



CITY OF MELROSE
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES• MAY 10, 2023

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Joint Meeting with the School Committee
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

7:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Christopher Cinella	At-Large	Present	
Jack Eccles	At-Large	Present	
Mark Garipay	Ward 4	Present	
Maya Jamaledine	At-Large	Absent	
Manjula Karamcheti	Ward 1	Present	
Shawn M. MacMaster	Ward 5	Absent	
Leila Migliorelli	At-Large	Present	
John Obremski	Ward 2	Present	
Robb Stewart	Ward 3	Present	
Ryan Williams	Ward 7	Present	
Jen Grigoraitis	Ward 6	Present	

School Committee Members

STATUS

Paul Brodeur, Mayor

present

Lizbeth DeSelm

absent

Margaret R. Driscoll,

present

Ed O'Connell

present

Jen McAndrew

present

Jennifer Razi-Thomas

present

Dorie Withey

present

Chair Driscoll notes for the record that Superintendent Julie Kukenburger is in attendance as well.

Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion: Public Comment

Motion: Open Public Comment by unanimous consent

By: President Grigoraitis, No objection - motion carried.

No members of the public in person or online

Motion: Close Public Comment by unanimous consent
By: President Grigoraitis, No objection - motion carried.

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Jen Grigoraitis, Ward 6
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Karamcheti, Migliorelli, Obremski, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis
ABSENT:	Maya Jamaledine, Shawn M. MacMaster

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Filings by the Honorable Mayor*

Motion: Immediate Consideration / No Objection

Motion: Immediate Consideration
By: Councilor Cinella - No Objection, motion carried

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
MOVER:	Christopher Cinella, At-Large
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Karamcheti, Migliorelli, Obremski, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis
ABSENT:	Maya Jamaledine, Shawn M. MacMaster

Motion: Suspend the Rules of the City Council

Motion: Suspend the Rules by unanimous consent
By: President Grigoraitis- no objection, motion carried.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jen Grigoraitis, Ward 6
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, MacMaster, Migliorelli, Obremski, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis

1. **INFO-2023-15:** Joint Meeting of the City Council and the School Committee on the financial condition of the City, revenue and expenditure forecasts, and other relevant information in preparation of the FY2024 Operating Budget

Mayor Brodeur provides an overview of the 2024 fiscal year budget to city council and school committee members. Highlights include:

- recognizing officer Alan Brown retiring after 35 years,
- acknowledging the efforts of the Audit team and dedicated department heads/school colleagues to provide the best services given significant fiscal restraints.

- largest portion of the budget funds MPS as top priority - 3M dollar increase to MPS from 2023.
- tapping into a stabilization fund for \$250,000 to support the budget,
- will meet SPED costs as identified throughout the year but the increase costs present structural deficit challenge with an override as the way to close the gap,
- adding a part time veterans service officer dedicated to Melrose veterans to provide robust delivery system
- paying competitive wage to RIDE drivers to support mobility challenged seniors
- acknowledges recreation for programming and wellness focus in 2023
- has had to deny city department heads legitimate requests for staff/services given fiscal constraints.
- need to work together to deliver and serve all our residents at every stage of their life.

RESULT:	FILED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jen Grigoraitis, Ward 6
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, MacMaster, Migliorelli, Obremski, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn

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By: Councilor Cinella, Second: Mayor Brodeur - motion carried.

Unanimous voice vote of city council and school committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

RESULT:	PASSED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Christopher Cinella, At-Large
AYES:	Cinella, Eccles, Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, MacMaster, Migliorelli, Obremski, Stewart, Williams, Grigoraitis