



**City of Melrose**  
**City Council**  
Regular Meeting

Monday, March 16, 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 March 2, 2026 7:45 PM

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

When: Mar 16, 2026 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: City Council Meeting, Public Hearings

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#### IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR & OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

##### i. Appropriations

1. **(ID # 2026-612):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$20,020 to the Elections Department (#162) for upgrades to Poll Pads and Printer.
2. **(ID # 2026-614):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$50,000 to the Melrose Cultural Council (#2543) for the purposes of grant funding for arts and cultural events and programs in Melrose.
3. **(ID # 2026-615):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$25,000 to the Mayor's Office (#121) to support Chamber and City events.

##### ii. Orders

1. **(ID # 2026-618):** Acceptance of donations totaling \$500,000 from the Friends of the Melrose Public Library and the Trustees of the Melrose Public Library.
2. **(ID # 2026-616):** An order to define the Veteran Volunteer Tax Work Off Program established by the Melrose Board of Alderman in 2012, including a description of the program, eligibility requirements and necessary application documents.

##### iii. Ordinances

1. **(ID # 2026-611):** That the City of Melrose accept the paragraph of Section 12 of M.G.L. chapter 138 that any common victualler, who also holds a license to sell wine and malt beverages may, upon written approval by the Melrose Liquor Licensing Commission, also be allowed to sell liqueurs and cordials.
2. **(ID # 2026-617):** Requesting an increase to the exemption amount of the Veterans Tax Work Off Program abatement from \$1,000 per year to \$1,500 per year, as authorized by Chapter 59, Section 5K of the Massachusetts General Laws.

##### B. Petitions

- i. **(ID # 2026-628):** NO# 31257578 National Grid to install a JO Pole on 357 Porter Street close to Orchard Lane and Porter St

C. Licenses

- i. **(ID # 2026-629):** Annual renewal of Gasoline and Fuel Storage for 2026
- ii. **(ID # 2026-630):** Annual Renewal of Junk Dealer and Second Hand Dealer

D. Ordinances

- i. **(ID # 2026-632):** Amend the language of the Mobile Food Vendor Article III of Chapter 127 of City of Melrose Ordinance remove the requirement of public hearing prior to license issuance.

**VI. PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE**

- A. **(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.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING-PROTECTION & LICENSE**

- A. **(ID # 2026-175):** Set a Public Hearing to discuss the Motor Vehicle Class I and II license for Cesar Cars Auto Sales Corp d/b/a Melrose Auto Gallery

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Appointments/Reappointments

- i. **(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.
- ii. **(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.
- iii. **(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.
- iv. **(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.
- v. **(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.
- vi. **(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.

- vii. **(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.

**IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**X. EXPIRIES**

**XI. RULE 36 REPORTS**

- A. Councilor Christopher Park has an update from the Capital Improvement Plan Committee

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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