



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

Monday, June 15, 2026, 7:45 PM  
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor  
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

## **AGENDA**

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**This is a hybrid meeting with remote attendance.**

### **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 June 1, 2026 7:45 PM

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

When: Jun 15, 2026 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)  
Topic: City Council Meeting

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#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. To consider the continued lease of 53 parking spaces near St. Mary's Church located at 41 Myrtle Street in Melrose, from the Archdiocese of Boston, and to discuss ongoing negotiations and proposals for a successor lease, with the current lease set to expire June 30, 2026, as an open discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the City.

#### **V. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR & OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

#### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor
  - i. Appropriations
    - 1. **(ID # 2026-1334):** Appropriation from Peg Access Fund #2922 in the amount of \$167,277.80 to MMTV and \$55,759.27 to Melrose Public Schools (#1803).
  - ii. Orders
    - 1. **(ID # 2026-1376):** Report on results of the Municipal Surplus Buildings Study for the Police Station and Ripley School Sites
    - 2. **(ID # 2026-1382):** Authorization to Amend Solid Waste Facility Operating Agreement by and between the City of Melrose and Waste Management of Massachusetts.
- B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council
  - i. Resolutions
    - 1. **(ID # 2026-1381):** Resolution Affirming Accountability, Transparency and Respect for the Will of the Voters  
Sponsored by Cal Finocchiaro
- C. Licenses
  - i. **(ID # 2026-1336):** New Common Victualler License for Shawback Lebanese Eatery and Bakery

#### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Appropriations for FY26

- i. **(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.
- ii. **(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).
- iii. **(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.
- iv. **(ID # 2026-1170):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$150,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust (#8270).
- v. **(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.
- vi. **(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.
- vii. **(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.
- viii. **(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.
- ix. **(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.
- x. **(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.
- xi. **(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.
- xii. **(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.
- xiii. **(ID # 2026-1237):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$17,000 to the Parks Department for the Purchase of AEDs for playing fields.

- xiv. **(ID # 2026-1238):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$400,000 to the Fire Department (#221) for projected overtime costs through the end of the Fiscal Year.
- xv. **(ID # 2026-1239):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$30,000 to the Fire Department(#221) for projected motor vehicle repair through the end of the Fiscal Year.
- xvi. **(ID # 2026-1242):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$560,000 to the City Stabilization fund (#8401).
- xvii. **(ID # 2026-1249):** An Appropriation from Mt. Hood Retained Earnings (account 620000-319000) in the amount of \$200,000 to Mt. Hood Reserve Fund (8417-490000).
- xviii. **(ID # 2026-1250):** An Appropriation from Mt. Hood Retained Earnings (account 620000-319000) in the amount of \$150,000 to Mt. Hood Professional Services (account 620000-529000) to fulfill contract obligations.
- xix. **(ID # 2026-1251):** An Appropriation from Sewer Retained Earnings (account 6000-319000) to Sewer Equipment (account 604413-551002) for the down payment on a Vactor Truck.

B. Appropriations for FY27

- i. **(ID # 2026-1204):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$2,236,997 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Mt. Hood Enterprise Fund budget.
- ii. **(ID # 2026-1205):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$8,461,623 to fund the Fiscal 2027 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget.
- iii. **(ID # 2026-1206):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$6,702,788 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise fund budget.
- iv. **(ID # 2026-1207):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$3,639,322 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 Solid Waste Enterprise fund budget.
- v. **(ID # 2026-1213):** Fiscal Year 2027 Water Rates
- vi. **(ID # 2026-1214):** Fiscal Year 2027 Sewer Rates.
- vii. **(ID # 2026-1215):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$348,948.80 for Other Funding Sources (OFS) for Fiscal Year 2027.
- viii. **(ID # 2026-1212):** Reauthorization of the revolving fund table for Fiscal Year 2027.
- ix. **(ID # 2026-1208):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$126,652,797 to fund the Fiscal Year 2027 General Fund Operating Budget.

C. Orders

- i. **(ID # 2026-1240):** An order to increase the Recreation Revolving Fund (#2652) spending limit for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2026 from \$500,000 to \$575,000.

- ii. **(ID # 2026-1241):** Acceptance of a donation to the Parks Department for the purchase and maintenance of AED units at parks throughout the City.
- iii. **(ID # 2026-1291):** Vote to establish the Benjamin Lynde House Local Historic District

D. Transfers

- i. **(ID # 2026-1290):** A transfer in the amount of \$69,000 from Health Insurance (#914) to Workers Compensation (#912) to fund estimated costs through the end of the fiscal year.
- ii. **(ID # 2026-1293):** Requesting a transfer of \$7,000 from the Memorial Building Salaries account 016931-511000 to the Memorial Building Professional Services account 016932-529000 to cover the FY26 HVAC repairs.
- iii. **(ID # 2026-1294):** Transfer to DPW-Facilities (#402) in the amount of \$130,000 from various DPW accounts for June utilities.
- iv. **(ID # 2026-1298):** Requesting an interdepartmental transfer of funds from the Elections Salaries PT Line item (011621-512000) in the amount of \$24,437 to the Printing line item 011622-521000.

**IX. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

**X. EXPIRIES**

**XI. RULE 36 REPORTS**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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