



City of Melrose City Council

Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting

Monday, January 12, 2026, 7:45 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

AGENDA

NOTE:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Jason Chen
Cal Finocchiaro
Brad Freeman
Maya Jamaledine
Manjula Karamcheti
Elizabeth Kowal
John Obremski
Christopher Park
Devin Romanul
Kimberly Vandiver
Ryan Williams

B. (ID # 2026-4): Oath of Office for all Elected City Councilors

C. (ID # 2026-5): Election of City Council President for 2026

D. (ID # 2026-6): Adoption of the Rules of Order for City Council for 2026

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council Regular Meeting December 15, 2025 7:45 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Jan 12, 2026 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Organizational Meeting/City Council Meeting

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<https://cityofmelrose-org.zoom.us/j/96278307005?pwd=VwPcOkigPazd8n3Q5VvaAuwEaPTAq3.1>

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR & OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Appointments/Reappointments

1. **(ID # 2026-1):** Appointment of Diane Casey, 60 Cochrane Street, to the Liquor Licensing Commission to complete the six-year term of Kevin Cronin who has resigned; said term to expire on the first Monday in June 2029.
2. **(ID # 2026-8):** Appointment of Rob Kirsh, 12 Garland Street, to the Melrose Parks Commission, to fulfill a five-year term of Brad Freeman who has resigned, set to expire on the First Monday of May 2028.
3. **(ID # 2026-9):** Appointment of Michael Tarmey, 5 Trenton Street, to the Melrose Council on Aging to complete the two year term of Margaret Ivins who has resigned; said term to expire on the last day of February 2027.

ii. Grants

1. **(ID # 2026-3):** Acceptance of EOHLC FY2026 Community Planning Grant Program

iii. Ordinances

1. **(ID # 2026-10):** Amending Chapter A, Article II, Section 210 of the Administrative Code of the City of Melrose to expand the authority of the Historical Commission to include regulatory authority as necessary for demolition review.

B. Petitions

- i. **(ID # 2026-52):** WR# 31196090 164 Essex Street National Grid to install Joint Owned Pole - Public Hearing request
- ii. **(ID # 2026-73):** WR # 31135450 4 Glendale Ave - Joint Pole Installation

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

VII. EXPIRIES

VIII. RULE 36 REPORTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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