



City Council
**Sustainability &
Environment Meeting**

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

Councilor Victor Davila (Chair)

~Final~

July 20, 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	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Absent	
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	Absent	
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	

In Person

Councilor Victor Davila

Councilor Gerry Martin

Jeanette Deforge(mass live)

Jorge (Journalist w/ Las Voz Media)

Ms. Corey Durham (Resident-outer belt)

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 20, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Discussion on Operation Clean Sweep and Ticket Enforcement for Property Maintenance

Minutes:

On July 20, 2026, the Sustainability and Environment Committee, chaired by Councilor Victor Davila, met to discuss illegal dumping, property maintenance, and quality-of-life concerns throughout the City. The chair explained that the meeting was prompted by a significant illegal dumping incident on Orleans Street in May and the need to examine response times, enforcement practices, interdepartmental communication, and the City's fine structure. Due to the absence of the requested department representatives, the committee indicated that it would schedule a future meeting to continue the discussion.

Committee members discussed the ongoing challenges posed by illegal dumping, repeated code violations, and deteriorating property conditions. Members highlighted concerns regarding inconsistent enforcement, repeat offenders, absentee property owners, and the need for stronger legal tools to encourage compliance. The committee also discussed Operation Clean Sweep, noting the high volume of illegal dumping complaints addressed each week during the summer months and the importance of providing City departments with adequate resources to improve the neighborhood's quality of life.

Residents and committee members emphasized the impact that neglected properties, illegal dumping, and litter have on neighborhoods, property values, and public confidence. Discussion included exploring best practices from other communities, strengthening coordination among City departments, evaluating enforcement options for repeat offenders, and considering whether existing cleanup efforts should be expanded to include commercial properties. The chair encouraged residents to continue reporting illegal dumping and neighborhood concerns as the committee works toward developing long-term solutions.

Meeting adjourned: 5:39 p.m.

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