



City Council
Finance Meeting Agenda <http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>
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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Zaida Govan (Chair)

**September 28,
2026**

4:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

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

Roll Call

Zoom

Councilor Click-Bruce
Councilor Davila
Jason Schneiber(presenter)
Bob Williams(Stantec)
ssmith
Thomas Lott

In Person

Councilor Govan
President Whitfield
Tim Sheehan
Bokul (Parking Authority)

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	Excused	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	In Person	

Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Zoom	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Zoom	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	In Person	

Public Portion

1. Discussion on Parking Authority Presentation.

Minutes:

On September 28, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, met to review proposed changes to the downtown parking system. The committee reviewed a parking study examining utilization, pricing, revenue, enforcement, and Springfield Parking Authority facilities. The study identified approximately 12,000 parking spaces within the downtown study area, with approximately 4,000 under public control, and found that parking demand varies significantly by location. The study also identified underutilized parking facilities and financial challenges related to parking revenue and deferred maintenance.

The committee reviewed proposed tiered pricing for on-street and garage parking based on location and demand. The proposal would increase rates in higher-demand areas, maintain or reduce rates in lower-demand areas, and convert approximately 95 currently metered spaces to free parking. The proposal also includes longer parking periods, potential expansion of paid parking hours, improved signage and payment options, updated parking equipment, and reinvestment of additional revenue into parking facilities and downtown improvements. The committee discussed the impact on residents, employees, businesses, garage users, enforcement, downtown activity, and the need for public education before implementation.

The committee agreed to allow additional time for community outreach before bringing the proposed parking changes to the full City Council. The presentation will be distributed to City Councilors, and information will be shared with neighborhood councils and parking stakeholders for review and feedback. The matter is expected to be placed on the October 19, 2026 City Council agenda for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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