

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
January 26, 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 1/12/2026. 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.

Approved 15-0-0.

Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of the City Council School Committee Convention meeting minutes of 1/20/2026. 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.

Approved 15-0-0.

Councillor LeBlanc moved approval of the Executive City Council meeting minutes of 1/12/2026. 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.

Approved 15-0-0.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$152,129.27 to purchase a new ice resurfacing machine for the Veterans Memorial Skating Rink. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested the Accountant Grade 11 in the Auditors Office be reassigned as Senior Accountant Grade 13. Referred to the Finance Committee.

3. The Mayor respectfully requested funding transfers totaling \$143,000 to cover upcoming expenses within the PW Water & Sewer Operations Department through the end of the 2026 fiscal year. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a loan authorization in the amount of \$940,000 for the design/architectural services required for the interior design of the Howe Building located at 200 Trapelo Road. Referred to the Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested confirmation of the appointment of Kathleen B. McMenimen as an Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested confirmation of the appointment of John J. O'Connor, III as Director of Veteran's Services & License Commission Assistant for a three-year term. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested an 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. Referred to the Finance Committee.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of the Community One Stop Growth State Grant in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the HousingWorks Infrastructure Program. Referred to the Finance Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requested the acceptance of the Community One Stop Growth State Grant in the amount of \$6,000,000 from the MassWorks Program. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Committee of the Whole

Councillor Brasco made a motion to act collectively on items 1-9. 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 LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for items 1-9 collectively. 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.

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Questions regarding the property at 67 Crescent Street matter be filed without prejudice.
2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Gloria Champion Resolution be filed.

3. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Resolution Concerning MBTA Better Bus Project be filed without prejudice.
4. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Conservation Restriction for 84 AFT Arcadia Avenue with the state be filed.
5. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Conservation Restriction for 775 Rear Lot 1, Parcel B Trapelo Road with the state be filed.
6. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Conservation Restriction for 385 Trapelo Road with the state be filed.
7. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Conservation Restriction for 282 Trapelo Road with the state be filed.
8. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Paul Tracey Resolution be filed without prejudice.
9. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Parking Lot Resolution be filed.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of a gift of various historic papers/memorabilia (1800's) from the estate of Rueben H. Caughey and Arlene Richards be approved. Councillor LaFauci 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.
Approved 15-0-0.
2. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of a gift of 300 toys from the U. S. Marines Toys For Tots to the City of Waltham for families next year be approved. Councillor LaFauci 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.
Approved 15-0-0.
3. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of a rebate incentive grant from Eversource Energy in the amount of \$183,432 be approved. Councillor LaFauci 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.
Approved 15-0-0.

Licenses and Franchises

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the request from Eversource for a Private Way license for Seyon Street be filed. Councillor Vidal 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.
Approved 15-0-0.

2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommends the Class II License Renewal at 279R Crescent Street for Waltham Auto Tow, Inc. be approved. Councillor Vidal 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.
Approved 15-0-0.

Long Term Debt and Capital Planning

1. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommends a 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 be approved for a first reading. Councillor Durkee moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for a first 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.
Approved 15-0-0.
Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter on the Council floor. 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.
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2. The Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee recommends the approval of a loan authorization in the amount of \$5,100,000 for the Koutoujian Playground and Woerd Avenue Environmental Mitigation Project be approved for a first reading. Councillor Durkee moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for a first 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.
Approved 15-0-0.
Councillor Durkee moved to table the matter on the Council floor. 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.
Approved 15-0-0 for first reading.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
Mayor's Communication regarding a potential real estate matter (Tabled 1/12/26)

Councillor LaFauci asked for the Chairs of the Committees to be announced. President Logan gave the names of the Committee Chairs.

Economic and Community Development, William A. Hanley

Public Works and Public Safety, Caren Dunn

Ordinances and Rules, Cathyann Harris

Veterans Services, Sean Durkee

Long Term Debt and Capital Planning, Sean Durkee

Licenses and Franchises, Carlos Vidal

Finance, Paul Katz

Kevin M Ritcey, William A. Hanley

Cable Committee, Caren Dunn

With no further matters Councillor Harris 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.

The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

February 2, 2026