



City Council

Joint Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
(Chair)
Councilor Michael Fenton (Chair)

July 16, 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	Virtual	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Virtual	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Present	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Virtual	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Present	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Present	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Absent	

Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
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In Person:

Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
Councilor Jose Delgado
Councilor Victor Davila
State Rep Carlos Gonzalez
Jay Latorre
Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW
Pat Garrity, DPW
Various Food Truck Constituents

Zoom:

Helen Caulton, Commissioner, HHS
Councilor Zaida Govan
Council President Tracye Whitfield
Councilor Maria Perez
Councilor Kateri Walsh
Councilor Justin Hurst
Ayanna Crawford
Kathy Brown, East Spfld Neighborhood Council
Various Food Truck Constituents

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 16, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Discussion on the Food Truck Ordinance Effective July 1, 2026, and Related Issues

Minutes:

On July 16, 2026, the Maintenance and Development, Intergovernmental and State and Federal Relations Committees, chaired by Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce, met jointly to review the implementation of the City's Food Truck Ordinance, which took effect on July 1, 2026. City officials provided an overview of the ordinance, explaining that it was developed in response to complaints regarding food truck operations on private property and extends permitting standards that have long applied to food trucks operating in the public way. Officials also reported that outreach had been conducted through public meetings, email notifications, and informational flyers, that eight permit applications had been submitted, and that enforcement efforts had

focused on education and compliance rather than issuing fines.

Committee members discussed the ordinance's implementation, including notification methods, permitting requirements, application procedures, fees, and the need to balance neighborhood concerns with support for small businesses. Members raised concerns about communication with vendors, language accessibility, access to applications, and navigating approvals through multiple City departments. Suggestions included creating a one-stop permitting process, improving multilingual outreach, providing clearer guidance for applicants, and strengthening coordination among departments.

State Representative Carlos Gonzalez and several committee members emphasized the importance of continued outreach, improved communication, and collaboration with food truck owners as the ordinance is implemented. Members also discussed gathering additional feedback from vendors, residents, and businesses while exploring ways to improve implementation and support compliance. The committees then received public comment from food truck owners and other stakeholders regarding the ordinance and its implementation.

Meeting adjourned: 7:07 p.m.

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