



CITY OF MELROSE

CITY COUNCIL

ORDERS OF THE DAY • APRIL 7, 2025

Council Chamber, First Floor, Melrose City Hall Regular Meeting
562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

7:45 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Mar 17, 2025 7:45 PM

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council Meeting

When: Apr 7, 2025 07:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council Meeting

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Filings by the Honorable Mayor

i. Appointments

1. **(ID # 12553):** Reappointment of David W. Roache, 8 Prescott Street, to the Board of Appeals for a five-year term; said term to expire on the last day of February 2030.
2. **(ID # 12554):** Reappointment of Daniel Gelormini, 20 Pilgrim Road, to the Board of Appeals as an Associate Member for a two year term set to expire on the last day of February 2027.

3. **(ID # 12552):** Appointment of Steve Barron, 647 Lynn Fells Parkway, to the Planning Board for a five year term, said term to expire on the last day of February 2030.
4. **(ID # 12555):** Appointment of Lindsey S. Chisholm, 132 East Foster Street, to the Beebe Estate Board of Trustees for a three year term, said term to expire the last day of February, 2028.
5. **(ID # 12566):** Appointment Cathy Giliberto, 17 Burnett Street, Melrose to the Melrose Historical Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire last day of February, 2028.
6. **(ID # 12567):** Appointment of Geoffrey Andrews, 15 Orient Place, Melrose, to the Melrose Historical Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire last day of February 2028.
7. **(ID # 12568):** Appointment of Elizabeth Kowal, 301 West Foster Street, Melrose to the Human Rights Commission for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.
8. **(ID # 12569):** Appointment of Laura Bergsten, 61 Orchard Lane, Melrose to the Human Rights Commission for the term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.
9. **(ID # 12570):** Appointment of Ryan Murphy, 195 Florence Street, Melrose to the Historic District Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire last day of February 2028.

10. **(ID # 12571):** Appointment of Taylor Makson Murphy, 195 Florence Street, Melrose to the Commission on Women for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of February 2028.

ii. Appropriations

1. **(ID # 12432):** An Appropriation from Mt. Hood Retained Earnings, account 620000-319000, in the amount of \$330,000 (Three Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars) to Mt. Hood Professional Services, account 620000-529000 to fulfill contract obligations.
2. **(ID # 12573):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$235,000 to the Parks Department #475 for playground equipment at the Hoover and Lincoln Schools
3. **(ID # 12574):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$455,000 to the IT Department #155 for replacement of teacher chromebooks, MVMMS projector replacements and PA system updates at the HS.
4. **(ID # 12575):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$34,847 to Essex Agricultural and Minuteman Technical High School for one additional student and a special education assessment.
5. **(ID # 12581):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$250,000 to fund the Snow and Ice Deficit (department #423)
6. **(ID # 12582):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$269,865 to the school department for FY24 Medicaid reimbursement (account number #16204-490000).

7. **(ID # 12583):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (01-324001) in the amount of \$48,000 to the schools (account 1350-490000) to fund the matching component of a federal grant.
8. **(ID # 12584):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$32,000 to the school department (#1905) for the iReady diagnostic.
9. **(ID # 12585):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$980,000 to the Fire Department (#221) for overtime costs (\$905,000) and for equipment (\$75,000)
10. **(ID # 12586):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$250,000 to DPW facilities (#402) for a feasibility study for projects at the Franklin School and Melrose High School.
11. **(ID # 12587):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$120,000 to DPW (#401) to fund the summer work program.
12. **(ID # 12588):** An Appropriation from Contract Stabilization (Fund # 8404) in the amount of \$125,000 to the Police Department, salary and wages (#211).
13. **(ID # 12589):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$250,000 to the Special Education Reserve Fund (Fund #8408).
14. **(ID # 12591):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$750,000 to Capital Stabilization (Fund #8405).

15. **(ID # 12592):** An Appropriation from Free Cash in the amount of \$100,000 to the Council on Aging (#541) for replacement of a van.

iii. Authorizations

1. **(ID # 12563):** Authorize the Mayor enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Cities of Chelsea and Everett to utilize MVP grant funding for the construction of tree filters in the Mystic River Watershed

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jay Coy

iv. Grants

1. **(ID # 12562):** Acceptance of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Planning 2.0 Grant in the amount of \$100,000

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jay Coy

2. **(ID # 12580):** Acceptance of a MassDOT Community Transit Grant for the Council on Aging

v. Informational

1. **(ID # 12590):** Update on Cannabis Control Commission regulations related to marijuana business operations in the City of Melrose

vi. Orders

1. **(ID # 12579):** Requesting the City of Melrose withdraw from its current Veterans' Services District, comprised of Saugus, Wakefield, and Melrose, at the end of Fiscal Year 25.

vii. Ordinances

1. **(ID # 12577):** Zoning Amendment Floodplain Overlay District
2. **(ID # 12578):** Zoning Amendment regarding Marijuana Buffer Zone Measurements

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council**i. Informational**

1. **(ID # 12560):** Update on the Clerk of Committees Search

ii. Resolution

1. **(ID # 12576):** A Resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Sponsored by: Ward 5 Kimberly Vandiver, At-Large Maya Jamaledine

2. **(ID # 12595):** City of Melrose Resolution for Condemning Inhumane and Damaging Actions by U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement against Immigrants

Sponsored by: At-Large Maya Jamaledine, Ward 5 Kimberly Vandiver

C. License Renewals

1. **(ID # 12556):** 2025 Gasoline Storage License Renewals
2. **(ID # 12557):** Second Hand Dealers License Renewals for 2025

3. **(ID # 12558):** Livery License Renewal for 2025
4. **(ID # 12559):** New Livery License for JBM Transportation

D. Petition for Utilities

1. **(ID # 12561):** Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO on Tremont St
2. **(ID # 12593):** Petition for Joint or Identical Pole Location on East Rock Park
3. **(ID # 12594):** Petition for Electric Conduit Location on NW Sidewalk of Angela Circle

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinances

1. **(ID # 12279):** Replace current City Ordinance Section 177-12 Snow and Ice Removal with revised ordinance language to address property owner responsibilities for snow and ice removal

Sponsored by: Ward 7 Devin Romanul, At-Large Ryan Williams

From: Legal & Legislative Committee

RECOMMEND AS AMENDED

2. **(ID # 12398):** Amending the Melrose Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

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3. **(ID # 12399):** Zoning Amendment to change reference point in determining height of basement under City Zoning Ordinance

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

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B. Appointments/Reappointments

1. **(ID # 12482):** Reappointment of Brian Gregory, 146 W. Wyoming Avenue, to the Melrose Planning Board for a five-year term; said term to expire on the last day of February 2030.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

2. **(ID # 12505):** Appointment of Christopher J. Gregg, 28 Cumner Ave., Melrose to the Melrose Scholarship Fund Committee for a term of three years, said term to expire the last day of March, 2028.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

3. **(ID # 12521):** Appointment of Alison Boone, 171 Trenton Street, to the Board of Registrars of Voters

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

C. Grant

1. **(ID # 12509):** Requesting the acceptance of State Earmark for the Melrose Council on Aging in the amount of \$50,000

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

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D. Informational Order

1. **(ID # 12428):** The Mayor produce before City Council any City Officer, member of a city agency or city employee who shall provide information and answer questions relative to efforts to reduce crashes and improve vulnerable road user safety on Franklin Street and other roads in Melrose.

Sponsored by: Ward 6 Cal Finocchiaro, Ward 1 Manjula Karamcheti, At-Large Ryan Williams

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee RECOMMEND PLACE ON FILE

E. Orders

1. **(ID # 12479):** Order: Amend Section 48-6 Regular Meetings to change the full council meeting dates in February and April to the first and fourth Monday of each month.

Sponsored by: At-Large Leila Migliorelli

From: Legal & Legislative Committee

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VII. EXPIRIES

VIII. RULE 36 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.