



**Methuen City Council
Great Hall, Searles Building, 3rd. Floor
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844**

**City Council Regular Meeting Agenda, Monday, October 19,
2026, 7pm**

METHUEN CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 19, 2026 @ 7:00 P.M.

GREAT HALL, SEARLES BUILDING

1. Roll Call

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

3. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation/Moment of Silence

4. Public Participation

5. Organizational Business

6. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meetings:

- - October 5th, 2026 Regular Meeting and correction of September 24, 2026 Special Meeting

7. Proclamations/Correspondence: None

8. Consideration of Appointments:

- [MARYLIN MURPHY - COUNCIL ON AGING](#)

9. Presentations/Projects/Department Updates

- Veterans Service Officer Presentation 90 Days in Review

10. Mayor's Report

11. CAFO Report

- - Request for Update on Searles Estate Expenses & Revenues (Req. of Clr. Soto)
- - Status on outstanding back taxes and recovery to date. This was asked in the beginning of the year what progress has been made in collections (Req. of Clr. Drew)

12. Requests of Councilors

- - **Clarification on the cost breakdown and tonnage fees for the** Methuen Housing Authority trash collection services through the city's municipal trash contract. (Req. of Chair Soto)
- - **Clarification on why the school contracts have to go through the city's legal department** and what is the reason(s) for the delay in processing (Req. of Chair Soto)
- - **Request to the City Solicitor and the DPW** to develop a dedicated section on the City's website providing residents with a clear, step-by-step roadmap for the acceptance of unaccepted ways. The section should include an overview of the process from beginning to end, an online application or petition form, eligibility requirements and supporting documentation, any applicable fees, betterment assessments or other costs, estimated timelines, and contact information. (Req. of Clr. Valley)
- - **Clarification on the betterment fees and upfront costs** mentioned by the Mayor on the Echo Lane sewer connection project. (Req. of Clr. Valley)
- - **Buildings Audit RFP Status update** - (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **City employee Email Signature Standardization** Rollout and Implementation Update (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **HHSI Permit Fees Review - Status update** (discussed during FY2027 Budget Workshop) (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **2026 Paving Program** – Streets Complete, Remaining Streets, Spring 2027 List, and Anticipated Completion Before Winter (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **Constellations Program** – Financial and Performance Update (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **Trash and Recycling Collection** – Current Service Performance, Missed Pickups, and FY2028 Contractor Transition Update (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) / FLOCK Replacement System** – Status and Privacy/Data Policy

Update (Req. of Clr. Drew)

- - **Permanent Police Chief Search** – Status, Process and Anticipated Timeline (Req. of Clr. Drew)
- - **Update on barrel fees:** Is anyone sending emails out, and if there is no response, are we following up with a phone call? (Req. of Clr. DiZoglio)

13. Public Service:

A. Grants: None

B. Licenses: None

C. Contract(s):

- **C-27-39** Blue Integrity Consulting, LLC, 16 Forest Front Street #207, Salem, MA 01970 for Executive search to conduct a comprehensive recruitment process for the position of the Chief of Police, for the Methuen Police Department in the Amount of \$29,500.00

14. Other Officers and Committee Reports

15. Unfinished Business

Resolution(s):

- **TR-26-89 – Resolution to amend TR-13-8** – Resolution providing for annual performance evaluations: City Council Employees (Request of Chair Soto)

- **TR-26-90** – A Joint Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Methuen Calling for the Reopening of the Federal Investigation into Corruption Involving the Former Leadership of the Methuen Police Department (**Requested by Mayor Beauregard and Councilor Simard**)

- **TR-26-92** – A Resolution Accepting a Gift of 9/11 Memorial Banners (*Sponsored by Clr. Ryan DiZoglio*)

Ordinance(s):

- **TO-26-21** - An Ordinance Amending the Wage and Salary Classification Plan, Unaffiliated, to add the new position of Sealer of Weights and Measurers

16. New Business:

Open Meeting Law Complaint – Dated September 9, 2026

Open Meeting Law Complaint – Dated September 29, 2026

Resolution(s):

- **TR-26-93** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Fiscal Year 2025 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Award \$27,999.02(Request of Mayor Beauregard) [VIEW BACKUP](#)
- **TR-26-94** A Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$48,759.90 Commonwealth of Massachusetts Fiscal year 2027 Federal Municipal Road Safety Grant (Request of Mayor Beauregard) [VIEW BACKUP](#)
- **TR-26-95** Resolution Accepting a Gift of Equipment from Planet Fitness to the Fire Department

Ordinance(s):

17. Any Other Business for the Good and Welfare of the Community

18. Adjourn

Neily Soto
Chair of the City Council

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