



City Council
General Government
Meeting

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

Justin Hurst (Chair)

~Final~

June 9, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person:

Erica Cruz
Councilor Hurst, Chair
Councilor Martin
Katie Talbot
Tyler Jones
Jose Bonilla
Michael Wright
Simbrit Paskins
Bonnie Inserra
Rose Webster-Smith
Tracy Carpenter
Luz Valentin
Anais Martinez

Remote:

Councilor Walsh
Councilor Click-Bruce
Councilor Davila *L
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Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	

Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Remote	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Remote *L	4:45 PM
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Remote	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Call To Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on June 9, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Discussion On Rent Control Resolution.

Minutes:

On June 9, 2026, the General Government Subcommittee, chaired by Councilor Justin Hurst, met to discuss a resolution supporting House Bill 2328 and Senate Bill 1447, state legislation filed by Senator Adam Gomez that would allow municipalities to adopt local rent stabilization and tenant protection measures. Councilors Gerry Martin, Kateri Walsh, Lavar Click-Bruce, and Victor Davila expressed support for the resolution and discussed concerns regarding rising rents, housing insecurity, displacement, affordability, and the impact on seniors, working families, and young residents.

Residents and representatives from Springfield No One Leaves, Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts, National Center for Civic Empowerment, and Mass Senior Action provided testimony regarding rent increases, housing instability, homelessness concerns, fixed incomes, overcrowding, property taxes, and barriers to affordable housing. Several speakers shared personal experiences related to displacement, unsafe housing conditions, and rising housing costs in Springfield. Committee members noted the resolution is non-binding and intended to support

local authority for future housing policy decisions.

The subcommittee voted to send the resolution to the full City Council with a favorable recommendation. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:06 p.m.

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