



CITY OF MELROSE
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES • OCTOBER 20, 2025

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Regular Meeting
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

7:46 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was Called to order by President Migliorelli at 7:46 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Cal Finocchiaro	Ward 6	Absent	
Mark Garipay	Ward 4	Present	
Ward Hamilton	At-Large	Absent	
Maya Jamaledine	At-Large	Present	
Manjula Karamcheti	Ward 1	Present	
John Obremski	Ward 2	Present	
Devin Romanul	Ward 7	Present	
Robb Stewart	Ward 3	Present	
Kimberly Vandiver	Ward 5	Present	
Ryan Williams	At-Large	Present	
Leila Migliorelli	At-Large	Present	

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 6, 2025 7:45 PM

Motion to unanimously Approve minutes without reading made by President Migliorelli

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to Open public comment made by President Migliorelli at 7:48 PM

There were comments on the floor and no comments via Zoom

Motion to Close public comment made by President Migliorelli at 7:55 PM

Comments on the floor made by Anne Marie Hauben of 19 Willoughby Road, Stamford, CT 06903.

She appeared before city council this April in support of a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of sexual assault awareness month. At this meeting she shared her experience with sexual assault and discussed the need for support for survivors, highlighting the use of the DARVO (Deny Attack Reverse Victim and Offender) tactic by perpetrators to harm survivors. She expressed how damaging this is to her and all survivors of sexual abuse and stressed the need for community awareness in these instances.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Appropriation

1. **(ID # 13004):** An Appropriation from Capital Stabilization in the amount of \$35,000 to DPW Facilities to provide emergency temporary shoring at City Hall.

Motion to Refer to Appropriations & Oversight Committee made President Migliorelli

RESULT:	ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE
TO:	Appropriations & Oversight Committee

ii. Grant

1. **(ID # 13002):** Acceptance of Donation in the Amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) for the Purposes of Proceeding with Solid Waste and Recycling Initiatives

Motion to Refer to Appropriations & Oversight Committee made by President Migliorelli

RESULT:	ASSIGN TO COMMITTEE
TO:	Appropriations & Oversight Committee

iii. Order

1. **(ID # 13037):** Requesting the Acceptance of M.G.L. c.44, §54(b) to allow City of Melrose Trust Funds to be invested in accordance with M.G.L. c.203C, the “Prudent Investment Rule”.

Motion to Refer to Appropriations & Oversight Committee made by President Migliorelli

RESULT:	ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE
TO:	Appropriations & Oversight Committee

B. *Filings by members of the Honorable City Council*

C. *Petition*

1. **(ID # 13038):** Proposed Installation 40 ft C3 (Class 3) JO (Jointly Owned) Pole # 5 in the eastern sidewalk in front 371 E Foster St.

Councilor Williams brings this item before city council for immediate consideration and requests a public hearing be held on November 10, 2025 at 8:00 PM. He requests immediate consideration for this.

Motion to set a Public Hearing on November 10, 2025 at 8:00 PM made by Councilor Williams

Seconded by Councilor Romanul

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	MOVE WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION [9 TO 0] Next: 11/10/2025 7:45 PM
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

VI. PUBLIC HEARING-NATIONAL GRID PETITIONS

Motion to Open Public Hearing made by President Migliorelli at 8:00 PM

Motion to Close Public Hearing made by President Migliorelli at 8:02 PM

A. Petitions

1. **(ID # 12998):** National Grid Petition to install underground utilities for 36 Clinton Road WR # 31208581

From: City Council

PASSED

Motion for Passage made by Councilor Williams
Seconded by Councilor Karamcheti
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	GRANTED [9 TO 0]
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appointments/Reappointments

1. **(ID # 12967):** Appointment of Elizabeth Moroney, 52 Batchelder Street, Melrose to the Commission on Women. Ms. Moroney will finish out the remainder of Regina Gibbons' three-year term, said term to expire the last day of February 2028

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

PASSED

Motion for Passage made by Councilor Vandiver
Seconded by Councilor Williams
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
TO:	Boards & Commission
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

B. Appropriation

1. **TRNSF-2026-2:** Library Fines Appropriation FY2026 Appropriate the amount of \$16,550.00 from account 29032-590000 (Library Fines Account) to account 016112-534200 (Lib Exp Books & Periodicals).

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

PASSED

Motion for Passage made by Councilor Garipay

Seconded by Councilor Karamcheti

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

C. Order

1. **(ID # 12985):** Authorizing the disposal of 350 square feet of City land located on a portion of 138-140 Franklin Street in Melrose for a nominal fee for the reasons provided in the Notice of Decision

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

PASSED

Motion for Passage made by Councilor Garipay

Seconded by Councilor Karamcheti

All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

2. **(ID # 12986):** Authorizing the transfer of the City land located at 138-140 Franklin Street in Melrose to the current owners of the remainder of that property, as described in the attached Quitclaim Deed.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

PASSED

Motion for Passage made by Councilor Garipay
Seconded by Councilor Karamcheti
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	PASSED [9 TO 0]
TO:	City Council
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton

D. Ordinances

1. **(ID # 12951):** Proposed Ordinance relative to Food Truck Operations within the City of Melrose.

Sponsored by: Ward 7 Devin Romanul, Ward 6 Cal Finocchiaro, At-Large Ryan Williams

From: Legal & Legislative Committee

SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE

This Ordinance was Approved as Amended in the Legal & Legislative meeting on 10/20 at 6:45 PM. President Migliorelli suggests sending it back to committee to review the final copy before voting on it.

Motion to Send back to Committee made by Councilor Jamaledine
Seconded by Councilor Stewart
All were in favor and motion passed

RESULT:	RECOMMEND AS AMENDED [9 TO 0]	Next: 11/10/2025 7:10 PM
TO:	City Council	
AYES:	Garipay, Jamaledine, Karamcheti, Obremski, Romanul, Stewart, Vandiver, Williams, Migliorelli	
ABSENT:	Cal Finocchiaro, Ward Hamilton	

VIII. EXPIRIES

IX. RULE 36 REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

President Migliorelli reminded the public about the early voting schedule and election day voting schedule at MVMMS.

Motion to Adjourn by unanimous consent made by President Migliorelli at 8:06 PM.

Meeting was adjourned