



City Council
Joint M&D/Public Safety Meeting
~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>
Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
(Chair)
Councilor Gerry Martin (Chair)

October 14, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 14, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person:

Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce (Chair)
Councilor Gerry Martin (Chair)
State Rep. Orlando Ramos
Attorney Ken Shea
Srgt. Goodrow, SPD/Traffic
Officer Rosas, SPD/Traffic
Cindy Spoon, Constituent

Zoom:

Councilor Kateri Walsh
Councilor Zaida Govan
Councilor Victor Davila
Council President Tracye Whitfield
Press - WWLP

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Absent	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Absent	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Absent	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Zoom	

Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Zoom	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Zoom	
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	Zoom	

Public Portion

1. Discussion of the Resolution Supporting House Bill 4087, "An Act Relative to Traffic Safety at Intersections."

On October 15, 2026, the Joint Maintenance & Development and Public Safety Committee, chaired by Councilors Lavar Click-Bruce and Gerry Martin, met to review the Resolution Supporting House Bill 4087, "An Act Relative to Traffic Safety at Intersections." State Representative Orlando Ramos presented the proposed legislation, which would allow municipalities to voluntarily implement photographic cameras to identify red-light violations. Unlike Flock cameras, the proposed system would capture photographs of vehicles and license plates rather than continuously record video. Municipalities would decide whether to participate, set fines up to \$300, and post warning signs. The system would issue citations to registered vehicle owners without insurance surcharges. The legislation would apply only to red-light violations, not speeding.

The committee reviewed public safety concerns, implementation costs, potential grant funding, and the Springfield Police Department's role in reviewing violations and issuing citations. The Law Department recommended privacy safeguards limiting access, use, sharing, and retention of images, including prompt deletion of images unrelated to violations. Discussion also addressed the need for a local appeals process, including procedures for contesting citations, and the distinction between existing City cameras and privately operated license plate readers.

Representative Ramos reported that the legislation had been referred for study and may be refiled if it is not passed during the current legislative session. Additional review of privacy protections, enforcement procedures, and appeals requirements was discussed, with further coordination involving the Police Department and Law Department. No formal recommendation or vote was recorded. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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