

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
February 23, 2026

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

This meeting was held remotely and recorded on Zoom.

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

Absent: None.

City Clerk Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by President Logan 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 2/9/2026. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

City Council meeting minutes of 2/9/2026 approved 15-0-0.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested an 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$5,999 to purchase a replacement copy machine for the Wires Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested 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. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer in the amount of \$7,521.93 for the purchase of a new copier/scanner machine for the Engineering Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested an additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase a new ice surfacing machine for the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink. It was noticed after the Council approved the original request of \$152,129.27 that there was an error in the dollar amount presented. The cost of the ice resurfacing machine is \$157,129.27. It is requested that this matter be acted on without Committee reference. Councillor Katz made a motion to suspend rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Approved 15-0-0.

Councillor Katz made a motion to approve the matter. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Appropriation approved 15-0-0.

6. The Mayor respectfully requested 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Class II License Renewal – 196 High Street – JJJ Auto Retailers

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the approval of the DCR Flood Station Easement at 48R Pine Street be approved. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll Call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
DCR Flood Station Easement at 48R Pine Street approved 15-0-0.

Ordinances and Rules

1. Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Council Rule 77 Resolution the RULES AND ORDERS of the CITY COUNCIL, as most recently amended, are hereby further amended by striking out in Rule 77 the time “7:00 p.m.” and inserting in place thereof the following: “8:00 p.m.”
Rule 77 is hereby further amended by striking out the words “third Monday in January” in inserting in place thereof the following: “first Monday in March” be approved.
Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Council Rule 77 Resolution approved 15-0-0.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer of funds totaling \$9,665 for technology products for the City Clerk's Office be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
\$9,665 for technology products for the City Clerk's Office approved 15-0-0.
2. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer totaling \$1,851 between several accounts of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Department be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
\$1,851 transfer for Emergency Management Services (EMS) Department approved 15-0-0.
3. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 to reimburse the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink operating expenses account for the remainder of FY2026 be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
\$70,000 to reimburse the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink approved 15-0-0.
4. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the second installment of a State grant in the amount of \$33,295.36 from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence to be used by the Council on Aging be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
\$33,295.36 grant from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence approved 15-0-0.
5. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$2,500,000 for the current deficit as of January 2026 and an allowance of about 10% for projected expenses in the Department of Public Works snow overtime and general expense account be approved. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
\$2,500,000 for the current deficit as of January 2026 approved 15-0-0.

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 \$771,600 for the design/architectural services required for the relocation of the Department of Public Works (DPW) at 200 Trapelo Road (Tabled 1/26/26)
Councillor Durkee made a motion to take the matter off the table. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Approved 15-0-0.
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, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Loan authorization of \$771,600 for Department of Public Works (DPW) approved 15-0-0.
- Loan authorization in the amount of \$5,100,000 for the Koutoujian Playground and Woerd Avenue Environmental Mitigation Project. (Tabled 1/26/26)
- Loan authorization in the amount of \$940,000 for the design/architectural services required for the pool/interior design of the Howe Building located at 200 Trapelo Road
Councillor Durkee made a motion to take the matter off the table. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Approved 15-0-0.
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, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Loan authorization of \$940,000 for Howe Building at 200 Trapelo Road approved 15-0-0.

Clerk Vizard announced that the BXP Neighborhood meeting would be postponed due to the weather. Councillor LaFauci stated the meeting schedule for February 24, 2026, was cancelled due to the snowstorm and it will be rescheduled to sometime the following week and held at 1000 Winter Street.

President Logan announced that the parking ban had been lifted and all cars needed to be removed from schools and municipal lots.

Councillor LaFauci gave information on the upcoming WHS boys hockey varsity game in Weymouth and the WHS girls varsity hockey game in Hingham.

President Logan announced Councillors LaCava and LaFauci were appointed to the Ambulance Committee.

With no further matters Councillor LaFauci made a motion to adjourn. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Approved 15-0-0.

President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

March 3, 2026