



City of Melrose
City Council
Regular Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 7:45 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Pledge of Allegiance

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council Regular Meeting February 2, 2026 7:45 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Feb 26, 2026 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: City Council Meeting

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IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR & OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Appointments/Reappointments

1. **(ID # 2026-309):** Reappointment of George Bibilos, 264 Grove Street, Melrose to the Melrose Historical Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2029.
2. **(ID # 2026-310):** Reappointment of William Butler, 102 Crescent Road, to the Beebe Estate Board of Trustees for a three-year term, said term set to expire on the last day of February 2029.
3. **(ID # 2026-311):** Reappointment of Jessica Rowcroft McKenna, 5 Marmion Road, Melrose to the Beebe Estate Board of Trustees for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
4. **(ID # 2026-354):** Reappointment of Cathie Mercier, 466 Pleasant Street, to the Melrose Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term, said term to expire the last day of February 2029.
5. **(ID # 2026-355):** Reappointment of Joe Viola, 134 Howard Street, Melrose MA to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, for a term of one year, said term set to expire on the last day of January, 2027.
6. **(ID # 2026-356):** Reappointment of Cathy Gulino, 25 Apple Hill Road, to the Melrose Board of Assessors for a three-year term set to expire on the last day of February 2029.
7. **(ID # 2026-379):** Reappointment of Darren Brown, 43 School Street, Melrose to the Historical Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire on the last February 2029.
8. **(ID # 2026-381):** Appointment of Diana Weinburg, 94 Maple Street, Melrose to the Commission on Women for a term of three-years, said term to expire the last day of February, 2029.
9. **(ID # 2026-396):** Reappointment of Bryan Thorp, 77 Wentworth Road, to a five-year term as a Regular Member on the Zoning Board of Appeals; said term to expire the last day of February 2031.
10. **(ID # 2026-397):** Reappointment of Robert Tullis, 8 Thurston Road, to the Historic District Commission (HDC), for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
11. **(ID # 2026-444):** Reappointment of Joseph Hunt, 132 Mount Vernon Avenue, to the Melrose Historical Commission for a three-year term set to expire on the last day of February 2029.
12. **(ID # 2026-445):** Appointment of Joseph Swithin Shortlidge, 132 Bay State Road, Melrose, to the Melrose Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2029.

- 13. **(ID # 2026-446):** Appointment of Laurie Chomko, 14 Botolph Street, Melrose, to the Melrose Human Rights Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire on or before the last day in February, 2029.
- 14. **(ID # 2026-456):** Appointment of Paul Cusolito, 63 Stratford Road, Melrose to the Cemetery Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2029.
- 15. **(ID # 2026-476):** Appointment of Dawn Jacobs, 462 East Foster Street, Melrose to the Board of Health for a term of three years, said term to expire on or before the last day of February, 2029.

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council

i. Ordinances

- 1. **(ID # 2026-447):** Amending Melrose Revised Ordinance 93-6 Leashing Requirements to Provide Exceptions for K-9 dogs and Service Animals.

C. Grants

- i. **(ID # 2026-455):** Acceptance of EOEEA Cooling Corridors Grant for \$48,000
- ii. **(ID # 2026-477):** Acceptance of the BSAS MassCALL3B Grant by the Health & Human Services Department

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appointments/Reappointments

- i. **(ID # 2026-294):** Reappointment of David Hoff, 46 Warwick Road, to the Commission on Disability for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
- ii. **(ID # 2026-295):** Reappointment of Garin Boyd, 463 Lebanon Street, to the Commission on Disability for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
- iii. **(ID # 2026-296):** Reappointment of Margaret Sheets, 53 Melrose Street to the Commission on Disability for a three-year term; said term to end on the last day of February 2029.

B. Orders

- i. **(ID # 2026-305):** Authorizing a Bond under the Water Enterprise System through MWRA Local Water System Assistance Program bonds in the amount of Eight Hundred Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred dollars (\$848,600)

C. Requests

- i. **(ID # 2026-307):** Appropriation in the amount of \$340,000 from Capital Stabilization for DPW Refuse/Yard Waste Truck

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

VIII. EXPIRIES

IX. RULE 36 REPORTS

- A. Public Safety Buildings Project Update

X. CITY COUNCILOR UPDATES

- A. Councilor Chen Update

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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