



City Council
Finance Committee Meeting <http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

~Final~

Councilor Zaida Govan (Chair)

October 19, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on October 19, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person:

Chris Frasier, Finance Director
Sacoy Malone, Grants Director
Cathy Buono, CAFO
Atty Shea
Councilor Govan, Chair
Councilor Martin

Zoom:

Laura Walsh, Parks Dept
Brian Connors
Lindsay Hackett, Deputy CAFO
Gerry McCafferty, Director of Housing
Councilor Davila
Council President Whitfield

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Present	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Excused	
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	Zoom	
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	Zoom	

Public Portion

1. **Elder Affairs Donation - \$300.00**
2. **Parks — The Jeffrey Speller Foundation 4 Change Donation — \$2,500**
3. **Parkland Acquisitions & Renovations for Communities Grant (PARC) — \$425,000 — Match Required**
4. **Community Development — MassDev Underutilized Properties Program — \$450,000 — No Match**
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6. **Land and Water Conservation Fund Five Mile Pond Grant — \$1,000,000 — Match Required**
7. **Community Development — Housing Works Infrastructure Project— \$1,246,635**
8. **Community Development Housing Works Infrastructure Project \$5,000,000 No Match**
9. **SPS Supplemental Budget – Increase in Charter School Tuition State Aid**

On October 19, 2026, the Finance Committee, chaired by Councilor Zaida Govan, met to review donations, grant awards, and a supplemental adjustment to the school budget. The committee acknowledged a donation from the Jeffrey Speller Foundation and reviewed a \$425,000 Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant, matched with a \$265,000 Community Development Block Grant, to improve Hubbard Park's splash pad, playground, and accessibility. Additional grants included \$450,000 for stabilization of the Colonial Block and funding for improvements to the Shean Block at State and Main Streets.

The committee reviewed a \$1 million Land and Water Conservation Fund grant, supported by a previously approved \$1 million City match from free cash, to renovate the public beach area at

Five Mile Pond, including accessible restrooms, parking, playground improvements, and other amenities. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027, with reopening projected for summer 2028. A grant exceeding \$1.2 million, with a \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant match, will address water and sewer infrastructure deficiencies affecting approximately 312 households at the Boston Mobile Home Park. The City will oversee contracting and reimburse expenses following inspection of completed work.

The committee also reviewed a \$5 million grant for sidewalks, street improvements, and public green space near the new Willow Street parking garage in the Main Street Convention Center District. Council President Tracye Whitfield requested information on grant investments in neighborhoods outside downtown, and Planning and Economic Development agreed to provide a list of projects and improvements. Discussion concluded with an approximately \$5 million supplemental FY2027 Springfield Public Schools budget adjustment resulting from increased state charter school tuition reimbursement aid. Additional clarification from School Department representatives was expected at the City Council meeting. No formal committee recommendations or votes were recorded. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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