



City Council

Joint Meeting

~ Final ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Thursday, March 14, 2019

5:30 PM

See Agenda

I. Call to Order

5:30 PM Meeting called to order on March 14, 2019 at See Agenda, City of Springfield, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Tracye Whitfield	Councilwoman	Present	
Adam Gomez	Ward 1 Councilor	Present	
Timothy Ryan		Excused	
Michael A. Fenton	Ward 2 Councilor	Excused	
Melvin A. Edwards	Ward 3 Councilor	Present	
E. Henry Twiggs	Ward 4 Councilor	Excused	
Kenneth E. Shea	Ward 6 Councilor	Excused	
Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Excused	
Jesse Lederman		Present	
Marcus J Williams	vice-president	Excused	
Timothy C. Allen	Ward 7 Councilor	Present	
Kateri B. Walsh	At-Large Councilor	Excused	
Justin Hurst	President	Present	

2. Location: Rebecca M Johnson School 55 Catharine Street Springfield, MA 01109

II. Public Portion

III. Joint hearing meeting on housing issues.

Geraldine McCafferty, Director of Housing

75% african american/hispanics in springfield, 5% with housing code violations, looking to work with families to increase revenue in the home.

Eliues Acuna, Realtors Association

mentioned the market is a sellers market. 60% of homes are single family homes, increase in sales 27% last five years. average sell per home is \$171,000. Less than two months on the market. Also have seen an increase in multi family homes.

Home City Housing

residents not able to pay rent. a lot of delayed maintenance. re-develope affordable housing. own 400 units would like to see if we can get residents jobs.

Dave Cotter

Only 8 city inspectors, usually have all inspectors on site and if they don't comply will automatically condemn the home.

Denise Jordan

3rd largest in the commonwealth of MA for housing

849 federal units

908 elderly units

2 year waiting list average wait time is 10 years. Concerned with public housing moving forward.

Liz-Arise

the community she deals with don't make 10,000

landlords are the issue

if there is an issue with landlords it should go to housing court not district court.

also stated that we need dedicated people in the law department.

43% of the population are renters - city of springfield

Rose Smith, No One Leaves

looking to come up with solutions to keep the families here

public database resources that can help residents

create an anti foreclosure ordinance

make grants available to the residents

community land trust

Sarah, Way Finders

Recent study indicates we need more homes in the city of springfield

1 out of 4 homebuyers are purchasing two family homes.

Way Finders, COS, OLD HILL are in collaborations

blight in old hill 2004 - 62 new rehab homes by the old hill revitalization collaboration.

Pedro Martinez, CHD

Average age of a homeless person is 9 years old

wants to find them clean housing

not affordable rental properties

Offer residents stipends.

Looking to get a task force.

Leo Williams, Springfield Neighborhood

wants to create wealth for residents

rehab access homes and home improvements