SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED IF THE NEW BUILDING WOULD A MOSQUE.

COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED THE CITY CLERK IF THE PETITIONER HAS MET WITH THE FPCA. HE NOTED THAT HE WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF THE PETITIONER MET WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AND MADE A MOTION TO SEND TO THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO.

COUNCILOR WALSH ASKED DIRECTOR CIGNOLI IF A DISCONTINUANCE HAS TO GO BEFORE THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. MR. CIGNOLI RESPONDED.

COUNCILOR WALSH NOTED THAT SHE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED IF THE PETITIONERS WOULD BE PAYING FOR THE PROPERTY. DIRECTOR CIGNOLI NOTED THAT THE PETITIONERS WOULD NOT BE PAYING. IT WOULD BE A TRANSFER. COUNCILOR HURST NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION TO COMMITTEE.

ATTORNEY BARTLEY SPOKE ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONER AND RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILOR DAVILA.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WHITFIELD NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DISPOSE OF THE VOTE.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED FOR A RECESS.

ON THE MOTION:

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

Grants

6. Lead Hazard Reduction Grant — \$5,123,276.05

TINA QUAGLIATO-SULLIVAN, BEDFORD ROAD-SPRINGFIELD, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

SHE PROVIDED DETAILS ON THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE GRANT.

COUNCILOR PEREZ SPOKE ON THE GRANT AND THANKED THE ADMINISTRATION FOR PURSUING THE GRANT FUNDING.

COUNCILOR GOVAN SPOKE ON THE GRANT AND NOTED HER SUPPORT.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED HOW MUCH OF THE GRANT FUNDING WOULD BE DEDICATED TO RADON DETECTION.

MRS. QUAGLIATO-SULLIVAN RESPONDED.

ITEMS # 6 & 7 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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

ABSENT	Malo Brown, Michael Fenton
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7. Commonwealth Federal Match & Debt Reduction Fund Grant — up to \$700,000

TINA QUAGLIATO-SULLIVAN, BEDFORD ROAD-SPRINGFIELD, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
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8. Order Authorizing Expenditure of FY27 Chapter 90 Funds (\$5,019,060.65 total) (Mayor Sarno)

CHRIS CIGNOLI, DPW DIRECTOR, SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
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9. Honoraria Donation to Gerry McCafferty — \$300

UNDER THE THRESHOLD. VOTE TAKEN ON THE DONATION.

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

AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
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Unfinished Business

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

COUNCILOR MARTIN ASKED FOR THE ITEM TO BE SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE SO THAT A JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL BE HELD.

11. Wilbraham Avenue / Discontinue (02/02/2026)

PER DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI, SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE FORMALLY WITHDREW THIS PETITION AND WILL FORWARD ON TO THE CITY CLERK.

12. Amending Chapter 279: Peddling and Soliciting - Second and Final Steps

THE COUNCIL TOOK A VOTE TO TAKE THIS ITEM OUT OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM.

THE COUNCIL DISCUSSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MOBILE FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE FOLLOWING 5 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS. COUNCILOR CLICK-BRUCE PROPOSED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS. DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI RESPONDED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.
COUNCILOR MARTIN RAISED CONCERNS ABOUT FOOD TRUCKS NEAR BARS CAUSING CROWD DISPERSAL ISSUES AFTER CLOSING HOURS, LEADING TO A PROPOSAL TO ALLOW EXTENDED HOURS ON THE WEEKENDS UNTIL 1 AM. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO MODIFY THE LANGUAGE FROM "SPECIAL PERMIT" TO "CITY COUNCIL ISSUED PERMIT."
SEVERAL COUNCILORS INCLUDING COUNCILORS GOVAN, PEREZ, DELGADO, WALSH, MARTIN AND DAVILA SUGGESTED REFINING THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE.
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE:

- FEE FOR ALL MOBILE FOOD TRUCKS MODIFIED TO \$125 PER YEAR.
- IF A LOT HAS 3 OR MORE FOOD TRUCKS, IT IS CONSIDERED A "MOBILE FOOD TRUCK PARK" AND WILL REQUIRE "MOBILE FOOD TRUCK PERMIT APPROVAL" FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.
- NO MOBILE FOOD TRUCK WILL OPERATE WITHIN 50 FEET OF A

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. IF A FOOD TRUCK HAS A GENERATOR OF ANY TYPE, THE DISTANCE IS 100 FEET.

- NO MOBILE FOOD TRUCK IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE WITHIN 100' OF ANY GAS / DIESEL FUEL DISPENSER.
- HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ALL FOOD TRUCKS WILL BE FROM 6 AM TO 11 PM. ANY FOOD TRUCK THAT WOULD LIKE TO OPERATE OUTSIDE THOSE HOURS, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A "MOBILE FOOD TRUCK PERMIT APPROVAL" FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

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