



## City Council

### Finance Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Zaida Govan (Chair)

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July 13, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

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### 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 | Present |         |
| Kateri Walsh      | City Councilor At Large | Excused |         |
| Justin Hurst      | City Councilor At Large | Excused |         |
| Victor Davila     | City Councilor — Ward 6 | Present |         |
| Michael Fenton    | City Councilor — Ward 2 | Excused |         |
| Jose Delgado      | City Councilor At Large | Excused |         |
| Lavar Click-Bruce | City Councilor — Ward 5 | Absent  |         |
| Melvin Edwards    | City Councilor — Ward 3 | Excused |         |
| Tracye Whitfield  | City Councilor At Large | Excused |         |

#### In Person

Councilor Zaida Govan (Committee member)

Councilor Victor Davila (Committee Member)

Shane Dillon

Media (22 News)

Duncan

Zoom

Lindsay Hackett  
M. Toni McComb  
Steven Carosello

**Call To Order**

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 13, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

**Public Portion**

1. Discussion on the Fiscal Accountability & Budget Review Special Committee

**Minutes:**

On July 13, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, convened to begin the work of the Fiscal Accountability and Budget Review Special Committee. The committee discussed its goal of reviewing departmental budgets to promote fiscal accountability, increase transparency, and identify opportunities to reduce the long-term impact of budget growth on taxpayers.

The chair reported that requests for detailed budget information had been sent to several City departments, including Finance, Public Works, and Planning. Committee members stated that the review process is intended to improve understanding of departmental spending, identify potential efficiencies, and develop recommendations for future budget cycles. The committee acknowledged that the current fiscal year budget has already been adopted but expressed interest in exploring options to reduce future property tax impacts.

Members also discussed the financial challenges facing residents and the importance of maintaining responsible fiscal planning as they evaluate available revenue sources. The committee indicated that future meetings will be scheduled as departmental budget information is received and reviewed.

Meeting adjourned: 5:35 p.m.

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