



City of Melrose
City Council
Regular Meeting

Monday, April 6, 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 16, 2026 7:45 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Apr 6, 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. Orders

- 1. **(ID # 2026-774):** That the City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) for establishing a regional Animal Control Officer position in partnership with the Towns of Wakefield and Stoneham.

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council

C. Grants

- i. **(ID # 2026-773):** Acceptance of a FY26 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the amount of \$12,375.87
- ii. **(ID # 2026-775):** Acceptance of a Climate Leaders Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$139,000

D. Orders

- i. **(ID # 2026-749):** Informational order - Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board Update

VI. PUBLIC HEARING-NATIONAL GRID PETITIONS

A. 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

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appointments/Reappointments

- i. **(ID # 2026-308):** Reappointment of Charlie McCabe, 14 Orient Avenue, Melrose to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years, said term to end the last day of February 2029.
- ii. **(ID # 2026-448):** Reappointment of Jason Jancaitis, 16 Tappan Street, to the Melrose Conservation Commission for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
- iii. **(ID # 2026-380):** Reappointment of Ellen Cobau, 79 Otis Street, Melrose to the Melrose Council on Aging for a three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2029.
- iv. **(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.

- v. **(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.
- vi. **(ID # 2026-454):** Reappointment of Tim Bailey, 62 Glen St., to the Planning Board for a five-year term; said term to expire on the last day of February 2031.
- vii. **(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.

B. Appropriations

- i. **(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.
- ii. **(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.
- iii. **(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.

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
- iii. **(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

D. Orders

- i. **(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.
- ii. **(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.

E. Ordinances

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

- ii. **(ID # 2026-475):** That the Melrose City Council vote to dissolve the Melrose Redevelopment Authority
- iii. **(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.
- iv. **(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.
- v. **(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.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

IX. EXPIRIES

X. RULE 36 REPORTS

- A. Update from Councilor Vandiver regarding Traffic Commission meeting held in March 2026

XI. CITY COUNCILOR UPDATES

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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