



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

May 26, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILORS PEREZ AND DELGADO WERE ABSENT AND COUNCILOR GOVAN WAS REMOTE FOR THIS MEETING.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Special Permits

1. **Special Permit — 1780 Boston Road (01655-0363) to operate a drive-up service window.**

Danny Hannoush, from West Springfield, spoke in support of the change of use. Councilors Brown, Hurst, and Govan spoke on the item. All three councilors spoke in support of the special permit.

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

2. **136 Nursery Street and a portion of 163–165 Stafford Street - Motor vehicle repairs.**

Misael Colon, 136 Nursery Street, spoke about the special permit for Dino's Auto Repair shop. Councilor Brown asked the petitioner how long he had been operating and why he knew he

needed a special permit.

Phil Dromey explained. Mr. Colon was cited because the business was sold to him, and the special permit was never amended.

Councilor Fenton noted that the petitioner appeared before the Hungry Hill Neighborhood Council, and the neighborhood council had no problem with the special permit request.

Councilor Fenton noted that the business was in Councilor Perez's.

Councilor Fenton made a motion to continue, and Councilor Edwards seconded.

Councilor Fenton withdrew the motion to continue so that

Zone Changes

3. Zone Change — 376-378 Main Street, I.O. (08132-0097) From Residence C to Commercial P

James Ferrera, 33 Palmyra Street, spoke in support of the item.

Councilor Santaniello asked if the change would provide additional parking.

Mr. Ferrera noted that there would be additional parking.

Councilor Brown asked what type of food would be provided.

Dariusz Winkiewicz, 57-59 Quebec St, spoke in opposition to the zone change.

Eddie Ramos, of Ludlow, spoke in opposition to the zone change. He noted that his parents own 58-60 Quebec Street.

Councilor Davila asked if either of the opponents lives on Quebec Street. Both opponents own residential properties on Quebec Street.

Councilor Brown spoke again and provided ideas for mitigating traffic concerns.

Councilor Govan noted that the petitioners did go before the Indian Orchard Citizens' Council.

Phil Dromey provided clarification to the Council.

James Ferrera submitted a petition signed by the abutters. Stated that they have and will continue to work with 2 individuals that oppose the change.

Mr. Winkowicz spoke again in opposition to the zone change.

Mr. Ramos spoke again in opposition to the zone change.

Councilor Whitfield inquired if residents could park in the parking lots when the restaurant is closed or if there is snow. Mr Ferrera stated that he would be happy to work with the neighbors on a parking plan. The lot has been vacant for over 2 years and they plan on cleaning it and bringing it to standard. Councilor Whitfield gave an example of a restaurant in Indian Orchard that does not have parking and it hurts the restaurant business.

Councilor Fenton clarified with Phil Dromey that a Commercial P zone is strictly for parking and cannot be changed.

He noted that if the Council leaves the petitioner with a Residence C property, the petitioner could increase the intensity of use of the property.

Councilor Govan spoke again in support of the zone change. She also noted that making Quebec a "one-way street."

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