



City Council
**Maintenance &
Development Committee**

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Councilor Lavar Click-Bruce
(Chair)

~Final~

March 5, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

In Person

Councilor Lavar Click Bruce
Tina Quagliato

Zoom

Steve Conte, CET Representative
Councilor Maria Perez

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	Virtual	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Excused	
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	Excused	

Call To Order

4:30 PM Meeting called to order on March 5, 2026, in Hybrid Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

Public Portion

Petitions

1. **CET - Myrtle Street**
2. **CET- Pearl Street**
3. **CET- ST James Blvd.**
4. **CET- Main & Jeferson Ave.**

Minutes:

Maintenance & Development Committee Meeting Summary

Date: March 5, 2026

Topic: Electric Vehicle Charging Station Pilot Program

The Maintenance & Development Committee met to review a proposal to install four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Springfield as part of a pilot program funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center. The discussion focused on site selection, technical specifications, community considerations, maintenance planning, and pricing structures for the proposed chargers.

Tina Qualiato provided background on the grant process and explained that city staff from several departments collaborated to identify potential locations. She stated that the selection process prioritized residential areas, particularly those serving environmental justice and lower-income populations. Tina noted that staff considered public survey responses and input from neighborhood councils when evaluating potential sites.

Steve Conte, representing the technical consultant CET, explained that CET evaluated the proposed sites for technical feasibility. He described the chargers as dual-port Level 2 units, each capable of serving two vehicles. Steve also outlined the installation process, including underground conduit work and coordination with Eversource for work within the public right-of-way.

Tina confirmed that the four proposed locations are near Myrtle Park in Indian Orchard, Marshall Roy Park on St. James Boulevard in East Springfield, the Aphromont Triangle

downtown, and Main and Jefferson Street near a new parking area.

During the discussion, Councilor Perez relayed concerns raised by local business owners regarding the proposed charger at the Main and Jefferson Street location. Councilor Perez noted that business owners were concerned about the potential impact on available parking and on foot traffic to nearby small businesses.

Tina clarified that the charger at the Main and Jefferson location would occupy two parking spaces and be positioned in a corner of the lot. She stated that city staff could provide detailed site drawings and a visual graphic of the charger to assist with further review.

Councilor Perez raised additional concerns about the number of proposed chargers at the Main and Jefferson Street site and asked about potential impacts on parking availability in the surrounding area. In response, Tina and Steve reiterated that the selected configuration uses dual-port chargers and that the locations were evaluated for feasibility and accessibility.

Steve explained that the grant-funded pilot includes a five-year maintenance plan managed by CET. He stated that the program will cover network subscriptions and equipment warranties during that period. According to Steve Conte, the primary ongoing operating cost will be electricity, supplied through Eversource.

The committee discussed potential user pricing. Steve stated that many comparable programs charge approximately \$0.35 per kilowatt-hour and noted that municipalities often establish flexible pricing structures that may include idling fees to discourage vehicles from remaining parked after charging is complete. He added that pricing for the pilot stations has not yet been finalized and will be determined by city staff in coordination with CET.

Committee members also discussed potential future expansion. Tina stated that additional installations would likely depend on the results of the pilot program and on the availability of external funding, rather than on the general city budget.

Councilor Perez then made a motion to recommend the electric vehicle charging station project for approval at the next regular City Council meeting. The proposal includes installing four Level 2 dual-port charging stations at the identified locations, maintaining them through the five-year grant-supported period, and determining whether ongoing maintenance responsibility will be assigned to the Department of Public Works or the Parking Authority after the pilot concludes. The stations are intended to expand EV charging access in residential areas where charging infrastructure is currently limited.

Following discussion and clarification of the questions raised, the committee voted to recommend the project for consideration and approval by the full City Council at its next regular meeting.

Next Steps

Tina or relevant city staff will email Councilor Perez the site drawing and a visual graphic of the proposed charger. City staff, including Tina, Steve, the Department of Public Works, and the Parking Authority, will work with CET to determine an appropriate user charging rate that

covers electricity and maintenance costs for the pilot stations. City staff will also determine, following completion of the pilot period, whether long-term maintenance responsibility will be assigned to the Department of Public Works or the Parking Authority. The City Council will review and vote on the project at the next regular council meeting following committee review.

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