

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

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

Artie Kronenfeld of the Waltham Times was recognized as recording the meeting.

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 1/26/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

First Public Hearing: Special Permit for MICOL, LLC. at 220 Moody Street

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Clerk Vizard explained that the special permit is being treated as a new application. Councillor Katz on a point of order asked about previous testimony. President Logan provided answers. Councillor Vidal made a motion to accept all information from previous public hearing. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Attorney Phillip McCourt of 272 Bacon Street, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner, spoke in favor of the petition. Landscape Architect for the petitioner Paul Finger 14 Spring Street Waltham, MA gave a brief overview of the project. The petitioner Michael Columba, spoke in favor of the petition. 1 person stood in favor of the petition. With no one else in favor, no one in opposition, and no one in a neutral position of the petition, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillor Harris asked questions with Mr. Columba and Mr. Finger providing answers. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to *have the Petitioners for 220 Moody St SP - provide in writing to the Full City Council: VARIANCES 1. Official Copies of all Variance granted by ZBA for this SP. 2. All additional variance needed that have not been obtained by the petitioner.* Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to *have the Petitioners for 220 Moody St. SP: provide in writing to the Full City Council: EASEMENTS 1. All easements obtained for this SP. 2. All easements not obtained but needed for this SP.* Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to *have the Petitioners for 220 Moody St. SP provide in writing to the Full City Council: Schematic of Building DESIGN 1. Front (Street View) Rear and Sides including the parking and curb cuts.* Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to *have the Petitioners for 220 Moody St SP provide in writing to the Full City Council: PARKING PLAN once the 29 spaces fill what is your parking plan for use of Municipal lots which ones in what order for both the hotel and the for the 350 Capacity event space you are seeking in your SP. Please list out this plan in detail for the committee for discussion.* Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Tzioumis, LeBlanc, Logan and LaFauci asked questions with Mr. Finger and Mr. Columba providing answers. With no further questions from Councillors, President Logan recessed the public hearing to a date and time certain of April 13,

2026, at 7:30 p.m. and referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. The City Clerk will forward all information to the Law Department.

Second Public Hearing: Special Permit for TTGROUP WALLEX, INC. at 864 Lexington Street (recessed 1/12/2026)

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. President Logan declared the public hearing reopened. Clerk Vizard stated new plans and a final order had been filed at the Clerk's office. Attorney Michael Connors of 689 Main Street, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner, spoke in favor of the petition. With no one else in favor, no one in opposition, and no one in a neutral position of the petition, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillor Harris spoke on the matter. Councillor Harris made a motion to suspend Rule 8 to take matter #1 from Ordinances and Rules Committee out of order. 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 and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Presiding: Logan

The Special Permit application for TTGROUP, Wal-Lex, LLC at 864 Lexington Street was approved 14-0-0-1.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer totaling \$1,851 between several accounts of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Department. The transfer will be used towards the purchase of two Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) bottles. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested a transfer of funds totaling \$9,665 for technology products for the City Clerk's Office. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$70,000 to reimburse the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink operating expenses account for the remainder of FY2026. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Council Rule 77 Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the matter. Referred to the Committee of the Whole. Councillor LeBlanc made a motion that was approved by a voice

vote to discharge the matter from Committee of the Whole. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

- **67 Crescent Street Resolution**
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Harris spoke on the matter. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- **Resolution Recognizing and Thanking Waltham Consolidated Public Works, Waltham Police Department, Waltham Fire Department, and 911 Dispatch for Outstanding Snow Response Efforts.**
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillors Harris and Vidal spoke on the matter. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have copies sent to all Departments listed. Councillor Harris made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris made a motion for approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the Resolution was approved.

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the approval of the transfer of the care, custody, and control of the Lawrence School property located at 258 Trapelo Road to the Recreation Department 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, and Vidal.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Presiding: Logan
Approved: 14-0-0-1.
2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen B. McMenimen for a five-year term as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals 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, and Vidal.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Presiding: Logan
Approved: 14-0-0-1.
3. The Committee of the Whole recommended the confirmation of the appointment of John J. O'Connor, III as Director of Veteran's Services & License Commission Assistant for a three-year term 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, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, and Vidal.
Opposed: None.
Absent: None.
Recused: LaCava.

Presiding: Logan
Approved: 14-0-0-1-1.

Ordinances and Rules

1. Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Special Permit application for TTGROUP, Wal-Lex, LLC at 864 Lexington Street be approved. This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.
2. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Amendment to Chapter 17-85 Regulation of On Street Parking on Private Ways be filed. 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 an appropriation in the amount of \$152,129.27 to purchase a new ice resurfacing machine for the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink 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.
2. The Finance Committee recommended the Accountant Grade 11 in the Auditors' Office be reassigned as Senior Accountant Grade 13 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 the funding transfers totaling \$143,000 to cover upcoming expenses within the Department of Public Works Water & Sewer Operations Department through the end of the 2026 fiscal year 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 the appropriation in the amount of \$106,872.50 to fund the street resurfacing of Pine Vale Road as part of the street resurfacing project for Seminole Avenue and Hardy Pond 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.
5. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of the Community One Stop Growth State Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the HousingWorks Infrastructure Program 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 the acceptance of the Community One Stop Growth State Grant in the amount of \$6,000,000 from the MassWorks Program 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. 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.

Long Term Debt and Capital Planning

1. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommends a loan authorization in the amount of \$940,000 for the design/architectural services required for the interior design of the Pool/Howe Building located at 200 Trapelo Road be approved for a first reading. Councillor Durkee 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 for a first reading.

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)
- Loan authorization in the amount of \$5,100,000 for the Koutoujian Playground and Woerd Avenue Environmental Mitigation Project. (Tabled 1/26/26)

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

With no further matters Councillor Harris made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

February 17, 2026