



City Council

Planning & Economic Development Subcommittee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Jose Delgado (Chair)

~Final~

July 9, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Excused	
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	Absent	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Present	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Excused	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	

In Person:

Councilor Jose Delgado, Chair
Gerry McCarthety, Director of Housing
Councilor Victor Davila
Jeanette DeForge, The Republican

James _____, Reporter

Virtual:

Charles Buki, CZB

Councilor Justin Hurst, Member

Council President Tracye Whitfield

Denise Jordan, Spfld Housing Authority

Samantha Hamilton, PHIWM, Live Well Spfld

Amber Lynch, CZB

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 9, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Update on Springfield Housing Plan
2. Recommendation for New Direction for Housing Strategy from the City's Housing Plan Consultant

Minutes:

July 9, 2026, the Planning and Economic Development Subcommittee, chaired by Councilor Jose Delgado, received an update on the Springfield Housing Plan and preliminary recommendations from the City's consultant, CZB. The presentation summarized housing market analysis, property conditions, crime, code enforcement, and community input gathered through public meetings and advisory groups.

The consultant reported that Springfield's housing challenges are closely tied to neighborhood conditions and quality of life. Preliminary recommendations included strengthening code enforcement, improving oversight of rental properties, encouraging property maintenance and reinvestment, and implementing neighborhood-specific, block-by-block strategies to improve housing stability and support long-term investment.

The committee discussed housing trends, middle-class retention, code enforcement staffing, available resources, and strategies used in comparable cities. The consultant stated that long-term investment, additional staffing, and coordinated efforts across departments and community partners will be needed to improve neighborhood conditions and support the housing market. The committee requested that the final report include implementation strategies and examples from other municipalities. The Housing Department will return with the completed plan for

further review.

Meeting adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

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