

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
March 23, 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, 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 3/9/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86

First Public Hearing: Grant of Location at Bear Hill Road for Eversource

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Eversource representative Joanne Callender, 48 Cheyanne Road, Worcester, 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 to the petition President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter. Ms. Callender provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of the Year 52 Community Development Grant Program. Referred to the Economic and Community Development Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation of \$35,339.91 for the Disability Services Commission. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a request from Margaret Cannon to name the Northeast School for Superintendent John J. Daddona. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a loan authorization in the amount of \$10,536,466 for the owner's project management (OPM) and design services required for the new Police Station located at 155 Lexington Street. Referred to the Long Term Debt & Capital Planning Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 to supplement the Police Department medical services account. Referred to the Finance Committee.

6. Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by voice vote to suspend Rule 43 to accept a late-filed communication. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a FY 24 - FY26 MA Telecommunicator Emergency Response Task Force (TERT) Grant in the amount of \$3,500. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Secondhand Dealers renewal – 471 Main Street – The Tool Shed
2. Lodging House renewal – 94 Adams Street – A.M.G. Beech Road LLC

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Resolution to Review and Amend the Snow Removal Ordinance to Improve Sidewalk Safety
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillors Harris, Durkee, and Tzioumis spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Women's History Month Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur spoke on the Resolution and a book donation. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee Refence. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur moved approval. The motion was approved by a vice vote and the Women's History Month Resolution was approved and copy of the Resolution and book sent to the Mayor.

President Logan relinquished the chair to Councillor LeBlanc.

- News Day Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. President Logan spoke on the Resolution. President Logan moved to Suspend Rule 9 to hear from off committee members. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Waltham Times Board Chair, Executive Committee June Kinoshita spoke. Councillors Durkee, McLaughlin and Logan spoke on the Resolution. Councillors LaCava and Bradley-MacArthur spoke on the Resolution. President Logan moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee Refence. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan moved approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the News Day Resolution was approved.

Councillor LeBlanc relinquished the chair to President Logan.

Councillor Katz moved to discharge the Welcoming New Superintendent of Schools Resolution from the Committee of the Whole (6/24/24). The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Katz spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Katz made a request to have Superintendent Mendonsa attend the next available Committee of the Whole meeting to provide a brief 10 – 15 minutes highlight and lowlight update and participate in questions and discussion with Council members. The request was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Katz made a motion to send the matter back to the Committee of the Whole. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

- **Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution 2026**
Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 8 to take the Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution out of order. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to take the matter off the table. Councillor Harris spoke on events happening around Waltham during April 2026. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee Reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved approval of the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution was approved.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

1. Committee of the Whole recommended that the Resolution Calling for a Clean and Current City Website Initiative be filed. Councillor LeBlanc 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. Committee of the Whole recommended that the Mayor's Communication regarding hearing proposals related to the Paine Estate communication be filed. Councillor LeBlanc 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.
3. Committee of the Whole recommended that the City Council Budget of \$471,574 be approved. Council LaFauci made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the budget amended to include \$15,000 for monitors in the Council Chambers. Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee as amended be the action of the Council. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the matter was approved as amended.

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended the 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 \$174,541 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to address the deficit in the School Department, Special Education – Out of District Tuitions and Transportation account 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 a donation to fully restore the Grand Piano at Stonehurst from Robert Treat Paine Historical Trust 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.
7. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$12,118 from the Unreserved Fund Balance for updates to the heating systems at Government Center 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 Class II License renewal at 196 High Street for JJJ Auto Retailers 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.

Councillor Vidal made a motion to act collectively on all Lodging licenses items 2 – 23. 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 2-23. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the Lodging licenses items 2 – 23 were approved.

2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 11-13 Walnut Street for Martin Reilly Realty Trust be approved.
3. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 118-120 Robbins Street for Martin Reilly Realty Trust be approved.
4. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 44-46 Chester Avenue for Martin Reilly Realty Trust be approved.
5. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House at 20-22 Adams Street for Martin Reilly Realty Trust be approved.
6. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 21-23 Pine Street for 21-23 Pine Street LLC be approved.
7. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 755 Main Street for Max Horn be approved.

8. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 124-126 Ash Street for Ash Street Lodging LLC be approved.
9. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 403 River Street for Gilbrae Inn LLC be approved.
10. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 24-26 High Street for High Street LLC be approved.
11. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 6 Park Place for Charles W. Pintabone Trustee, Manager, be approved.
12. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 12-14 Lowell Street for Middlesex Human Service Agency Inc. be approved.
13. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal at 10-12 Maple Street for Mad-Nat Realty Trust be approved.
14. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Castle Hall Upper be approved.
15. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at HUD Tree Dorms Upper be approved.
16. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Stratton House Beaver be approved.
17. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Slade Hall Upper be approved.
18. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Nathan R. Miller Hall Upper be approved.
19. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Kresge Hall Upper be approved.
20. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Forest Hall Upper be approved.
21. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Fenway Hall be approved.
22. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Copley Hall South Lower be approved.
23. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Bentley University at Copley Hall North Lower be approved.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Time Extension for Special Permit at 1432 Main Street Order # 36591
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Time Extension for Special Permit at 850 Winter Street, 910 Winter Street, 920-930-940
Winter Street Order # 31842
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Time Extension for Special Permit Order#36590 at 460 Totten Pond Road.
Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
- Mayor's Communication regarding a potential real estate matter (Tabled 1/12/2026)
- 250th Anniversary of the British Evacuation of Boston March 17, 1776, Resolution
- Earth Day and Arbor Day Resolution 2026.
This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.

Councillor Brasco rose to wish Councillor LaFauci and Cathy Magliarditi Happy Birthday. The Council sang Happy Birthday to both.

Councillor Durkee rose to wish the Bentley Falcons best of luck in the Finals.

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 that 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, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and President Logan.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Approved 15-0-0. City Council convened in Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

The City Council reconvened in open session at 9:37 p.m.

With no further matters Councillor LeBlanc 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

April 3, 2026