



**City Council**  
**General Government**  
**Meeting**

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

**Justin Hurst (Chair)**

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**June 11, 2026**

**12:00 PM**

**City Hall - Room 200**

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**Roll Call**

**Remote:**

Councilor Hurst, Chair

Councilor Walsh

Councilor Martin

National Center for Civic Empowerment Inc.

Erica Cruz

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Remote	
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	Remote	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Absent	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Excused	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	

Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
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### **Call To Order**

12:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 11, 2026, ZOOM ONLY.

### **Public Portion**

#### **1. In-Person Attendance at City Council Meetings**

#### **Minutes:**

On June 11, 2026, the General Government Subcommittee, chaired by Councilor Justin Hurst, met to discuss a resolution regarding in-person participation at City Council meetings. Councilor Gerry Martin presented a revised draft encouraging councilors to attend regular meetings in person whenever reasonably possible, while allowing exceptions for illness, family emergencies, and other hardships. Proposed changes removed language giving the Council President authority over exceptions and revised wording related to remote participation concerns.

Committee members discussed the role of remote participation, accessibility, quorum requirements, participation by department heads and petitioners, and whether the proposal should be pursued as a future rules change rather than a resolution. Concerns were raised regarding potential impacts on meeting attendance, public participation, and procedural requirements. A resident spoke in support of increased in-person attendance while maintaining remote access for emergencies and accommodations.

The committee voted to forward the matter to the full City Council for further consideration. Councilor Martin stated he would consult with the Law Department regarding the revised language and any procedural requirements before the item returns to the Council. The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:35 p.m.

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