



City Council

Finance Committee Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Councilor Zaida Govan (Chair)

October 5, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 5, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

Zoom

Councilor Perez
Alex Sherman(Forester)
Helen Caulton Harris(HHS Commissioner)
Chris Cignoli(DPW Director)
Lindsay Hackett

In Person

Councilor Govan(Chair)
Pat Burns
Stephen Loneragan
Cathy Buono(CAFO)
Sacoy Malone(Grants director)
Lt. Brian Elliot

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	Zoom	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Present	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Absent	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Absent	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Public Portion

1. **FY 2026 June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report**
2. **FY 2027 August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report**
3. **FY27 CMF- Gaming Harm Project — \$75,000—No Match Required**
4. **Parks FY27 Greening the Gateway Cities Program Implementation Grant — \$75,000**
5. **CIT Training Reimbursement Grant - No Match - \$100,000**
6. **Jail / Arrest Diversion Program Grant— No Match Required — \$434,264.00**
7. **Bill of Prior Year- HR/LR**
8. **Indian Orchard Library Donation**
9. **Bond Authorization — \$6M City Wide Vehicles FY27**

Minutes:

On October 5, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, met to review the FY2026 June Revenue and Expenditure Report and other financial items. The unaudited year-end report showed a \$9.2 million budget surplus, including approximately \$3.8 million in favorable revenue and \$5.4 million in expenditure savings. The City plans to submit its year-end information to the Department of Revenue in November for certification of FY2026 free cash.

Revenue results included favorable variances of approximately \$2.9 million in motor vehicle excise tax, \$3.3 million in charges for services, and \$2.3 million in investment earnings. Charges for services included \$544,000 from the sale of City-owned property at 135-155 Lyman Street, \$6.4 million in municipal Medicaid payments, and \$1.5 million in McKinney-Vento transportation reimbursements. On the expenditure side, approximately \$2.7 million in savings resulted from salaries, including \$670,000 in the Police Department and \$197,000 in the Fire Department.

The committee also reviewed a \$75,000 Massachusetts Gaming Commission grant for community-engaged research on gambling-related harms; a \$75,000 Greening the Gateway Cities Implementation Grant for tree watering and maintenance; Crisis Intervention Team training reimbursement for Police and dispatch personnel; Jail Arrest Diversion Program funding for crisis clinicians responding to 911 calls; a \$48 prior-year Labor Relations bill requiring payment from current-year funds; and a \$100 donation to the Library from Barbara J. Gardner.

The committee reviewed a proposed \$6 million bond authorization for the first year of the City's five-year Vehicle Replacement Plan. The funding would support 73 vehicles across the Police Department, Fire Department, General Fund departments, and Enterprise Fund. The committee noted that the plan had previously received detailed review at the Joint Maintenance & Development and Finance Committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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