



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

The Sixteenth Regular Meeting, September 29, 2026

This meeting took place in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA and via Zoom. To submit written comments, please email REliseo@medford-ma.gov.

CALL TO ORDER

President Zac Bears called the Sixteenth Regular Meeting of the Medford City Council to order in the Council Chambers and via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Bears; Vice President Lazzaro; Councilor Callahan; Councilor Leming; Councilor Mullane; Councilor Scarpelli; Councilor Tseng. Seven members were present and no members were absent. Inside the Rail: Assistant City Clerk Richard Eliseo Jr.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACCOLADES, REMEMBRANCES, REPORTS, and RECORDS

26-168 - Resolution to Invite Residents to Ward 5 Neighborhood Meeting on October 20th

Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President, Liz Mullane, City Councilor, Anna Callahan, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we invite the residents of Ward 5 to attend the Ward 5 Neighborhood Meeting on October 20th at 7PM at the Missituk Elementary School. This meeting will be hosted by Councilor Callahan and Councilor Tseng, and residents are welcome to attend and discuss improvements they would like to see in their neighborhood.

For more information and for a Zoom link when it is available, please visit the [City of Medford Events Calendar](#).

Motion to approve by Councilor Tseng, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to take paper 26-173 under suspension, seconded by Councilor Tseng. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

26-173 – Condolences to the Medford Police Department on the passing of K-9 Seamus

Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Be it resolved by the Medford City Council that we send our deepest condolences to the Medford Police Department, Lieutenant Harold McGilvery and the McGilvery family on the passing of the beloved K-9 dog Seamus.

Motion to approve by Councilor Scarpelli, seconded by Councilor Tseng. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

26-171 - Resolution to Invite Residents to the Medford Fire Department's Fire Prevention Day Saturday, October 10

Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we invite the residents to attend the Medford Fire Department's Fire Prevention Day on Saturday, October 10 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at Medford City Hall.

Motion to approve by Councilor Callahan, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Records

The Records of the Meeting of September, 2026 were passed to Councilor Scarpelli, who found them to be in order.

Motion to approve by Councilor Scarpelli, seconded by Councilor Tseng. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Reports of Committees

24-354 and 26-024 - Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, September 16, 2026, Report

Motion to approve by Councilor Mullane, seconded by Councilor Scarpelli. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION

26-033 - Zoning Ordinance Updates - Zoning Consultant RFP (to be referred to Committee of the Whole)

Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President and Matt Leming, City Councilor

Motion by Councilor Leming to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole September 30th meeting, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

26-169 - Resolution to Improve the City Website (to be referred to the Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee)

Offered by Liz Mullane, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

WHEREAS, medfordma.org is the primary digital interface between City government and Medford's residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a review of the site reveals outdated content, navigation mismatching residents' needs, limited language access, and a gap in online services compared to peers; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council refers this matter to the Committee on Resident Services and Public Engagement, which shall solicit public input on website improvements, invite the Communications Office and IT Department to present on current capabilities and constraints, and report back with recommendations.

Motion by Councilor Mullane to refer the matter to the Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, seconded by Councilor Tseng. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to suspend the rules and take paper 26-162, 26-163, 26-164, and 26-167 out of order, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

MOTIONS, ORDERS and RESOLUTIONS

26-162 - Resolution to Support Workers on Strike at Encore

Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President, George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Whereas, Encore Casino and Resort Workers are ambassadors for the Greater Boston area's travelers and tourists; and

Whereas, the over 1400 members of UNITE HERE Local 26 and Teamsters Local 25 who do the work at the casino reflect the strength and diversity of the City of Medford and our region; and

Whereas, UNITE HERE Local 26 and Teamsters Local 25 workers believe one job should be enough to live in the city they work in, raise a family and retire with dignity; and

Whereas, after months of negotiations, UNITE HERE Local 26 and Teamsters Local 25 have gone on strike indefinitely at the Encore Boston Harbor; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we go on record expressing support for the Strike of UNITE HERE Local 26 and Teamsters Local 25 workers, honor the strike by not eating, meeting, or sleeping at Encore Casino while a labor dispute is in effect, and to join all picket lines and encourage all city employees to do the same.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the General Manager of Encore Boston Harbor.

Addressing the Council:

James Atkins, Chief Steward for Encore
Germane Scobar-Shapiro

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to approve and have the City Clerk forward a copy of the resolution to the General Manager of Encore Boston Harbor, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

26-163

Medford Call For Election November 3, 2026

Offered by Election Commission



City of Medford

*Election Commission
85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 102
Medford, Massachusetts 02155
781-393-2491*

Call for Election
2026 GENERAL ELECTION
Tuesday, November 3, 2026

BE IT ORDERED: that the Elections Commission be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify and warn such of the inhabitants of the City of Medford, as were qualified by law to vote for candidates at our State General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, to assemble at the polling places in their respective wards and precincts, then and there to give in their votes for:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	For this Commonwealth
GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
ATTORNEY GENERAL	For this Commonwealth
SECRETARY OF STATE	For this Commonwealth
TREASURER	For this Commonwealth
AUDITOR	For this Commonwealth
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	5th Middlesex DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR	6th DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT	2nd Middlesex DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	23rd, 34th, 35th Middlesex
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Northern DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE	Middlesex COUNTY
BALLOT QUESTIONS	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9

and the polls of the GENERAL ELECTION shall open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: that the following named polling places be, and they are hereby designated for use at the STATE GENERAL ELECTION on November 3, 2026.

(The said polling places to be open at 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.) Voting Precincts:

Ward 1 Precinct 1	Andrew Middle School, 3000 Mystic Vly. Pkwy.
Ward 1 Precinct 2	Fire Fighters' Club, 340 Salem Street
Ward 2 Precinct 1	Roberts Elementary School, Park St & Court St
Ward 2 Precinct 2	Roberts Elementary School, Park St & Court St
Ward 3 Precinct 1	Medford American Legion, 321 Winthrop Street



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Ward 3 Precinct 2	Temple Shalom, 475 Winthrop Street
Ward 4 Precinct 1	Tufts University, Gantcher Center Right Rear, 161 College Ave.
Ward 4 Precinct 2	Tufts University, Gantcher Center Right Rear, 161 College Ave.
Ward 5 Precinct 1	Missituk Elementary School, 37 Hicks Ave.
Ward 5 Precinct 2	Missituk Elementary School, 37 Hicks Ave.
Ward 6 Precinct 1	West Medford Fire Station, 26 Harvard Ave.
Ward 6 Precinct 2	Brooks School, 388 High Street
Ward 7 Precinct 1	Mystic Valley Towers, 3610 Mystic Vly Pkwy, Leasing Office
Ward 7 Precinct 2	McGlynn K-8 Public School, 3004 Mystic Valley Parkway
Ward 8 Precinct 1	Senior Center, 101 Riverside Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct 2	South Medford Fire Station, Zero Medford Street

In-person early voting for the November State General Election City Hall 85 George P. Hassett Dr. 2 nd Floor City Council Chambers	Sat., Oct. 17 – 8:30am - 2:30pm
	Sun., Oct. 18 – 8:30am - 2:30pm
	Mon., Oct. 19 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Tues., Oct. 20 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Wed., Oct. 21 – 8:30am - 7:30pm
	Thur., Oct. 22 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Fri., Oct. 23 – 8:30am - 12:30pm
	Sat., Oct. 24 – 8:30am - 2:30pm
	Sun., Oct. 25 – 8:30am - 2:30pm
	Mon., Oct. 26 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Tues., Oct. 27 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Wed., Oct. 28 – 8:30am - 7:30pm
	Thur., Oct. 29 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
	Fri., Oct. 30 – 8:30am - 12:30pm

Addressing the Council:

James Blatchford, Director of Elections

Zoe Dukach

Julia Hendricks

Micah Kesselman

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to approve, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

26-164

Medford Election Warrant November 3, 2026

Offered by Election Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2026 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

SS. To the Director of Elections of the City of Medford

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city who are qualified to vote in General Election to vote at:

Ward 1 (P1)	Andrews Middle School	3000 Mystic Valley Pkwy (Café)
Ward 1 (P2)	Firefighter's Club	340 Salem Street
Ward 2 (P1)	Roberts Elementary School	Park St & Court St
Ward 2 (P2)	Roberts Elementary School	Park St & Court St
Ward 3 (P1)	American Legion	321 Winthrop St
Ward 3 (P2)	Temple Shalom	475 Winthrop St
Ward 4 (P1)	Tufts University, Gantcher Center Right Rear	161 College Ave
Ward 4 (P2)	Tufts University, Gantcher Center Right Rear	161 College Ave
Ward 5 (P1)	Missituk Elementary School	37 Hicks Ave
Ward 5 (P2)	Missituk Elementary School	37 Hicks Ave
Ward 6 (P1)	West Medford Fire Station	26 Harvard Ave
Ward 6 (P2 & P2A)	Brooks Elementary School	388 High St
Ward 7 (P1)	Mystic Valley Towers, Leasing Office	3610 Mystic Vly Pkwy
Ward 7 (P2 & P2A)	McGlynn K-8 Public School	3004 Mystic Valley Pkwy
Ward 8 (P1)	Senior Center	101 Riverside Ave
Ward 8 (P2)	South Medford Fire Station	Zero Medford St

On **TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State General Election for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	For this Commonwealth
GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	For this Commonwealth
ATTORNEY GENERAL	For this Commonwealth
SECRETARY OF STATE	For this Commonwealth
TREASURER	For this Commonwealth
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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	5 th Middlesex DISTRICT
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QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would make most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law. This proposed law would exempt documents related to the development of public policy and communications between legislators and their constituents, if those communications are reasonably related to a constituent's request for assistance in obtaining government-provided benefits or services or interacting with a government agency.

A YES VOTE would make most records held by the Legislature and the Office of the Governor public records under the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the Massachusetts Public Records Law.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would specify that employees of the Committee for Public Counsel Services ("CPCS") are permitted to engage in collective bargaining with their employer. It would also require CPCS, after executing a collective bargaining agreement, to request the appropriation necessary to fund such agreement from the Governor.

A YES VOTE would specify that Committee for Public Counsel Services employees may form a union to collectively bargain with their employer.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law governing labor relations for Committee for Public Counsel Service employees.

QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would eliminate political party primaries for state elections and instead establish a system where there would be a single, all-party primary in which all candidates, regardless of their party affiliation, would be listed on one ballot, and voters could vote for any candidate on the ballot. The two candidates receiving the most votes in the primary would advance to the general election ballot.

This proposed law would require candidates for governor and lieutenant governor to run and be listed jointly on the ballot in the primary.

This proposed law would provide political party status to any group whose candidates for any statewide office received at least 3% of the ballots cast in the state primary.

A YES VOTE would eliminate separate party primaries for state elections and require a single primary in which all candidates appear on one ballot, voters could vote for any candidate, and the top two candidates would advance to the general election.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the laws governing primary elections.

QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would permit eligible individuals to register to vote or update their voter registration address on Election Day.

An individual who is eligible to vote could register to vote on Election Day by going to the polling place in the precinct where they live during voting hours and presenting proof of residency and signing a written oath. Proof of residency could be a valid photo identification, or documentation showing the individual's name and the address where the individual resides, such as a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, residential lease, wireless telephone statement, paycheck, current student fee statement or other document from a post-secondary school, or another government document or correspondence. The written oath would require the individual to certify that they are a citizen of the United States, are at least 18 years old, are not legally prohibited from voting, and have not and will not vote in the same election at another location. The oath would require the individual to acknowledge that providing false information is a felony punishable by not more than 5 years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

If an individual did not present proof of residency, they would be allowed to cast a provisional ballot, which would be counted only if the individual returned to provide the required information before the close of polls for a municipal election; within two days after a state primary; or within six days after a state election.

Individuals who register to vote on Election Day would be registered to vote in future elections as well as in the election taking place that day.

Individuals who are already registered to vote would not be able to change their political party affiliation on Election Day.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2028.

A YES VOTE would permit eligible citizens to register to vote or to update their voter registration address at their polling place on Election Day.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the laws governing voter registration.

QUESTION 5: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would change the limit on how much revenue the state can collect in a given year. The proposal would limit state revenue in a given year to the net amount of state revenue from the year before, increased by a rate equal to the average growth of wages and salaries in Massachusetts over the most recent three years. If revenue collected by the state in a given year exceeds the limit, the excess amount would be refunded to taxpayers the following year. The proposed law would include all revenue from the surtax on incomes over \$1 million when calculating the revenue limit and when determining whether state revenue exceeds the limit.

The provisions of the proposed law would all be effective as of July 1, 2027.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would change the limit on state revenue collection, tying it to prior year collections plus average wage and salary growth, and provide for a rebate of revenue exceeding that limit.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to state revenue collection.

QUESTION 6: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would establish a Nature for All Fund that, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, would receive 50% of state taxes collected from the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses for the first year of its operation. After July 1, 2028, the Nature for All Fund would begin receiving, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, 100% of state taxes collected on the sale and use of sporting goods, recreational vehicles, and golf courses. The sales tax revenue received by the Nature for All Fund would exclude sales tax revenue transferred to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority State and Local Contribution Fund and the School Modernization and Reconstruction Trust Fund. The proposed law would allow the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to spend the money in the Nature for All Fund for natural resource conservation.

The proposed law would allow public and private donations to the Nature for All Fund. The proposed law would prevent the state comptroller from transferring surplus funds in the Nature for All Fund at the end of the fiscal year. It would also allow state agencies, municipalities, public charities involved in natural resource conservation, tribal governments, and other regional public entities to receive money from the Nature for All Fund.

Natural resource conservation would include the conservation or restoration of land to protect drinking water, streams, rivers, lakes, coasts, farms, forests, connectivity between open spaces, and lands and natural resources of indigenous cultural significance. Natural resource conservation would also include the creation, improvement, and management of parks, trails, greenspaces or outdoor recreation access.

The proposed law would establish a 15-member Nature for All Board that consists of five state officials and ten members of the public appointed by the Governor. The proposed law would require the ten members of the public to include representatives of underserved communities and indigenous peoples and at least one person with expertise or experience in natural resource conservation. The proposed law would allow the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to spend money from the Nature for All Fund to hire staff to manage the fund. The proposed law would also require the Nature for All Board to establish rules about how the money in the Nature for All Fund should be spent, including rules regarding alignment with environmental justice principles, access to and restoration of lands and natural resources of indigenous cultural significance, promotion of affordable housing development, and other matters regarding spending and bond issuance.

The proposed law would require the state Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to submit an annual report to various state committees regarding the funds spent to buy or improve land in cities and towns containing environmental justice populations.

The proposed law would take effect on July 1, 2027.

A YES VOTE would create a fund that could be utilized for natural resource conservation that would receive some state taxes collected on the sale and use of sporting goods and recreational vehicles, and the use of golf courses.

A NO VOTE would not create this natural resource conservation fund or change how sales and use taxes are spent.

QUESTION 7: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow single-family homes to be built in a residentially zoned area as long as the land on which it is to be constructed is at least 5,000 square feet, has at least 50 feet of land bordering the street, road, or public way that it faces, and has access to public sewer and water services.

The proposed law would allow cities and towns to reasonably regulate certain aspects of those single-family homes, including their height, distance from neighboring buildings, open space, parking requirements, and whether they can be rented out on a short-term basis. The proposed law would also allow the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities to issue guidance or regulations to administer the proposed law.

A YES VOTE would allow single-family homes to be built on lots of 5,000 square feet or more in residential areas, subject to reasonable local regulation of certain aspects of those homes.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law relative to building single-family homes.

QUESTION 8: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 6, 2026?

SUMMARY

The proposed law would change the type and amount of marijuana that may legally be possessed in Massachusetts by repealing the laws that legalize, regulate, and tax the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana in Massachusetts. The proposed law would also permit persons 21 years of age and older to possess 1 ounce or less of marijuana including no more than 5 grams in the form of concentrate, and to gift or transfer to another person 21 years of age and older 1 ounce or less of marijuana including no more than 5 grams in the form of concentrate. The proposed law would also impose a civil penalty of \$100 and forfeiture of the marijuana for the possession of marijuana between the weight of 1 and 2 ounces.

For persons 21 years of age and younger, the proposed law would make the possession of 2 ounces or less of marijuana a civil infraction subject to a \$100 fine, forfeiture of the marijuana, completion of a drug awareness program and community service, and notification to their parents or legal guardian of the offense and penalties.

The proposed law would allow currently licensed adult recreational marijuana businesses to apply on an expedited basis to become a licensed medical marijuana dispensary and to sell their remaining inventory of adult recreational marijuana to medical marijuana dispensaries. The proposed law would retain the Cannabis Control Commission but modify its authority so it would regulate only the medical marijuana market.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2028.

A YES VOTE would prohibit the legalization, regulation, and taxation of the retail sale of adult recreational use marijuana, and change the penalties for possession of marijuana.

A NO VOTE would make no change to the law relative to marijuana.

QUESTION 9: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives on July 18, 2024 by a vote of 124 to 33, and approved by the Senate on July 18, 2024 by a vote of 35 to 5?

SUMMARY

This law makes a number of changes to Massachusetts laws governing firearms.

The law adds school administrators and licensed healthcare providers as parties permitted to ask a court to issue an Extreme Risk Protection Order – requiring an individual to surrender or relinquish their firearm licenses, permits, and firearms - if an individual is a present danger to self or others. The law also provides that, when issuing an Harassment Prevention Order, a court may also order the surrender of firearms licenses, permits, and firearms.

The law imposes penalties for possessing, creating, and transferring untraceable “ghost gun” firearms and requires all firearms except antiques and relics, including unfinished frames and receivers that can be readily made into a finished product, to have serial numbers. The law includes privately-made guns like 3D-printed guns within the provisions governing untraceable “ghost gun” firearms.

The law changes firearms licensing requirements to: (1) allow local licensing authorities to request prior license and permit information from the state, as well as access petitions for involuntary mental health commitments denied by a court in addition to prior involuntary commitments, as a part of their review of applications for licenses to carry firearms, firearm ID cards, and licenses to sell firearms; (2) require an individual to be 21 years of age to own semiautomatic rifles or shotguns; (3) add the possibility of incarceration of up to six months for a second offense of failing to report a firearm loss or theft; and (4) enable 12-15 year olds to apply for a self-defense spray permit with parental permission, and 15 to 18 year olds to apply independently.

The law allows local firearm licensing authorities to transfer the responsibility to inspect firearm dealers to the State Police. The law requires local licensing authorities to attend statewide training regarding those inspections. It requires dealers to confiscate expired or suspended licenses and report them to the state and to local licensing authorities.

The law changes the definition of “machine gun” to include bump stocks, trigger cranks, Glock switches and auto sears among the devices whose possession and use are subject to penalties. It expands the definition of “silencer” to include the parts used to construct a silencer.

The law clarifies how to determine whether a firearm is an assault-style weapon and the circumstances under which a person may continue to possess assault-style weapons and large capacity feeding devices they already own.

The law requires the state Firearm Control Advisory Board and the state Secretary of Public Safety and Security to review and update the rosters of prohibited assault-style firearms, approved firearms, and approved firearms sold for target shooting.

The law clarifies requirements relating to the carry and transport of firearms in motor vehicles and ATVs. It prohibits the carrying of firearms in government buildings, polling locations, and schools, with certain exceptions.

The law expands data compilation and reporting requirements to and from the state, and creates a publicly-accessible dashboard of anonymized aggregate firearm data, along with a commission to study that data.

The law requires the State Police to provide training and a test for new applicants for licenses to carry or Firearm ID cards.

The law establishes two special legislative commissions – one to examine funding for violence prevention services, and one to study emerging firearms technology.

The law criminalizes discharging a firearm and striking a building in use.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the law, which increases the regulation of firearms, including ghost guns, machine guns, and assault-style weapons.

A NO VOTE would repeal this law.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2026 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, 2026.
(month)

President
City Council of Medford

Hand Delivered

_____, 2026.
Director of Elections (month and day)

Warrant must be posted by **October 27, 2026** (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 3, 2026** State General Election).

Motion by Councilor Tseng to approve, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

26-167

Capital and General Stabilization Fund Appropriation Requests (Road Resurfacing, Hormel Stadium, and Medford Connects)

Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn



**MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN**

September 24, 2026

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Medford City Council
Medford City Hall
Medford, MA 02155

Re: Capital & General Stabilization Fund Appropriation Requests

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approves the following appropriations from the:

1. Capital Stabilization Fund in the amounts of:
One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,300,000.00) for road resurfacing work on the following streets, including but not limited to, Alfred Street, Almont Street, Billings Avenue, Brooks Park, Burget Avenue, Cedar Cliff Terrace, Crescent Street, Fern Road*, Fountain Street, Hamlin Avenue, Lookout Road, Madison Street, Maple Avenue, Maynard Street, Mitchell Avenue, Osborne Road, Pilgrim Road, Second Street*, Sherman Place, Valley Road, Vine Street, and Walter Street. Please see attached map of these streets.
**partial road segment, not entire length of road.*
 - a. One Million Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,000,000.00) for the replacement of the turf at Hormel Stadium.

The Capital Stabilization Fund currently has a balance of \$12,428,450.

2. General Stabilization Fund in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$40,000.00) to fund the Medford Connects program. Attached is a document that outlines information and history on the Medford Connects program.

As of the writing of this paper, the balance of the General Stabilization Fund before this vote is \$6,000,000. (A request to appropriate \$35,000.00 for an executive search and recruitment company to hire a new police chief is still pending.)

City Engineer Owen Wartella will be available for request 1a, Recreation Director Kevin Bailey for request 1b, and Health and Human Services Director MaryAnn O'Connor & Assistant HHS Director Catherine Dhingra for questions on request 2.

Thank you for your kind attention to these matters.

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781-396-5500 * www.medfordma.org**



MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN

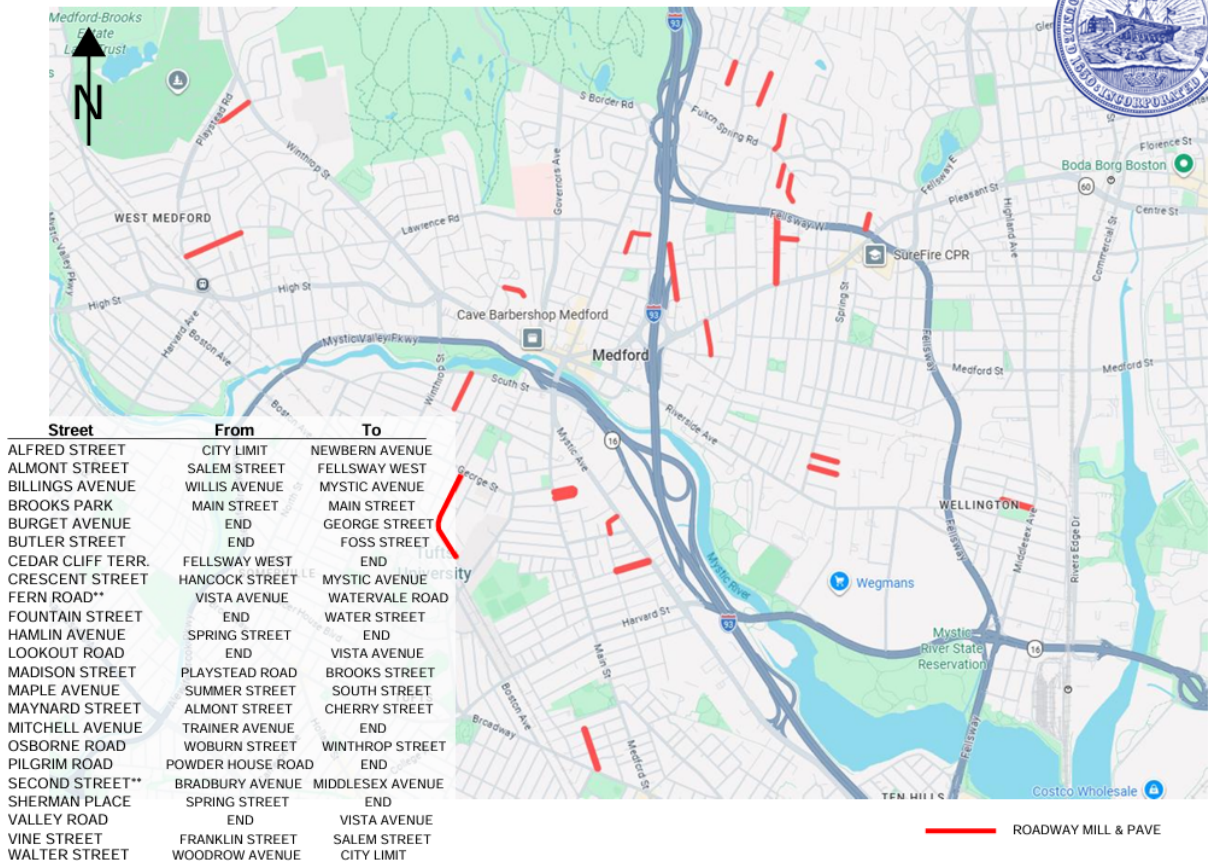
Respectfully submitted,

Breanna Lungo-KoeHN
Breanna Lungo-KoeHN
Mayor

Enclosures

ROADWAY - MILL & PAVE (2026-2027)

NOT TO SCALE



MEDFORD CONNECTS: Sustaining a Trusted Community Connection to City Services & Resources

What is Medford Connects? Medford Connects is the City's community-based outreach and connection network, helping residents access information, services, and resources through trusted, culturally and linguistically responsive relationships. Community Liaisons and Connectors bring services directly into neighborhoods while connecting City departments, schools, nonprofits, and community partners to coordinate resources and respond to emerging needs. Supported by the MVP Program since 2021, including approximately \$375,000 in FY26, MVP funding helped build Medford Connects into a model for strengthening social resilience and addressing climate vulnerability. **MVP was not re-awarded in the current cycle**, as MVP shifted greater emphasis toward infrastructure and other climate investments.

What Does Medford Connects Do? The program combines Community Liaisons and Community Connectors to reach residents through trusted relationships and community-based outreach. **Community Liaisons** are trained Community Health Workers who provide culturally and linguistically responsive outreach, including assistance with MassHealth, SNAP, housing, and other services. They also provide interpretation, share City information, organize cultural events, and bring community concerns back to the City. **Community Connectors** bring lived experience, community relationships, and professional expertise in six areas: Immigrant Support & ESOL, Older Adults & Disabilities, Youth & Families, Financial Security, Food Systems, Climate Equity. Together, the team serves as a virtual front door to local resources through neighborhood outreach, resource hubs, language-specific WhatsApp groups, newsletters, community events, and partnerships.

Impact: In the last fiscal year, Medford Connects reached more than 7,000 residents through direct outreach, navigation, and community engagement. Staff provided 780+ MassHealth navigation sessions, delivered 1,040 food deliveries to low-income older adults, connected 230 children with back-to-school supplies, and provided 230+ residents with Winter Preparedness supplies. The program also engaged 150 teens through a job readiness summit and brought 1,000+ residents together through cultural and community events. Through the Food Security Task Force, ESOL Council, and cross-sector partnerships, Medford Connects also strengthens coordination among City departments, schools, nonprofits, and community organizations.

Current Funding Situation: When fully funded, Medford Connects supported a team of 12 Community Liaisons and Connectors working approximately 15 hours per week (\$280,000). Current BARR Foundation funding allows the City to maintain 8 staff members (5 Community Liaisons and 3 Connectors) at approximately 8 hours per week through June 30, 2027. However, demand for outreach and navigation continues to exceed current capacity. An additional **\$40,000** would allow our current 8 Community Liaisons and Connectors to increase from **8 hours to 12 hours per week**, restoring 32 hours of weekly staff capacity across the team. This additional capacity would expand resident outreach, navigation, language-specific engagement, community partnerships, and follow-up while helping meet the continued demand for services.

Looking Ahead: OPO is actively pursuing additional funding to sustain Medford Connects, including a recent Letter of Intent to the Cummings Foundation, continued discussions with the

BARR Foundation regarding future support, and applying for other funding opportunities as they arise.

Addressing the Council:

Owen Wartella, City Engineer

MaryAnn O'Connor, Director of the Health and Human Services Department

Catherine Dhingra, Assistant Director of the Health and Human Services Department

Kevin Bailey, Director of Recreation

Micah Kesselman

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to approve, seconded by Councilor Tseng. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

HEARINGS

26-158

Petition for Grant of Location - National Grid/Verizon - North Street/Walking Court

PETITION FOR GRANT OF LOCATION

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY dba NATIONAL GRID, and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

PETITION TO INSTALL NEW JO POLE and REPLACE AND RELOCATE JO POLE

Proposed Poles – P1065 and P1064 on North Street

(NATIONAL GRID PLAN #: 31339564)

MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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You are hereby notified that by order of the Medford City Council, the Medford City Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Howard F. Alden Chambers at Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, and via Zoom on Tuesday September 29 at 7:00 p.m., a link to be posted no later than Friday, September 25, 2026, on a petition by Massachusetts Electrical Company dba National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. for permission to install one new joint owned pole and to replace and relocate one joint owned pole on the North Street right of way for the Medford Housing Authority Redevelopment at Walking Court.

Wherefore it requests that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to install one new joint owned pole (P#1065) and to replace and relocate one joint owned pole (P#1064) on the North Street right of way for the Medford Housing Authority Redevelopment at Walking Court, Medford, MA 02155 as shown on the sketch plan #31339564 dated July 20, 2026 (the Plan) and received and filed in the Office of the City Clerk on September 16, 2026 and available for inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, Medford City Hall, Room 103, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, Massachusetts 02155.

The following are the recommendations from the Engineering Division:

The Engineering Division recommends that this grant of location be approved with the following conditions:

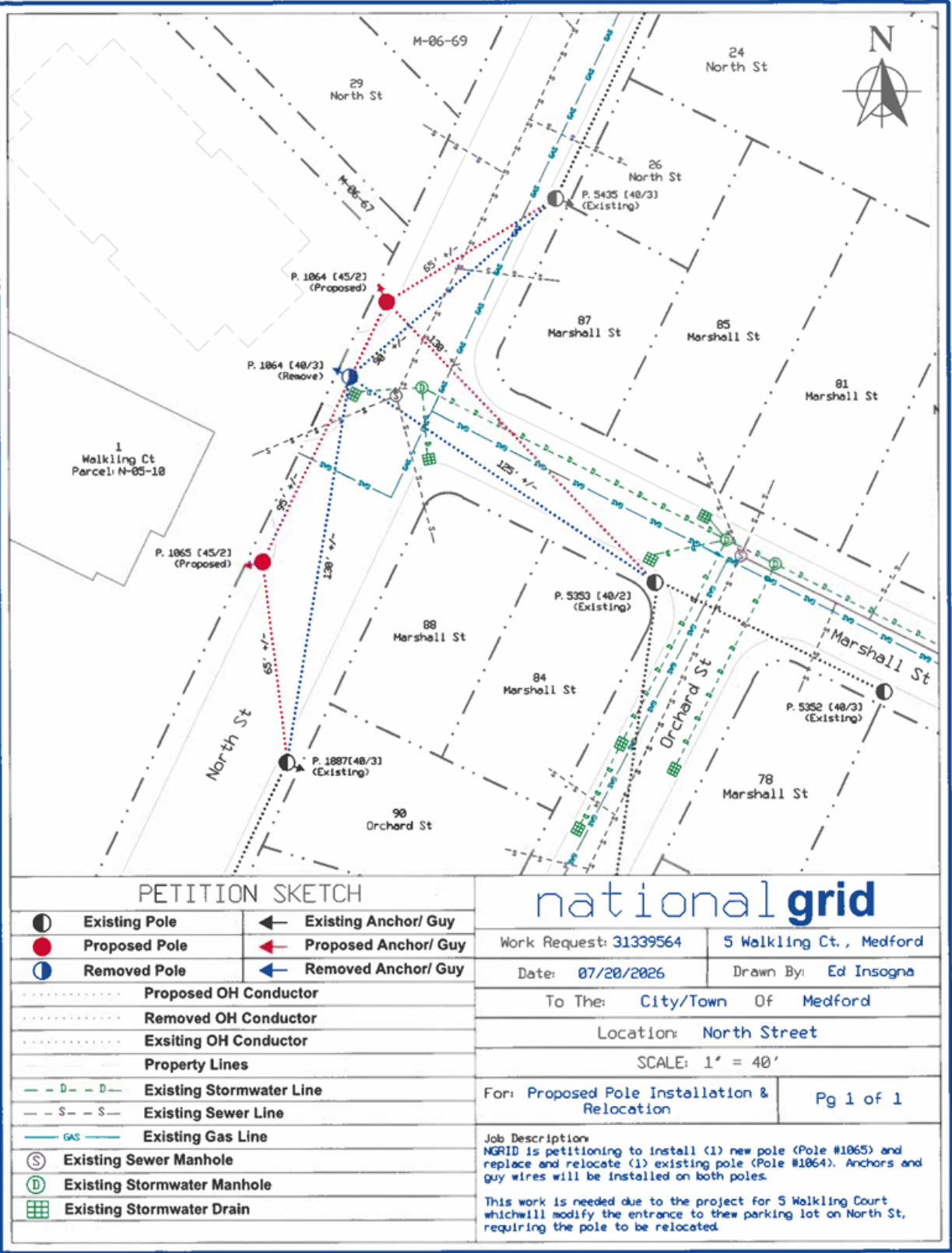
1. The Grant of Location (GOL) is limited to the addition of one joint owned utility pole located within the cement concrete sidewalk at the existing entrance to the Walking Court Development on North Street and labeled P-1065 (Proposed) as depicted on the Sketch.
2. The GOL is conditioned on the removal and replacement of one existing joint owned pole currently in the North Street ROW and labeled P-1064 (Removed) as depicted on the sketch and replace the relocated pole 30-feet to the north and labeled P-1064 (Proposed).
3. Before starting work, the contractor shall notify Digsafe and shall obtain all applicable permits from the Engineering Division. The project must obtain a Public Right of Way Occupancy (PRO) permit pursuant to Section 74-141 of the City Ordinances prior to commencing work.
4. No other utility structures, conduits, duct banks, pipes, or any other appurtenances are adversely impacted. National Grid shall ensure that all sewer, water, and drain lines are marked prior to any excavation.
5. Placement of the joint owned utility pole must be within the 'furniture' zone and provide at least forty-inch (40") clearance of accessible travel path around the structure in accordance with ADA regulations and City standards. The placement of the joint owned utility pole must be no closer than 6-inches from the back of granite curb.

6. The cement concrete sidewalk restoration shall be done at the time of installation/removal and in consultation with the Engineering Division per the requirements of an approved PRO permit. Any concrete sidewalk damaged during this work must be replaced in-kind and cleanly cut at the control joints. Temporary patching using bituminous concrete pavement will not be permitted.

Call 781-393-2425 for any accommodations/aids.


Laurel Siegel
City Clerk

Plans can be viewed in the City Clerk's Office, 781-393-2425.



Addressing the Council:
Representative from National Grid

Motion by Councilor Tseng to approve subject to the City Engineer's Conditions, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Six in favor, Zero opposed (Councilor Scarpelli absent).

25-136

**Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments to the Medford Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 94
(Inclusionary Housing Fractional Payment)**

Submitted by City Council

25-136

**CITY OF MEDFORD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A Public Hearing will be held by the Medford City Council in the Howard F. Alden Memorial Auditorium, City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA, and via Zoom, on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. relative to a proposed amendment to the City of Medford Zoning Ordinance amending Section 94-8.1 (Inclusionary Housing) to include a new provision to allow for fractional payments.

A link to this hearing and an agenda containing the text of the proposed amendment will be posted to the City's calendar at www.medfordma.org/about/events-calendar no later than Friday September 25, 2026. For additional information, contact the Office of the City Clerk at 781-393-2425.

If you need a reasonable accommodation to attend/participate in this hearing, please contact the ADA Coordinator: Frances N. Nwajei at 781-393-2439 or via email at fnwajei@medford-ma.gov. Please note that while the City will make every effort to fulfill the request, some requests may not be fulfilled due to the hiring and availability of outside contractors.

By order of the Medford City Council.

s/Laurel Siegel
City Clerk



City of Medford

Office of Planning, Development and Sustainability

City Hall - Room 308
85 George P. Hassett Drive
Medford, Massachusetts 02155

Contact:
(781)393-2480
Fax: (781)393-2342
ocd@medford-ma.gov

To: City Council President Zac Bears and Honorable Members of the City Council
From: Danielle Evans, Senior Planner, Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability *on behalf of* the City of Medford Community Development Board
Date: August 19, 2026
RE: Proposed Amendment to Section 94-8.1 (Inclusionary Housing).

In accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.40A, s. 5, the City of Medford Community Development Board ("CDB") held a duly noticed public hearing on August 12, 2026 to make a recommendation on an amendment to Section 94-8.1 (Inclusionary Housing) of the Zoning Ordinance. Specifically, the proposed amendment would allow for the option to elect to make a fractional payment to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund when the required number of affordable units results in a fraction of a unit that is less than one-half of a unit.

Board members present at the meeting were Chair Doug Carr, Member John Anderson, Member Sean Beagan, Member Page Buldini, Member Dina Colagerro, and Member Ari Fishman. After consideration of the request, the CDB voted unanimously 6-0 to submit the zoning amendment to City Council.

The recommended amendment language, which describes the proposed process and calculation method, along with a calculation example for explanatory purposes are attached to this memorandum as Attachments A and B.

cc: Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Mayor
Alicia Hunt, Director of Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Laurel Siegel, City Clerk

Attachment A

Amend Section 94-8.1.7.1 as follows:

Deleted text is indicated by a ~~striketrough~~.

Inserted text is underlined.

1. ***Fractional units.*** ~~Where the required number of affordable units results in a fraction of a unit the required number of affordable units shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.~~
 - (a) Where the required number of affordable units results in a fraction of a unit that is one-half (1/2) of a unit or greater, the required number of affordable units shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.
 - (b) Where the required number of affordable units results in a fraction of a unit that is less than one-half (1/2) of a unit, at the election of the applicant for development, either (i) the required number of affordable units shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number, or (ii) the applicant shall make a fractional cash payment to Medford's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The fractional cash payment shall be equal to the fraction of the unit, rounded to the nearest tenth, multiplied by the difference between (x) the fair market value of the unit and (y) the maximum sale price for a comparable affordable unit. The fair market value of the unit shall be determined by the average of at least two (2) real estate comparables for similar units to be provided by the applicant, which comparables shall be reasonably acceptable to staff of the Office of Community Development and shall be subject to the regulations promulgated by the Community Development Board. The maximum sale price for a comparable affordable unit shall be based on the formula set forth in Section VI.B.6. of the Guidelines for G.L. C. 40B Comprehensive Permit Projects Subsidized Housing Inventory established by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) dated December 2014, or such guidelines or formula as may subsequently be promulgated by EOHLC.
 - (c) The applicant shall make their election pursuant to paragraph (b) prior to submitting a site plan review application by notifying the Office of Community Development in writing. The payment to the Medford Affordable Housing Trust Fund shall be calculated at the time of the building permit application and due prior to the issuance of the building permit or as agreed to in a fee payment agreement as determined by staff of the Office of Community Development.
 - (d) Any fractional payment made pursuant to this ordinance shall not be counted toward achieving any development incentive bonus.

Attachment B

Calculation Example: 24-unit residential development comprised of 2-bedroom units.

Under the current Inclusionary Housing ordinance, a 24-unit development is required to set aside 10% of the units as Affordable Units rounded up to the next whole number. As the fractional amount is below 0.5, the applicant can either (1) provide the three Affordable Units on site OR (2) provide two Affordable Units on site *and* make a cash payment equal to the fractional value (0.4) of an Affordable Unit.

Option #1		Option #2	
Total Units	24.0	Total Units	24.0
Required Affordable Units (10%)	2.4	Required Affordable Units (10%)	2.4
Required Affordable Units (on site)	3.0	Required Affordable Units (on site)	2.0
		Fractional Payment (equal to 0.4 of an Affordable Unit)	\$160,000

The fractional cash payment is equal to 40% of the difference in value between a comparable fair market-rate unit and the Affordable Unit. To determine the value of the Affordable Unit, the hypothetical maximum sales price of the Affordable Unit is used, regardless of whether the development is proposed as rental housing or for-sale condominiums.

Fair Market Rate Unit Value	\$800,000
Affordable Unit Value (Maximum Sales Price of Affordable Unit 80% AMI)	\$398,000
Difference in Value ("Subsidy Gap")	\$400,000
Fractional Payment Multiplier	0.4
Fractional Payment (40% of Subsidy Gap)	\$160,000

For a two-bedroom Affordable Unit, the maximum sales price is calculated based on monthly housing payments (principal, interest, taxes, insurance, and condo fees) equal to 30% of the monthly income of a three-person household earning 80% of the Area Median Income.

Maximum Sales Price of Affordable Unit (80% AMI)	\$398,000.00
Mortgage Amount (based on 5% downpayment)	\$378,100.00
Monthly Payments	
Principal and Interest (based on 30-year fixed rate mortgage)	\$2,328.00
Taxes/Insurance/Condo Fees (combined)	\$757.00
Total Monthly Payment (30% of monthly income)	\$3,085.00

# of Bedrooms	Household Size	Annual Income 80% AMI	Monthly Income	30% of Monthly Income
2-bedroom	3-person	\$123,400	\$10,283.33	\$3,085.00

Addressing the Council:
Danielle Evans, Senior Planner
Marie Izzo
Jeremy Martin

Motion by Councilor Leming to approve, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

26-142B - City Council Response to Paper 26-142 (Law Department Appropriations)

Offered by City Council

Addressing the Council:

Nina Nazarian, Chief of Staff

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to have a C Paper requesting Fire Chief Evans appear before the Council at their October 13th meeting to answer questions, as amended by Councilor Callahan to request an answer from the Mayor regarding whether if the full year of the City Solicitor's salary were to be funded by the Council, would the Mayor post that Job and hire a Solicitor or would she use those funds for other outside counsel. Motion seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Motion by Councilor Tseng to table the matter until the Council's October 13th meeting, seconded by Councilor Scarpelli. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

Motion by Councilor Tseng to suspend the rules and take paper 26-142 out of order, seconded by Councilor Scarpelli. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

26-142

Supplemental Appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2027

Submitted by Mayor Breanna-Lungo Koehn

Addressing the Council:

Nina Nazarian, Chief of Staff

Zoe Dukach

Micah Kesselman

Motion by Councilor Tseng to cut the Supplemental Appropriation by \$340,060 and fund \$42,507.63 to the Law Budget, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

26-170 - Resolution to Object to the Mayor's Politically Motivated Refusal to Advertise Council Neighborhood Ward Meetings

Offered by Liz Mullane, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

WHEREAS, the Medford City Council has launched public Neighborhood Meetings in every ward as official Council events to bring City Hall directly to the people, with an open agenda so residents, not elected officials, can drive the conversation; and

WHEREAS, after the Council asked the City Administration to help publicize these meetings and was informed that the City lacked the staffing and resources to assist, residents across the political spectrum volunteered their own time to spread the word, create materials, offer childcare, and encourage their neighbors to participate; and

WHEREAS, before the first Neighborhood Meeting had even taken place, the Mayor relied on unsupported claims about outside political involvement to refuse City publicity for these official Council meetings, suggest potential ethical impropriety by Councilors, and subsequently remove the meeting listings from the City website; and

WHEREAS, the first Neighborhood Meeting in Ward 1 demonstrated exactly why these forums matter, with residents engaging in a cordial and substantive discussion about pedestrian safety, noise, public services, and concrete improvements they want to see in their neighborhoods; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Medford City Council that we affirm that our Neighborhood Meetings are official, nonpartisan public meetings open to every resident and call upon the Mayor to immediately restore all Neighborhood Meeting listings to the City website and calendar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council rejects the use of unfounded allegations, insinuations of ethical impropriety, or inaccurate information as a basis for withholding ordinary City communications support from lawful public meetings intended to foster dialogue and improve City services, and affirms that taxpayer-funded communications channels should not be used in a manner that creates barriers between residents and their elected representatives or undermines transparency in City government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will continue bringing government directly into Medford's neighborhoods and invites the Mayor, City staff, and department heads to attend the remaining Neighborhood Meetings, answer residents' questions, and hear firsthand what the people of Medford have to say.

Addressing the Council:

Nick Giurleo
Ann Haggerty
Micah Kessler
Zoe Dukach

Motion by Councilor Tseng to approve, seconded by Councilor Mullane. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

26-172 - Order to Place Adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 6C Before Voters in November 2027 (Regarding Liability on Private Ways)

Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Whereas, in *Gallagher v. City of Medford*, a resident brought suit against the City after suffering injuries caused by a defect on a private way; and,

Whereas, the City sought summary judgment, arguing it had no maintenance obligation over private ways; and,

Whereas, the Appellate Division of the District Court Department found that the City's informal maintenance on that private way — performed without the City having adopted M.G.L. c. 40 §6C — estopped the City from denying that way's public status under G.L. c. 84, §25; and,

Whereas, the Court stated directly: "It is undeniable that a city or town which has accepted G.L. c.40 §6C may remove snow and ice from a private way without risk that such services will constitute repairs cognizable under G.L. c.84, §25;" and,

Whereas, following the *Gallagher* ruling, the City has not acted to adopt G.L. c. 40 §6C; and

Whereas, the City of Medford continues to perform informal maintenance, sweeping, and snow and ice removal on all private ways; and

Whereas, Section 6C's liability carve-out only protects the City if the City has actually accepted it; and

Whereas, 39% of Medford roadways are designated private ways; and

Whereas, since 2020, the City has appropriated \$0.00 for private way repairs; and

Whereas, no maintenance or upkeep services are provided but for the informal services outlined in *Gallagher*; and

Whereas, without acceptance, the City is unnecessarily exposing itself to full public-way tort liability; and

Whereas, acceptance of the measure requires a ballot question at the next regular City election; now, therefore:

By the Medford City Council that we hereby vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6D, to submit for acceptance to the registered voters of the City, at the next regular City election, the question of whether the City shall accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 6C.

Motion by Councilor Scarpelli to refer the matter to the Public Works and Facilities Committee, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

26-133

**Capital and General Stabilization Fund Appropriation Requests
(Request 2 - Police Chief Search)**

Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Motion by Councilor Tseng to table the matter, seconded by Councilor Callahan. Adjournment Approved on a Roll Call vote of Six in favor, Zero opposed, One absent (Councilor Scarpelli).

26-166

**Request for Food Truck, Trolley Dogs a
Brooks Elementary School Fall Fest October 4, 2026**

Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn



**MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN**

September 24, 2026

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Medford City Council
Medford City Hall
Medford, MA 02155

Re: Food Truck Permit

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

On behalf of the below entity, I respectfully submit to the Medford City Council the following request for a "food truck" permit in the City of Medford. In addition to City Council approval, vendors are required to adhere to Health Department food safety requirements.

Business Name: Trolley Dogs
26 Claudette Circle
Framingham, MA

Date + Time: 10/4/2026
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Location: Brooks Elementary School
Medford, MA 02155

Event: Fall Fest

About the Event: Fall festival with games, rides, arts and crafts.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Breanna Lungo-Koehn".

Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Mayor

Motion by Councilor Tseng to approve, seconded by Councilor Leming. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Seven in favor, Zero opposed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Addressing the Council:
Micah Kesselman
Angelo Murphy
Zoe Dukach

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

26-003 **Appointment of a City Messenger for 2026 and 2027**

IN CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 6, 2026

TABLED

26-063 **Resolution to Update the Ordinance Establishing the
Medford Commission for Persons with Disabilities**

IN CITY COUNCIL JULY 14, 2026 APPROVED FOR FIRST
READING

ADVERTISED JULY 30, 2026 MEDFORD TRANSCRIPT &
SOMERVILLE JOURNAL

IN CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 4, 2026 ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD
READING

Reports Due/Deadlines

16-574 University Accountability Report (Next Report Due in
November 2026)

22-026 Quarterly Presentation on City’s Financial Health by Chief
Financial Officer/Auditor

22-027 Monthly Copy of Warrant Articles from Chief Financial
Officer/Auditor

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Callahan, seconded by Vice President Lazarro. Approved on a Roll Call vote of Five in favor, One Opposed (President Bears), One absent (Councilor Mullane).

President Bears adjourned the meeting.

A true copy, Attest.

Laurel Siegel
City Clerk