



City Council

Joint Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Victor Davila (Chair)
Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
(Chair)

July 28, 2026

4:00 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	Absent	
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	Present	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Present	

Zoom

Josh Schimmel
Bondis Island Team
Anthony Wilson(W&S general Counsel)
Councilor Click Bruce(M&D Chair)
President Whitfield
Steven Fredrick

In Person

Councilor Davila(Sus &Env Chair)

Atty Ken Shea

Call To Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on July 28, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

1. Overview and discussion of the City's Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) System, including the regulatory framework, investments to date, and water quality.

Minutes:

On July 28, 2026, the Sustainability and Environment Committee, chaired by Councilor Victor Davila, and the Maintenance and Development Committee, chaired by Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce, held a joint meeting to review Springfield's combined sewer overflow system and drinking water quality. Water and Sewer Commission officials explained that overflows occur during heavy rain or rapid snowmelt when the combined system exceeds capacity, helping prevent sewage from backing up into streets and basements. Officials reported approximately 9.4 million gallons of combined stormwater and sewage overflow during the previous month. Overflow activity is publicly monitored, reported to the state, and accompanied by advisories to avoid affected waterways for 48 hours.

The Commission reported investing more than \$300 million in overflow reduction, including a \$140 million project that reduced combined sewer overflows by approximately 52 percent. Councilors discussed the need for regional funding, the impact of stormwater runoff, river debris, and the environmental harm caused by wipes and other materials that should not be flushed.

Officials reported that haloacetic acid levels, known as HAA5, continue to fluctuate and remain out of compliance overall. The Commission stated that Springfield's water remains safe to drink and use normally because the potential concern is associated with long-term exposure. Construction of the new treatment plant is continuing, with completion anticipated around 2028 or 2029. PCBs found in existing building materials are being addressed in coordination with environmental regulators. The meeting was informational, and no votes were taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

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