



**City Council**  
**Joint M & D/ Finance**  
**Committee Meeting**

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

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**Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce**  
**(Chair)**  
**Councilor Zaida Govan (Chair)**

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**September 29,**  
**2026**

**4:15 PM**

**City Hall - Room 200**

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**Call To Order**

4:15 PM Meeting called to order on September 29, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

**Roll Call**

In Person:

Councilor Click-Bruce (Chair)  
Councilor Maria Perez  
Chris Cignoli, Director, DPW  
Cathy Buono, CAFO

Zoom:

Lindsey Hackett, Deputy CAFO  
Councilor Davila

| 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 | Present |         |
| 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 | Virtual |         |

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| 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 | Excused |  |

## **Public Portion**

1. Discussion and Review of the Vehicle Replacement Plan.

### **Minutes:**

On September 29, 2026, the Joint Maintenance & Development and Finance Committees, chaired by Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce, met to review the City's Vehicle Replacement Plan. Present were Councilors Maria Perez and Victor Davila, CAFO Cathy Buono, DPW Director Chris Cignoli, and Deputy CAFO Lindsey Hackett. The plan provides a comprehensive review of the City's approximately 883 vehicles and pieces of equipment and establishes a five-year replacement schedule based on age, mileage, condition, operational needs, and estimated replacement costs.

The proposed first-year purchase includes 73 vehicles at an estimated cost of \$6 million, including 36 Police Department vehicles, 7 Fire Department vehicles, 24 General Fund vehicles, and 6 Enterprise Fund vehicles. The City plans to seek a \$6 million bond authorization for the purchases. Departments worked together to prioritize replacement needs, and the City will make purchases through state contracts and its procurement process. The committee also reviewed Police and Fire vehicle needs, DPW equipment, street sweepers, trash trucks, snow removal equipment, trade-ins, and the use of Chapter 90 funding for certain DPW purchases. The Vehicle Replacement Plan is expected to be updated approximately every two years to reflect changes in fleet conditions, operational needs, and costs.

No recommendation was made. The Vehicle Replacement Plan and proposed bond authorization will proceed to the Finance Committee for further review before consideration by the full City Council. The Vehicle Replacement Plan was reviewed, and copies were to be distributed to City Councilors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

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