



City Council
**Maintennace &
Development Meeting**

**36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>**

Councilor Malo Brown (Chair)

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**September 3,
2025**

4:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Call To Order

4:00 PM Meeting called to order on September 3, 2025, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Roll Call

In Person:

Councilor Delgado
Maria Perez
John Dullaghan (GoNetSpeed)
Raymond Vasquez (GoNetSpeed)
Chris Cignoli, Director of DPW

Zoom:

Nathan Trask (GoNetSpeed)
Benjamin Madden (GoNetSpeed)
Chris Brooks (GoNetSpeed)
JTeed (GoNetSpeed)
Councilor Brown
Stephen Howard
Councilor Davila
Tim Sheehan, Director of Eco & Dev
Councilor Walsh
Roberta Kilkenny

Public Portion

Discussion on petitions submitted by GoNetSpeed seeking approval to install conduit and fiber optic cables at various locations throughout the City of Springfield. These petitions were referred to the Committee by the Springfield City Council for further review and discussion.

Petitions

Minutes:

Meeting Overview

The meeting focused on Go Net Speed's fiber optic network expansion in Springfield. Discussions addressed implementation plans, equitable access, construction timelines, utility pole access, pricing strategies, and service commitments. Go Net Speed presented investment plans, phased rollout maps, and service offerings. Council members emphasized the need for streamlined processes, equitable coverage, and local employment opportunities.

Key Points

- **Fiber Installation & Expansion:** Go Net Speed shared plans to invest \$54M to pass 60,000 locations with 428 miles of fiber. Coverage includes aerial and underground installation across all wards in a phased rollout.
- **Equitable Access:** Councilor Delgado raised concerns about the initial focus on higher-income areas. Discussion included a potential RFP process to ensure citywide connectivity.
- **Implementation Challenges:** Delays noted due to utility pole access and make-ready work. "One-touch make-ready" legislation is being discussed to streamline the process.
- **Community Service & Pricing:** Commitments include free connections for libraries, discounts for schools/municipal buildings, and digital literacy programs. Pricing transparency emphasized.
- **Local Employment:** Council requested information on local hiring opportunities and project timelines.

Next Steps

- **Go Net Speed:** Provide detailed neighborhood maps and a full build-out timeline; clarify the citywide commitment; continue installation and maintain resident communication; pursue one-touch make-ready legislation.
- **City Council:** Consider RFP for equitable coverage; review and approve underground construction applications; monitor deployment progress.
- **DPW & Staff:** Review underground construction applications and support permitting.
- **Councilor Delgado & Chris Cignoli:** Follow up on RFP process and application

reviews.

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