



City Council
Public Safety Meeting

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Councilor Gerry Martin (Chair)

August 11, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on August 11, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Absent	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Excused	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Virtual	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	

In Person:

Councilor Gerry Martin-Chair
Lt Ricardo Viruet-SPD

Dorris Goodson
Micahel Fetreault
Maxine Brown
Linda Boyle
Stacy Pringle
Michele Pringle
Queenie Pringle
Joe Garde
Barbara Garde
Joseph Garde
Elizabeth Glenn
Allen Wilkerson
+3 constituents

Virtual:

Council President Tracye Whitfield
Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
Councilor Brian Santaniello, Member

Public Portion

1. Discussion of Party-Related Disturbances and Speeding Concerns on Sunbrier Road.

Minutes:

On August 11, 2026, the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Councilor Gerry Martin, met to address party-related disturbances, speeding, and public safety concerns on Sunbrier Road. Residents reported recurring large gatherings that resulted in excessive noise, vehicles blocking driveways and streets, speeding, litter, people entering neighboring properties, and concerns about emergency vehicle access. Residents also reported an incident involving a person being struck by a vehicle and expressed concerns about neighborhood safety and quality of life.

Springfield Police reviewed recent calls for service and discussed how large gatherings are evaluated based on crowd size, street access, noise, possible underage drinking, and other safety conditions. Police encouraged residents to report concerns as they occur and provide specific information to dispatch to assist with the appropriate response. Police agreed to follow up with area supervisors, traffic personnel, ordinance enforcement, and officers assigned to the neighborhood.

The property owner participated in the discussion and agreed to maintain communication with

the tenant, residents, City Council members, and police regarding future gatherings. The committee also addressed ongoing speeding and traffic concerns in the neighborhood. The discussion resulted in a plan for improved communication, early notification of large gatherings, police follow-up, and continued coordination among residents, the property owner, City officials, and law enforcement.

Meeting adjourned: 5:55 p.m.

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