CITY OF MELROSE

CITY COUNCIL

ORDERS OF THE DAY● FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Regular Meeting **7:45 PM**
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

You are invited to a Zoom webinar!
When: Feb 18, 2025 07:45PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: My Webinar for City Council

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III. READING OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Feb 3, 2025 7:45 PM

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Appointments

1. **(ID # 12422):** Appointment of Edward J. O'Connell, 20 Cleveland Street, to the Melrose Education Fund Committee for a three year term, said term to expire the last day of February, 2028.

2. **(ID # 12427):** Appointment of Kate Hartke, 52 Mooreland Road, Melrose to the Melrose Education Fund Committee for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.

3. **(ID # 12430):** Appointment of Brian Kochanowski, 780 Main Street, to the Melrose Human Rights Commission for a three year term, said term set to expire last day of February, 2028.

4. **(ID # 12445):** Appointment of Daniel Muller, 66 Sargent Street, Melrose, to the Melrose Education Fund Committee, for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.

5. **(ID # 12446):** Appointment of Tracey Cruickshank, 22 Martin Street, Melrose to the Melrose Education Fund Committee for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028

6. **(ID # 12454):** Appointment of Maria Grigoriadis, 112 Upham Street, to the Commission on Women

7. **(ID # 12455):** Appointment of Greg Pagnini, 79 Burrell Street, to the Board of Registrar of Voters

8. **(ID # 12448):** Reappointment of Mark S. Robinson, 116 Country Club Road, to the Library Board of Trustees

9. **(ID # 12449):** Reappointment of Jason Webb of 92 Morgan Street to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building Trustees

10. **(ID # 12450):** Reappointment of Christopher Bernard of 71 Cranmore Lane to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building Trustees

11. **(ID # 12452):** Reappointment of Mary Sexton to the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building Trustees

ii. Appropriations

1. **(ID # 12453):** An Appropriation from Capital Stabilization in the amount of $52,000 to DPW Facilities to upgrade switchgear components at Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School for the purposes of safety and code compliance

iii. Grants

1. **(ID # 12429):** Requesting Grant Acceptance of a Complete Streets Grant from MassDOT in the amount of $450,803.50 for the construction of sidewalks on Swains Pond Avenue.

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Appointments/Reappointments

1. **(ID # 12094):** Reappointment of Susan Lawson Cann, 123 East Foster Street, Melrose MA, to the Cemetery Commission, for a three year term, said term to expire last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

2. **(ID # 12344):** Reappointment of Rebecca Blumenthal, 50 Stillman Road, to the Historical Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire on the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

3. **(ID # 12345):** Reappointment of Thomas J. Champoux, 87 Crescent Avenue, Melrose MA, to the Historical Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire on the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission PLACE ON FILE

4. **(ID # 12354):** Reappointment of Eileen Hamblin, 150 Youle Street, Melrose MA to the Cemetery Commission for a three year term, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

5. **(ID # 12380):** Reappointment of Carol Hoffman, 97 Cochrane Street, to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term; said term to expire on the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

6. **(ID # 12413):** Reappointment of Shane Egan, 21 Boston Rock Road, to the Melrose Historical Commission, for a three year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

7. **(ID # 12419):** Reappointment of Kristin Thorp, 77 Wentworth Road, to the Melrose Council on Aging (COA) for a three year term, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

8. **(ID # 12420):** Appointment of Chris Cinella, 69 Cranmore Road, to the Melrose Public Library Board of Trustees, to fill the remainder of Paul Fahey's three-year term, said term to expire on the last day of February, 2027.

From: Boards & Commission RECOMMEND

2. Appropriation

1. **(ID # 12407):** An Appropriation from Mt. Hood Reserve Fund, account 8417-590000, in the amount of $100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars) to Mt. Hood Capital Improvement, account 620000-529006 to do tree work. The current balance as of 1/16/25 is $320,344.93.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee OUGHT TO PASS

3. Grants

1. **(ID # 12426):** Acceptance of the Fiscal 2025 Local Cultural Council Grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the amount of $16,800.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee OUGHT TO PASS

2. **(ID # 12417):** Acceptance of a State Earmark for Various LED Lighting Projects

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee OUGHT TO PASS

3. **(ID # 12423):** Authorization to Submit a Statement of Interest to Massachusetts School Building Authority for Franklin School Roof Replacement

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee OUGHT TO PASS

4. **(ID # 12424):** Authorization to Submit a Statement of Interest to Massachusetts School Building Authority for Melrose High School Roof Replacement

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee OUGHT TO PASS

4. License

5. **(ID # 12411):** Change in Ownership at 401 Upham Street Toms Full Service Gas Station

From: Protection and License Committee RECOMMEND PLACE ON FILE

6. Orders

1. **(ID # 12403):** Request for the Approval of Petition to Enact Legislation Authorizing the City of Melrose to Establish a Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption in the New Amount of 100% of the Circuit Breaker Income Tax Credit.

   Sponsored by: Sarah MacLellan

   From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee RECOMMITTED TO COUNCIL

VII. EXPIRIES

VIII. RULE 53 REPORTS

IX. 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.