



City Council

Regular Meeting

~Final~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Gladys Oyola-Lopez

October 5, 2026

6:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

COUNCILORS SANTANIELLO AND PEREZ WERE REMOTE FOR THIS MEETING. COUNCILOR FENTON ARRIVED LATE AT 6:42PM, COUNCILOR BROWN ARRIVED AT 7:22PM.

Moment Of Silence - Pledge Of Allegiance

Reports Of Committee

COUNCILOR WALSH REPORTED ON THE ELDER AFFAIRS MEETING THAT WAS HELD LAST WEEK TOPIC WAS SENIOR SCAMS. SPD ADVISED TO NOT PICK UP THE PHONE.

COUNCILOR GOVAN REPORTED ON THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING FROM 9/28, THE SPRINGFIELD PARKING AUTHORITY WAS THE TOPIC. THEY ALSO MET TODAY BEFORE THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS FINANCE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. COUNCILOR MARTIN STATED THAT PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HELD A JOINT MEETING AND THE TOPIC WAS KRATOM AND HOW TO CONFISCATE LEGALLY.

COUNCILOR DAVILA REPORTED ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING FROM 9/24.

Informational

1. FY 2026 June Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMPTROLLER PATRICK BURNS SPOKE ON THE REPORT. COUNCILOR SANTANIELLO ASKED SPECIFICS IN THE FINAL REPORT. COUNCILOR FENTON STATED THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TARGETED TAX RELIEF HAS BEEN MEETING REGULARLY. APPLICATIONS WILL BE GETTING DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK.

COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE WOULD LIKE THE BODY TO SEE WHERE THE MARIJUANA FUNDS CAN BE USED.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
NAYS	None
AWAY	Malo Brown
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

2. FY 2027 August Revenue Vs. Expenditure Report

COMPTROLLER PATRICK BURNS SPOKE ON THE REPORT.
COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED TARGETED QUESTIONS REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES, ALONG WITH PENALTIES.

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NAYS	None
AWAY	Malo Brown
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

3. Election Warrant

ELECTION COMMISSIONER GLADYS OYOLA LOPEZ PRESENTED THE WARRANT WITH ALL STATE & FEDERAL CANDIDATES AS WELL AS 9 BALLOT QUESTIONS. NO CHANGES IN POLLING LOCATIONS AND EARLY VOTING SCHEDULES WERE PUBLICIZED AND DISTRIBUTED.
COUNCILOR HURST ASKED ABOUT THE WEEKEND EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE. COUNCILOR DAVILA ASKED FOR EXTENDED HOURS AT THE RAY JORDAN CENTER.

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ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

Grants

4. FY27 CMF- Gaming Harm Project — \$75,000—No Match Required

ITEM #S 4 AND 5 WERE TAKEN TOGETHER WITHOUT OBJECTION.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
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5. Parks FY27 Greening the Gateway Cities Program Implementation Grant — \$75,000

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RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

6. CIT Training Reimbursement Grant - No Match - \$100,000

LT BRIAN ELLIOT FROM SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ON THE

ITEM.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
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RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

7. Jail / Arrest Diversion Program Grant— No Match Required — \$434,264.00

LT BRIAN ELLIOT FROM SPD REPORTED ON THE ITEM.
COUNCILORS DAVILA AND WALSH ASKED ABOUT STATISTICS.
COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE ASKED IF FUNDING HAS INCREASED.
COUNCILOR HURST ASKED FOR DETAILS ABOUT FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL CLINICIANS.
COUNCILOR PEREZ ENSURED THAT ANYONE ASKING FOR HELP GETS IT.
COUNCILOR GOVAN FULLY SUPPORTS AS A SOCIAL WORKER.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
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RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

Orders

8. Bill of Prior Year- HR/LR

CAFO CATHY BUONO REPORTED ON THE \$48 BILL FROM HR.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
NAYS	None
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RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	None

9. Indian Orchard Library Donation

CAFO BUONO PRESENTED THE \$100 DONATION FROM BARBARA GARVEY TO THE INDIAN ORCHARD BRANCH LIBRARY.

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NAYS	None
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RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	

10. Bond Authorization — \$6M City Wide Vehicles FY27

DIRECTOR CHRIS CIGNOLI PRESENTED THE BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY WIDE VEHICLES.

ENTERPRISE FUND IS FOR THE TRASH DIVISION.

GENERAL FUND IS FOR CITY, PARKS, DPW, ASSESSORS AND TJO.

COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE STATED THAT HE HELD THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9/29, AND THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE GREAT TEAMWORK.

AYES	Brian Santaniello, Gerry Martin, Maria Perez, Malo Brown, Zaida Govan, Kateri Walsh, Justin Hurst, Victor Davila, Michael Fenton, Jose Delgado, Lavar Click-Bruce, Melvin Edwards, Tracye Whitfield
NAYS	None

AWAY	None
RECUSE	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT	

Resolution

11. Head Start & Early Head Start Resolution

PRESIDENT WHITFIELD ASKED VICE PRESIDENT DELGADO TO TAKE THE PODIUM BECAUSE SHE SPONSORED THIS RESOLUTION.

PRESIDENT WHITFIELD READ THE RESOLUTION INTO THE RECORD.

COUNCILOR CLICK BRUCE STATED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE SUPPORT FOR THIS.

ALL THE COUNCILORS WANT TO BE ADDED AS CO-SPONSORS.

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ABSENT	

Unfinished Business

12. Amended Ordinance Chapter 279 Article VIII - Food Truck (07/27/2026)

13. Amended Ordinance Chapter 279 Article VII — Door to Door Sales (09/08/2026)

14. Supporting House Bill 4087 (09/08/2026)

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