

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
April 27, 2026

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

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

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

Absent: Hanley, King.

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 4/13/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved approval Executive Session minutes of 3/23/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan stated that even though the executive session minutes are approved, they need to be redacted and seen by the Law Departemt.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$1,296,507 to pay the remaining snow expenses incurred for FY2026. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a pair of wooden skate guards from Robert Dagostino for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a book by Yasmin Azad titled “Stay, Daughter, A Memoir of a Muslim GIRLHOOD” from Councillors Colleen Bradley-MacArthur, Robert G. Logan, Caren Dunn, William A. Hanley and Emma Tzioumis for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of Grover Cronin Pantyhose, National Geographic Magazine November 1957, Boston American November 16, 1943 Edition and News Tribune Centennial Edition (1984) and Waltham resident and Boys’ Club boy-of-the-year, cabin boy Joseph M. Meany, Jr.’s sail on the Mayflower II from Julia DeCola for the City Hall Museum Room. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested the Waltham Fields Community Farm License Agreement be sent to the appropriate Committee. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested the Green Rows of Waltham, Inc. License Agreement be sent to the appropriate Committee. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested the Healthy Waltham Farm License Agreement be sent to the appropriate Committee. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Clerk Vizard read a late-filed communication from the Mayor regarding the property at 14-16 Spring Street. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Secondhand Dealers renewal – 487 Moody Street – Milano Gold
2. Secondhand Dealers renewal – 709 Main Street – Reclaim Chic
3. Secondhand Dealers renewal – 139 Moody Street Unit 1 – L&V Collection Jewelry, LLC
4. Tables & Chairs on sidewalks permit – 361 Moody Street – Vinotta Restaurant

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

Resolution for MAPC Updated Traffic and Parking Data for Homebuilding

Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Bradley Mac-Arthur spoke on the Resolution.

Councillor Bradley-MacArthur made a request to have report sent to the Traffic Commission, the Board of Survey and Planning and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur made a second request to invite Travis Pollack from MAPC and others that he deems appropriate to give his Perfect Fit Parking presentation and the slide deck presented to City Council. Councillor Katz spoke on the motion stating the information already existed and he was not in favor of the request. The request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur made a third request that was approved by a voice vote to have the documents sent to the Community Scale consultants who are currently working with our Ordinance and Rules Committee on a comprehensive zoning review. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

President Logan relinquished the chair to Vice President LeBlanc to speak on a Resolution.

James J. “Brud” Fahey Resolution

Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Logan, Harris and Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Veterans Service Committee.

President Pro Tem LeBlanc relinquished the Chair to President Logan, President Logan resumed presiding from the chair.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole Committee recommended the estimated total project costs not to exceed \$79,050,136 for the Library renovation be approved. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for the order. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and Logan.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Hanley, King.
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2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Restrictive Covenant for HOME project at the Beaverbrook Apartments for ADA upgrades be approved. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for the order. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Hanley, King.

Presiding: Logan.

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Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer of funds in the amount of \$44,950 for the paving of the parking lot located at 92 Felton Street property be approved. 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.
2. The Finance Committee recommended a transfer in the amount of \$20,000 to supplement the Housing Department general expenses account be approved. 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.

Licenses and Franchises

Councillor Vidal made a motion to act collectively on all Secondhand dealer licenses items 1 – 3. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council collectively on items 1-3. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and items 1 – 3 were approved.

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand dealer's license renewal at 88 Maple Street for La Boutiqua be approved.
2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand dealer's license renewal at 100 River Street for Four Jwaze LLC be approved.
3. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand dealer's license renewal at 1250 Main Street for Clean Out Your House be approved.

Councillor Vidal made a motion to act collectively on all Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permits items 4 – 10. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council collectively on items 4-10. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and items 4 – 10 were approved.

4. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 419 Moody Street for Common Good Co be approved.
5. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 474 Moody Street for Tempo be approved.
6. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 265 Moody Street for In a Pickle be approved.
7. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 336 Moody Street for Bistro 781 be approved.

8. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 428 Moody Street for Chepes Bakery be approved.
9. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 424 Moody Street for La Chapincita be approved.
10. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on sidewalks permit at 342 Moody Street for Shiki Shabu Shabu be approved.

Long Term Dept & Capital Planning

1. The Long Term Debt & Capital Planning Committee recommended the loan authorization in the amount of \$1,450,000 to purchase a high voltage substation to supply power to service the entire property 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. Councillor Durkee made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter on the Council Floor.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Waltham WCAC-TV request for PEG Salary/Expenses/Equipment in the amount of \$108,500.47. Referred to the Cable AdHoc Committee.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
- Mayor's Communication regarding a potential real estate matter (Tabled 3/23/2026)
- 250th Anniversary of the British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776, Resolution
Councillor Durkee made a motion to take the 250th Anniversary of the British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776, Resolution off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Durkee moved approval of 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 approved.

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 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

May 6, 2026