



City Council
Regular Meeting

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

~Final~

Gladys Oyola-Lopez

May 18, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

ALL COUNCILORS PRESENT AND ON TIME.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

COUNCILOR GOVAN REPORTED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNCILOR MARTIN REPORTED ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Petitions

1. EVERSOURCE - 90 Cherokee Drive

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI REPORTED ON ITEMS 1-3 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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	

2. EVERSOURCE – 270 Oak Hollow Road

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI REPORTED ON ITEMS 1-3 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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	

3. EVERSOURCE – Orlando Street

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI REPORTED ON ITEMS 1-3 WITHOUT OBEJECTION.

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	

4. 26-10 STOCKBRIDGE STREET - (30) Minute Loading Zone

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI PRESENTED THIS 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	

Grants

5. Springfield City Library Donation - \$22.00

ITEMS # 5 & # 6 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNDER THE THRESHOLD.

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	

6. FY26 Libraries Cash Donation - \$53.80

ITEMS # 5 & # 6 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION. UNDER THE THRESHOLD.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	

Orders

7. FY25 Police BOPY - \$10,051.36

CAFO BUONO SPOKE ON THE BOPY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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
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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	

8. FY25 Free Cash to Snow & Ice - \$1,800,000

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE TRANSFER.

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	

**9. Order Granting Permanent Utility Easement to NSTAR / Eversource at
120 Ashland Avenue (Alfred M. Glickman Elementary School)**

JOHN CARIGAN PRESENTED BOTH ITEMS # 9 & # 10 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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	

**10. Order Granting Permanent Utility Easement to NSTAR / Eversource at
90 Cherokee Drive (Frank H. Freedman Elementary School)**

JOHN CARIGAN PRESENTED BOTH ITEMS # 9 & # 10 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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	

11. Amendment No. 2 To: Order of Taking (X Project)

DPW DIRECTOR CIGNOLI SPOKE ABOUT THE NEED FOR THE AMENDEMENT DUE TO NEW OWNERSHIP.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	

Resolution

12. In-Person Attendance at City Council Meetings

SPONSORED BY COUNCILOR MARTIN. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN 5 YEARS WITH 100 PERCENT ATTENDANCE. COUNCILOR BROWN STATED THAT HEALTH COMMISSIONER HELEN CAULTON HARRIS WAS NOT CONSULTED. GAVE SENATOR JON VELIS AS AN EXAMPLE. COUNCILOR GOVAN VERIFIED WITH HER STATE REPRESENTATIVE. HER CONSTITUENTS ARE IN FAVOR OF IN PERSON ATTENDANCE. SHE IS IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION. COUNCILOR PEREZ STATED THAT HER ASTHMA GETS SO BAD THAT SHE IS NOT

ABLE TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION, AND WANTED THIS TO BE HEARD IN COMMITTEE FIRST.

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO STATED THAT THIS RESOLUTION IS A VIOLATION OF HIPAA LAWS AND ALSO AGREED THIS RESOLUTION SHOULD HAVE BEEN HEARD IN COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR DELGADO WORKS ACROSS THE STATE AND APPRECIATES THE FLEXIBILITY OF ZOOM AND SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTION.

COUNCILOR EDWARDS STATED THAT HE WAS OUT FOR 5 MONTHS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT. SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTION AND DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ZOOM ATTENDANCE IS DISRESPECTFUL.

COUNCILOR WALSH STATED THAT LIFE HAPPENS AND SOMETIMES IN PERSON ATTENDANCE SHOULD BE MANDATORY. SHE MADE A MOTION TO SEND THE RESOLUTION TO COMMITTEE, AND IT WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO.

COUNCILOR MARTIN IS AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION GOING TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR HURST IS IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION GOING TO COMMITTEE.

THIS IS NOT HIGH PRIORITY TO RESIDENTS. HE ALSO DID THE STATS IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE. HE IS CONCERNED IF ZOOM GOES AWAY, IT WILL DISCOURAGE FUTURE CANDIDATES FROM RUNNING.

COUNCILOR WHITFIELD ASKED COUNCILOR DELGADO TO TAKE OVER THE PODIUM TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THE HEALTHY CONVERSATION. THANKS COUNCILOR MARTIN FOR BRINGING THIS RESOLUTION, BUT HAS NOT HEARD OF THIS AS A CONCERN FROM RESIDENTS. AGREES THIS SHOULD GO TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR BROWN SUPPORTS THIS GOING TO COMMITTEE.

COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE MADE A MOTION TO MOVE THE QUESTION AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILOR EDWARDS.

Unfinished Business

13. **City Council Public Speak Out Pilot (01/12/2026)**

14. **Discontinuance of Cloverdale Street - (04/07/2026)**

DPW DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI SPOKE ON THE ITEM, AND ATTY DAVID BARTLEY PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE PETITIONERS.

COUNCILOR DAVILA NOTED SUPPORT FOR THE PETITIONERS.

COUNCILOR HURST ASKED THE PETITIONERS TO STEP TO THE PODIUM TO RELAY A CONSTITUENT'S STORY.

ATTORNEY BARTLEY REFUTED THE STORY STATING THAT THE MOSQUE HAS ONLY PURCHASED LAND.

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ABSENT	

15. **Supporting the establishment of the Springfield Community Impact and Stabilization Fund in connection with the Springfield Regional Justice Center Public-Private Partnership Lease (04/13/2026)**

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