



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

June 1, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO WAS REMOTE FOR THIS MEETING. COUNCILOR DAVILA ARRIVED LATE AT 6:44 PM. COUNCILOR BROWN ARRIVED REMOTELY AT 6:50 PM. COUNCILOR DELGADO WAS ABSENT.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

COUNCILOR GOVAN STATED THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MET BEFORE TONIGHT'S MEETING TO DISCUSS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
COUNCILOR DAVILA STATED THE SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIORNMENT COMMITTEE HELD TWO MEETINGS.

Informational

1. Conformation of Appointment to the Springfield Redevelopment Authority — Asiala Rivera

Councilor Hurst spoke on the appointment and referenced the General Government meeting where the appointment of Asiala Rivera was discussed.

Ms. Rivera spoke.

Councilors Perez, Govan, Fenton, Edwards, Santaniello, Martin, Davila and Walsh spoke in support of Ms. Rivera's appointment.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

2. Referral - Zone Change WS Gilbert Avenue - Residence A to Residence B

3. April Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

Comptroller Patrick Burns, 90 Clemens Street, spoke on the item.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

Grants

4. Donation of Goods to Elder Affairs - Go fresh Mobile Market

Items #'s 4-6 were taken together without objection, below the threshold.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

5. GOLF FOR KIDS - No Match Required - \$2,600

Items #'s 4-6 were taken together without objection, below the threshold.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

6. FY26 MBLC State Aid Grant Increase - No Match Required - \$4,754.55

Items #'s 4-6 were taken together without objection, below the threshold.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

7. Community Development - FY27 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - \$322,650.00

Tina Quagliato spoke on the item

Councilor Santaniello asked if there were seniors living out of their vehicles, and noted that the shelters were at capacity.

Geraldine McCafferty responded.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

8. Community Development - FY27 HOME Entitlement Grant - \$1,461,823.34

Tina Quagliato spoke on the item

Councilor Perez asked if the housing lottery was part of this grant.

Councilor Santaniello asked how the community was notified about these programs.

Councilor Govan asked if this grant would help with new housing.

Councilor Click-Bruce asked about the use of "robo-calls" to spread the word.

Ms. Quagliato responded.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

9. Community Development - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Grant - \$3,681,050.00

Tina Quagliato spoke on the grant.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

10. Community Development - FY27 HUD Continuum of Care Grant - \$10,358,841

Geraldine McCafferty spoke on the grant. Councilor Perez recused from the vote.

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

Orders

11. Cable PEG Access Account Comcast Franchise Fee — \$121,430.16

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item
 Councilor Davila asked if the amount awarded has decreased.
 CAFO Buono that the amount has decreased.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

12. FY25 Free Cash to EPA grant transfer — \$12,920.37

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item.
 Councilor Perez asked if it's appropriate to pay if the item is still in litigation.
 CAFO Buono responded.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado
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13. Budget Transfer Across Departments - \$121,500

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

14. FY25 Free Cash to Benefits — \$625,000

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item.

HR Director William Mahoney spoke on the item, providing a detailed explanation of the Workers' Compensation and on-duty injury claims.

Councilor Santaniello asked if it was mainly attributed to DPW and about the education process.

Mahoney noted it was DPW, Police and Fire.

Councilor Davila asked how much the extra was costing the COS and what departments are experiencing an increase in injuries.

Councilor Govan noted the free cash that the COS is using to cover the bills that the City has to pay. Residents cannot do that with their personal budgets.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Jose Delgado

15. FY25 Free Cash to Fire — \$800,000

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

16. Bond Proceeds to Various Capital Projects — \$5,865,610.45

Deputy CAFO Lindsay Hackett spoke on the item.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, 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	Jose Delgado

17. Order Accepting Gift of Real Estate

CAFO Cathy Buono spoke on the item.

Councilor Brown asked what if a person in the public wanted those parcels.

CAFO Buono responded.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	Jose Delgado

Ordinance

18. Amended Ordinance Chapter 16 Article V - Youth Commission

City Solicitor Buoniconti spoke on the item.

Councilor Click-Bruce spoke and asked if a member of the City Council could be appointed as well.

Solicitor Buoniconti responded.

Councilor Govan asked if there was an adult assigned to oversee the Youth Committee.

HHS Commissioner Helen Caulton-Harris spoke and noted that Shannel Ford would be the HHS-appointed staff member.

Councilor Govan noted that Councilor Martin is the Council representative appointed to the School Committee and asked that he be included in the meetings.

Councilor Walsh noted that she will vote against it. The City Council will be voting on amending an ordinance, but will not have any say on the ordinance.

Councilor Hurst noted that he will vote against the item. He echoed the concerns of Councilors Click-Bruce and Walsh.

Councilor Davila asked about the number, age, compensation, and mechanism of appointment of the members of the Youth Commission.

Councilor Martin spoke on the item

Councilor Perez asked why the City Council was voting on this item tonight and not the School Committee.

Councilor Brown asked about amending the ordinance to add a City Council member to the Commission.

Councilor Santaniello made a motion to committee. The motion was seconded by Councilor Edwards.

Councilor President Whitfield asked Councilor Walsh to take the podium so that she could speak on the motion.

Councilor Whitfield spoke on the ordinance amendment. Noted selection process of the youth and exclusion of the City Council. Supports motion to committee.

Resolution

19. Resolution Requesting Road and Sidewalk Repairs in East Forest Park

Councilor Martin spoke on the resolution.

Councilor Brown spoke in support and asked to be added to the resolution.

Councilor Davila spoke in support of the resolution and noted that one of the streets listed was scheduled for repair over the summer.

Councilor Santaniello spoke in support of the item and asked if the sidewalks mentioned

Councilor Hurst asked if damage to the sidewalks was due to the tornado. He noted his hesitancy because passing this resolution could some existing repairs lower on the list .

Councilor Perez asked if there are specific streets that are being addressed by this resolution.

Councilor Martin noted 4 streets that need repairs as a result of

Councilor Walsh took the podium at the request of the City Council President. Councilor Whitfield commended Councilor Martin on representing his ward and asked him to be more inclusive of other neighborhoods that were also affected by the tornado. Councilor Whitfield made a motion to committee, seconded by Councilor Hurst.

Unfinished Business

20. **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)**
21. **In-Person Attendance at City Council Meetings (05/18/2026)**

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