



City of Melrose Appropriations & Oversight Committee

Thursday, June 4, 2026, 6:00 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

AGENDA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Vandiver	Vice Chair
Jason Chen	
Cal Finocchiaro	
Maya Jamaledine	
Manjula Karamcheti	
Elizabeth Kowal	
John Obremski	
Christopher Park	
Ryan Williams	
William Bradley Freeman	President, Ex Officio
Devin Romanul	Chair

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

Appropriations & Oversight Committee-Budget Hearing June 1, 2026 6:00 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Jun 4, 2026 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Appropriations & Oversight Committee-Budget Hearing

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IV. APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY26

- A. **(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.
- B. **(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.
- C. **(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.
- D. **(ID # 2026-1251):** An Appropriation from Sewer Retained Earnings (account 6000-319000) to Sewer Equipment (account 604413-551002) for the down payment on a Vector Truck.

V. DEPARTMENT BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

A.

Department	Presenter
Department of Public Works (DPW)	Elena Proakis-Ellis, DPW Director, Jim Troup, Deputy Director
401	<i>PW Admin & Engineer</i>
402	<i>PW Facilities</i>
422	<i>PW Highway</i>
423	<i>PW Snow</i>
433	<i>PW Sanitation</i>
475	<i>PW Parks & Forest</i>
485	<i>PW Automotive</i>
491	<i>Cemetery</i>

441	<i>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund #6300</i>
411	<i>Sewer Enterprise Fund #6000</i>
451	<i>Water Enterprise Fund #6100</i>

B.

Department	Presenter
Information Technology (IT)	Tom Smulligan, CIO/IT Director
155	Information Technology (IT)
930	<i>Dept Equipment</i>
Planning & Community Development	Lori Massa, Planning Director
175	Planning & Community Development
Health	Anthony Chui, Health & Human Services Director
511	Health
2659	<i>Health Revolving Account</i>
Inspection Services	Al Talarico, Building Commissioner
241	Inspection Services
2658	<i>Inspectional Services Revolving Account</i>

VI. APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY27

- A. **(ID # 2026-1205):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$8,461,623 to fund the Fiscal 2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.

- B. **(ID # 2026-1206):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$6,702,788 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise fund budget.
- C. **(ID # 2026-1207):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$3,639,322 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Solid Waste Enterprise fund budget.
- D. **(ID # 2026-1208):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$126,652,797 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget.
- E. **(ID # 2026-1212):** Reauthorization of the revolving fund table for Fiscal Year 2027.

VII. APPROPRIATIONS FOR FY26 CONTINUED

- A. **(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).
- B. **(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.
- C. **(ID # 2026-1170):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$150,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust (#8270).
- D. **(ID # 2026-1202):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$37,000 to the Planning Department (#175) for treating the Towners, Swains, and Ell Ponds.

VIII. ORDERS

- A. **(ID # 2026-1291):** Vote to establish the Benjamin Lynde House Local Historic District

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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