



CITY OF MELROSE

CITY COUNCIL

ORDERS OF THE DAY • APRIL 28, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

City Council meeting

When: Apr 28, 2025 7:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: City Council Subcommittees and City Council Meeting

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III. READING OF THE MINUTES

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Apr 7, 2025 7:45 PM
2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 7, 2024 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 # 12596):** Appointment of Timothy Jasionowski, 143 Upham Street, to the Cable Television Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire last day of February 2028.
2. **(ID # 12634):** Appointment of Mike Festa, 127 Boston Rock Road, to the Melrose Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee

3. **(ID # 12632):** Appointment of Lisa Matey Bergeron, 63 Howard Street, to the Melrose Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee
4. **(ID # 12635):** Appointment of Gail Infurna, 12 Mt. Vernon Street, to the Melrose Elderly & Disabled Taxation Fund Committee
5. **(ID # 12636):** Appointment of Anne Ahern, 98 West Emerson Street, to the Park Commission
6. **(ID # 12654):** Appointment of Linda J. Thompson of 198 Melrose Street, to the Melrose Human Rights Commission, for a term of three years, said term to expire last day of February 2028.

B. Filings by members of the Honorable City Council

C. Licenses

1. **(ID # 12665):** Gasoline Storage Renewals for 2025 Round 2

D. Orders

1. **(ID # 12610):** That the City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) with Malden, Medford, Wakefield, Winchester, and Stoneham as part of the Commonwealth's Public Health Excellence (PHE) for Shared Services Grant initiative.

E. Grants

1. **(ID # 12633):** Acceptance of the FY25 Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant awarded to the Melrose Fire Department by The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Fire Services, in the amount of \$4,282.02.

F. Appropriations

1. **(ID # 12637):** An Appropriation from Free Cash(account 01-324001) in the amount of \$175,000 to DPW Admin (#401) for Lebanon and Sylvan Street Stormwater Project.
2. **(ID # 12638):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$150,000 to DPW Facilities (#402) for repairs to the Franklin School all purpose room.
3. **(ID # 12639):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$100,000 to DPW Facilities (#402) for asbestos remediation projects.
4. **(ID # 12640):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$68,000 to DPW- Parks and Forestry (#475) for tree plantings.
5. **(ID # 12641):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$50,000 to DPW Highway (#422) for sidewalk repairs.
6. **(ID # 12642):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$25,000 to DPW-Admin (#401) to fund a Stormwater Enterprise Study.
7. **(ID # 12644):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (01-324001) in the amount of \$75,000 to DPW Highway (#422) for traffic improvements.

8. **(ID # 12645):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$8,000 to DPW - Parks (#475) for flowers at Veterans memorials.
9. **(ID # 12646):** An Appropriation from Free Cash(account 01-324001) in the amount of \$189,000 to DPW Facilities (#402) for repairs to the Franklin School.
10. **(ID # 12647):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$48,000 to DPW-Parks (#475) for improvements to the Dog Park.
11. **(ID # 12648):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$20,000 to HR (#152) to fund costs associated with physicals and advertising.
12. **(ID # 12649):** An Appropriation from Free Cash(account 01-324001) in the amount of \$20,000 to the Melrose Cultural Council (#2543).
13. **(ID # 12643):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (01-324001) in the amount of \$80,000 to DPW Admin (#401) for Stormwater improvements at Ell Pond Park.
14. **(ID # 12650):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$16,000 to the Police Department (#211) for evidence software.
15. **(ID # 12651):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (01-324001) in the amount of \$90,000 to the Police Department (#211) for the purchase of a new cruiser.
16. **(ID # 12653):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (01-324001) in the amount of \$2,000 to the Mayor's Office (#121) for costs associated with the inauguration.

Unfinished Business

A. Appointments

1. **(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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

2. **(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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

3. **(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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

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.

From: Boards & Commission

RECOMMEND

B. Appropriation

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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)

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

6. **(ID # 12582):** An Appropriation in the amount of \$269,865 to the school department for FY24 Medicaid reimbursement (account number #16204-490000).

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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)

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

12. **(ID # 12588):** An Appropriation from Contract Stabilization (Fund # 8404) in the amount of \$125,000 to the Police Department, salary and wages (#211).

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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).

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

14. **(ID # 12591):** An Appropriation from Free Cash (account 01-324001) in the amount of \$750,000 to Capital Stabilization (Fund #8405).

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

C. Grant

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

Sponsored by: Supervisor Jay Coy

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

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

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

D. Licenses

1. **(ID # 12556):** 2025 Gasoline Storage License Renewals

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

From: Protection and License Committee

RECOMMEND PLACE ON FILE

3. **(ID # 12558):** Livery License Renewal for 2025

From: Protection and License Committee

RECOMMEND PLACE ON FILE

4. **(ID # 12559):** New Livery License for JBM Transportation

From: Protection and License Committee

RECOMMEND PLACE ON FILE

E. Orders

1. **(ID # 12522):** Requesting the acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22J for Veteran Tax Relief Available Under the HERO Act

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

From: Finance Committee

RECOMMEND AS VOTED

3. **(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

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

4. **(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.

From: Appropriations & Oversight Committee

OUGHT TO PASS

VI. EXPIRIES**VII. RULE 36 REPORTS****VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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