



City of Melrose

City Council

Regular Meeting

Monday, December 15, 2025, 7:45 PM
City Council Chamber, 1st Floor
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

AGENDA

NOTE:

To watch this meeting live visit mmtv3.org or local cable station MMTV (Channels 3, 15, 22 on Comcast or Channels 37, 38, 39 on Verizon)

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 Regular Meeting December 1, 2025 7:45 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

When: Dec 15, 2025 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: City Council Meeting

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:
<https://cityofmelrose-org.zoom.us/j/99566436793?pwd=aKx1EmKqfcddXDyCE1HSJNDbUDPhAF.1>
Passcode: 840702
Webinar ID: 995 6643 6793

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HONORABLE MAYOR & OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Grants

1. **(ID # 2025-867):** Acceptance of Fiscal 2026 Local Cultural Council Allocation
2. **(ID # 2025-868):** Acceptance of Municipal ADA Improvement Grant

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council

i. Resolutions

1. **(ID # 2025-870):** A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring President Leila Migliorelli, Councilor Mark Garipay, Councilor Robert Stewart and Councilor Ward Hamilton for their Exemplary Service to the Melrose City Council.

C. Licenses

- i. **(ID # 2025-840):** New Common Victualler License for "Table Four"
- ii. **(ID # 2025-842):** Motor Vehicle Class I and II Renewals for 2026 (Second Round)
- iii. **(ID # 2025-843):** Common Victualler Renewals for 2026 (Second Round)

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Appropriations

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

B. Grants

- i. **(ID # 2025-749):** FY26 Earmark for Playing Fields
- ii. **(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.
- iii. **(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.
- iv. **(ID # 2025-768):** Title III B FY26 Grant for \$5000. The funds will be used for funding Milano Center social programming.
- v. **(ID # 2025-769):** State 911 EMD Grant - MPD has been awarded \$25,000.00 to defray the cost of 1 year of emergency service from the Armstrong Ambulance Services.

- vi. **(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.
- vii. **(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.
- viii. **(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.
- ix. **(ID # 2025-784):** Acceptance of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection RDP Grant plus Additional Award for Organics Collection Carts
- x. **(ID # 2025-775):** Police_State Earmark 25K Equipment
- xi. **(ID # 2025-776):** Police_State Earmark 50K Police Cruiser
- xii. **(ID # 2025-778):** Acceptance of FEMA/MEMA Grant for Lebanon/Sylvan Drainage Design

C. Orders

- i. **(ID # 2025-746):** Intermunicipal Agreement for Regional Emergency Planning Services with the Mystic Regional Emergency Planning Committee

D. Ordinance

- 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]

VII. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

VIII. EXPIRIES

IX. RULE 36 REPORTS

X. ADJOURNMENT

The City of Melrose does not discriminate based on disability and is committed to hosting accessible meetings and events. Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the

City of Melrose or to attend meetings, should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Polina Latta
platta@cityofmelrose.org.