



City of Melrose
City Council
Regular Meeting

Monday, December 1, 2025, 7:45 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

AGENDA

NOTE:

THIS WILL BE A HYBRID MEETING WITH REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Cal Finocchiaro
Mark Garipay
Ward Hamilton
Maya Jamaledine
Manjula Karamcheti
John Obremski
Devin Romanul
Robb Stewart
Kimberly Vandiver
Ryan Williams
Leila Migliorelli, President

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. City Council Special Meeting November 24, 2025 7:00 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Dec 1, 2025 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council Meeting, Property Tax Classification Public Hearing for FY2026 at 8:00 PM

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://cityofmelrose-org.zoom.us/j/94132302691?pwd=f0H9GUcBb4kUbPjhjXQ6Pn0IsPIbLQ.1>

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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 # 2025-779):** Appropriation from the Peg Access Fund in the amount of \$282,640.36 to MMTV and Melrose Public Schools.

ii. Grants

1. **(ID # 2025-749):** FY26 Earmark for Playing Fields
2. **(ID # 2025-766):** Field Demonstration Grant- Senior Center Modernization for the amount of \$9500 to replace aging toilets at the Milano Center with chair height models for accessibility. Replace worn countertops in 2 restrooms. Installation of grab bars in restrooms. Purchase and installation of a digital media board on the Milano Center lobby used to advertise programming, schedule changes and as a means of wayfinding within the building.
3. **(ID # 2025-767):** Field Demonstration Grant - Memory Cafe for the amount of \$4860. Funds will be used to provide a monthly Memory Cafe which would provide respite programming for those living with dementia and their caregivers.
4. **(ID # 2025-768):** Title III B FY26 Grant for \$5000. The funds will be used for funding Milano Center social programming.
5. **(ID # 2025-769):** State 911 EMD Grant - MPD has been awarded \$18,000.00 to defray the cost of 1 year of emergency service from the Armstrong Ambulance Services.
6. **(ID # 2025-770):** State 911 Support & Incentive Grant - MPD has been awarded \$90,505.00 to defray the cost of the dispatch specific equipment (new and existing) and the straight-time cost of dispatch personnel.
7. **(ID # 2025-771):** State 911 Training Grant - MPD has been awarded \$82,903.80 for 16 hours of dispatch specific continuing education as well as the training class fees for all certified dispatch personnel.
8. **(ID # 2025-772):** FFY26 Municipal Road Safety Program - MPD has been awarded \$19,290.00 to enable additional traffic enforcement and equipment. This includes extra officers for motor vehicle and pedestrian crosswalk enforcement. Equipment includes portable hand-held radars or traffic data recorders.
9. **(ID # 2025-784):** Acceptance of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection RDP Grant plus Additional Award for Organics Collection Carts
10. **(ID # 2025-775):** Police_State Earmark 25K Equipment
11. **(ID # 2025-776):** Police_State Earmark 50K Police Cruiser

- 12. **(ID # 2025-778):** Acceptance of FEMA/MEMA Grant for Lebanon/Sylvan Drainage Design
- iii. Order
- 1. **(ID # 2025-746):** Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Emergency Planning Services with the Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Committee
- B. Ordinances
 - i. **(ID # 2025-613):** Revise the existing Animal Leash Law to REMOVE this language :
The Animal Control Officer may, at his/her discretion, waive the provisions of Subsection A if a determination is made that the owner or keeper has a valid reason to have the dog unleashed or untethered for training, exhibition or show purposes.
[Amended 8-21-2017 by Ord. No. 2018-4]

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **(ID # 2025-408):** FY2026 Property Tax Classification Public Hearing

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Appropriations
 - i. **(ID # 2025-249):** Acceptance of vote language for Appropriation of Feasibility Study for MSBA Accelerated Repair projects
- B. Ordinances
 - i. **(ID # 2025-571):** That the City Council adopt a Demolition Review Ordinance as set forth herein, to preserve and protect buildings of historical significance in the City of Melrose.

VIII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

IX. EXPIRIES

X. RULE 36 REPORTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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