

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 9, 2026

President Logan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Artie Kronefeld was recognized as recording the meeting.

Present: Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.

Absent: LaCava.

City Clerk Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by the Daisy and Brownie Troop #63252 leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor Durkee asked for a moment of silence for all the military that have served past and present.

Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of the regular City Council meeting minutes of 2/23/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of the third installment of a state grant in the amount of \$36,063.04 from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to be used by the Council on Aging. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a donation of a Bedford-Lexington-Lincoln-Watertown-Weston District Telephone Directory from December 1942 from Julia DeCola for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a donation of tickets from the Embassy Theatre and the Waltham Police Relief Association from 1963 donated by Karen O'Brien for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested your advice relative to hearing proposals regarding the Paine Estate communication. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested transfers and appropriation of existing funds in the amount of \$217,157 for the quality and safety improvements of the two softball fields located at the Veterans Athletic Complex. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$174,541 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to address the deficit in the School Department, Special Education – Out of District Tuitions and Transportation account. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a donation to fully restore the Grand Piano at Stonehurst from Robert Treat Paine Historical Trust. Referred to the Finance Committee.

8. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$12,118 from the Unreserved Fund Balance for updates to the heating systems at Government Center. Referred to the Finance Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requested the opportunity to go into Executive Session for a real estate matter that is tabled on the Council floor. Councillor LeBlanc made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table this matter on the Council floor until the end of the meeting.

Applications and Licenses

All Applications and Licenses referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

1. Lodging House renewal – 11-13 Walnut Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
2. Lodging House renewal – 118-120 Robbins Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
3. Lodging House renewal – 44-46 Chester Avenue – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
4. Lodging House renewal – 20-22 Adams Street – Martin Reilly Realty Trust
5. Lodging House renewal – 21-23 Pine Street – 21-23 Pine Street LLC
6. Lodging House renewal – 755 Main Street – Max Horn
7. Lodging House renewal – 124-126 Ash Street – Ash Street Lodging LLC
8. Lodging House renewal – 403 River Street – Gilbrae Inn LLC
9. Lodging House renewal – 24-26 High Street – High Street LLC
10. Lodging House renewal – 6 Park Place – Charles W. Pintabone Trustee, Manager
11. Lodging House renewal – 12-14 Lowell Street – Middlesex Human Service Agency Inc.
12. Lodging House renewal – 10-12 Maple Street – Mad-Nat Realty Trust
13. Lodging House renewal – 77 Prospect Street – Vibrant Estate Management Co.
14. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Castle Hall Upper
15. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – HUD Tree Dorms Upper
16. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Stratton House Beaver
17. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Slade Hall Upper
18. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Nathan R. Miller Hall Upper
19. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Kresge Hall Upper
20. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Forest Hall Upper
21. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Fenway Hall
22. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Copley Hall South Lower
23. Lodging House renewal – Bentley University – Copley Hall North Lower

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Resolution to Strengthen Business Development in Waltham
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillors Hanley, Harris, Katz, Bradley-MacArthur and LeBlanc spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
- Charles River Watershed Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Logan spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- 250th Anniversary of the British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776, Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillors Durkee, McLaughlin and Logan spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Durkee moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by

a voice vote and the 250th Anniversary of the British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776, Resolution was tabled on the Council floor.

- Annual Outside Dining in Waltham for 2026 – Including Moody St and Downtown Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Harris spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution 2026
- Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Harris spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Harris moved to table the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution 2026 was tabled on the Council floor.

Committee Reports

Ordinances and Rules

1. Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended that the City Clerk schedule a Joint Public Hearing with the Board of Survey and Planning regarding the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Article III Pet Grooming Business and Table of Uses. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.
2. Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended that the City Clerk schedule a Joint Public Hearing with the Board of Survey and Planning regarding the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Article IX Sec. 9.1 Affordable Housing. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended the Rule 66 Midyear Budget Review be filed. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was filed.
2. The Finance Committee recommended the appropriation in the amount of \$564,581 to fund the additional contingency for the first year of the three-year collective bargaining agreement between the School Department and the Waltham Educators Association for the period of September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2028, be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.
3. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$5,999 to purchase a replacement copy machine for the Wires Department be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.
4. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer in the amount of \$7,521.93 for the purchase of a new copier/scanner machine for the Engineering Department be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.

5. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$275,000 for the Structural and Transportation Engineering Services required for the conceptual design phase of the replacement of the Farwell Street Bridge superstructure and associated roadway improvements be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.
6. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer of funds of \$9,500 to purchase a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) to be installed on Trapelo Road at the intersection of Porter Road be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.

Licenses and Franchises

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the authorization to grant Charles River Canoe & Kayak a Section 10A permit to put a temporary dock on the Riverwalk next to Cronin's Landing Dock be approved. Councillor Vidal moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
 - Mayor's Communication regarding a potential real estate matter (Tabled 1/12/2026)
 - Loan authorization in the amount of \$5,100,000 for the Koutoujian Playground and Woerd Avenue Environmental Mitigation Project. (Tabled 1/26/26)
- Councillor Durkee made a motion to take the matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee moved approval for a second and final reading of the matter. Roll call required.
- In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
- Opposed: None.
- Absent: LaCava.
- Loan authorization of \$5,100,000 for the Koutoujian Playground and Woerd Avenue Environmental Mitigation Project approved 14-0-1.

Councillor LeBlanc made a motion to take the Mayor's Communication regarding the Executive Session off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillors Durkee and Harris escorted Mayor McCarthy into the chamber. Councillor LeBlanc moved the City Council go into Executive Session. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the City Clerk be the Clerk of the executive session. Roll call required.

In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: LaCava.

Approved 14-0-1. City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:24 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 9:33 p.m.

Councillor Katz spoke on Show Choir and the Band and their great job speaking to the School Committee meeting last week.

With no further matters Councillor Katz made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

March 16, 2026