



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

Monday, May 4, 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 April 27, 2026 7:45 PM

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

When: May 4, 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. Appropriations

1. **(ID # 2026-1145):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the Assessing Department (#141) in the amount of \$9,000 to cover the cost of mailing tax impact notices to all taxpayers in Melrose.
2. **(ID # 2026-1164):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the Planning Department (#175) in the amount of \$75,000 to hire a consultant for technical assistance to update the City's Housing Production Plan (HPP).
3. **(ID # 2026-1165):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the Planning Department (#175) in the amount of \$70,000 to hire a consultant for technical assistance to update the Downtown Parking Study.
4. **(ID # 2026-1169):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the Veterans Services Department (#543) in the amount of \$30,000 to design and fabricate a new Welcome Home Veterans Sign for the City.
5. **(ID # 2026-1170):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$150,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust (#8270).
6. **(ID # 2026-1171):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to Memorial Building (#693) in the amount of \$50,000 for boiler replacement and HVAC controls.
7. **(ID # 2026-1172):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the School Department (#300) in the amount of \$12,193.20 to purchase vape detectors for MVMMS.
8. **(ID # 2026-1173):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the School Department (#300) in the amount of \$72,180 to purchase MHS Band uniforms.
9. **(ID # 2026-1174):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the School Department (#300) in the amount of \$44,296.32 for the purchase of athletic equipment.
10. **(ID # 2026-1175):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to DPW-Admin/Engineering Department (#401) in the amount of \$710,000 for design and permitting of Ell Pond Park.
11. **(ID # 2026-1176):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to DPW-Highway Department (#422) in the amount of \$400,000 for Lebanon Street TIP project design.

12. **(ID # 2026-1177):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to DPW - School Facilities Department (#402) in the amount of \$20,000 to update school signage.
  13. **(ID # 2026-1178):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) to the Election Department (#162) in the amount of \$3,000 for a mailing.
- B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council
- i. Resolutions
    1. **(ID # 2026-1183):** A Resolution Supporting Transparency In State Government and the Authority of the Massachusetts State Auditor to Audit the Legislature

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Appropriations
- i. **(ID # 2026-1147):** Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$170,000 to Capital Outlay (#931) to purchase a sidewalk plow.
  - ii. **(ID # 2026-1148):** Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$880,000 to Capital Outlay (#931) to purchase DPW Vehicles.
  - iii. **(ID # 2026-1149):** Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$865,000 to DPW-Snow (#431) to close the snow and ice deficit for FY26.
  - iv. **(ID # 2026-1150):** Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$244,944 to the School Department (#1620) for medicaid reimbursement received in FY25.
  - v. **(ID # 2026-1188):** Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$10,000 to DPW-Highway (#422) to purchase bike racks.
- B. Licenses
- i. **(ID # 2026-831):** Renewal of Livery Service License for 2026
  - ii. **(ID # 2026-861):** Renewal of Junk Dealer and Second Hand Dealer License for 2026
  - iii. **(ID # 2026-871):** Renewal of Gasoline and Storage Licenses for 2026
- C. Orders
- i. **(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.

## VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

## VIII. EXPIRIES

## **IX. RULE 36 REPORTS**

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

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