



**City Council**  
**Sustainability &  
Environment Meeting**

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

**Victor Davila (Chair)**

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**August 3, 2026**

**4:45 PM**

**City Hall - Room 200**

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**Roll Call**

**In Person:**

Councilor Victor Davila, Chair  
Attorney Ken Shea, Law Dept  
Councilor Gerry Martin  
Cory Duraum, Constituent  
Channel 40  
John Megas, Constituent

**Virtual:**

Mike McCloskey, SPD  
Hailegh Thomas, WWLP  
Tom MacCarthy  
Keith O'Connor, Code Enforcement  
Mike Jachym, Code Enforcement  
Jenny?  
Councilor Zaida Govan  
Councilor Kateri Walsh  
Steve Desilets, Building Commissioner

| 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 | Zoom    |         |
| Kateri Walsh      | City Councilor At Large | Zoom    |         |

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|-------------------|-------------------------|---------|--|
| 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 |  |

### **Call To Order**

4:45 PM Meeting called to order on August 3, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

### **Public Portion**

1. Continued discussion on illegal dumping
2. How Fines are Structured
3. Interdepartmental Communication

### **Minutes:**

On August 3, 2026, the Sustainability and Environment Subcommittee, chaired by Councilor Victor Davila, continued its discussion on illegal dumping, property maintenance, and interdepartmental coordination. The committee reviewed enforcement practices, communication among City departments, and the City's fine structure for illegal dumping and code violations. Department representatives outlined the roles of Code Enforcement, Housing, Zoning, Public Works, and the Law Department in addressing violations and pursuing compliance.

The committee discussed enforcement challenges involving repeat offenders, absentee property owners, unpaid fines, and the time required to pursue legal action. Members reviewed the use of municipal liens, court proceedings, tax title processes, and the OpenGov system to track complaints and coordinate enforcement. Officials also discussed Operation Clean Sweep, the use of surveillance cameras, and the volume of illegal dumping complaints handled throughout the City.

Committee members requested additional information on illegal dumping fines, collection rates,

and available enforcement tools to determine whether changes to existing ordinances or procedures are warranted. Residents also raised concerns regarding neighborhood blight, abandoned properties, and quality of life issues. The committee agreed to continue reviewing the City's enforcement process and scheduled a follow-up meeting to examine potential improvements further.

Meeting adjourned: 5:47 p.m.

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