

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
May 11, 2026

President Logan called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Dunn.

Board of Survey & Planning

Present: M. Justin Barrett, Brian Moroney, William Creonte, Wayne Keefner, S. Anthony DeVito and Mila Tarallo.

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 4/27/2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved approval Executive Session minutes of 4/13/2026. 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 Department.

Councillor Hanley made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 8 to take the Resolution Thanking Boston Dynamics former CEO Robert Playter out of order. Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Hanley spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Hanley made a motion to suspend Rule 9 to hear from off-committee member Boston Dynamic former CEO Robert Playter. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Mr. Playter spoke and introduced associates and his wife who were also in attendance. Mayor McCarthy presented Mr. Playter with the Key to the City of Waltham. Councillor Hanley move to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved approval of the Resolution. The motion was approved by a voice vote the Resolution Thanking Boston Dynamics CEO Robert Playter was approved.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

Clerk Vizard read the Joint Public Hearing notice.

First Joint Public Hearing: Zoning Amendment RCI-1 Overlay District for Bay Colony, LLC & BPX Woods

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. BXP Inc. Vice President Keir Evans, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner spoke on the matter giving progress updates since the last public hearing on December 8, 2025. Nick Pavone, 128 Packard Road, Stow MA, Tom Benevides, 308 River Street #3, Dan Semenate, 14 Brook Avenue #2, Lean Rotensten, 11 Mt Pleasant Rd, FL 2, Tim Riley, 100 Howard Street #2, and Zach Shapiro, 14 Day Street, Unit 1 all spoke in favor of the matter. 14 people stood in favor of the petition. Joseph Lester 23 Old Conant Road and Shen Ren

200 Old Country Road, Weston spoke in opposition. 5 People stood in opposition. With no one else in favor, no one else 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. Councillors LaFauci, Bradley-MacArthur, Tzioumis and LeBlanc asked questions. Mr. Evans, Attorney James Ward, Nutter Law Firm, Boston, MA provided answers. Board of Survey and Planning members Mr. Moroney and Mr. Keefner spoke on the matter. Mr. Evans provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. The Board of Survey and Planning will meet Thursday, May 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Second Joint Public Hearing: Zoning Amendment RCI-2 Overlay District for Stony Brook Associates

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. BXP Inc. Vice President Keir Evans, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter giving progress updates since the last public hearing on December 8, 2025. Brian Charvelli, 118 Temple Road, Waltham spoke in a neutral position of the matter. 14 people stood in favor of the petition. With no one in favor, no one in opposition and no one else 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. Councillors Katz, Harris, and Bradley-MacArthur asked questions. Mr. Evans provided answers. Members of Survey and Planning, Mr. Moroney, Mr. Barrett and Ms. Tarallo asked questions. Mr. Evans provided answers. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote to have the Law Department opine and provide recommended language and amendments to the RCI zoning language based upon the Community Scale Consulting Report that everyone had received earlier in the day for the next Ordinances and Rules Committee meeting 5/18/26. This request is exclusive for zoning language updates for RCI Zones 1,2,3. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. The Board of Survey and Planning will meet Thursday, May 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Third Joint Public Hearing: Zoning Amendment RCI-3 Overlay District for 1265 Main Street LLC.

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Attorney Phillip McCourt, 272 Bacon Street, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner spoke in favor of the matter. Attorney McCourt introduced Civil Engineer Nick Skoly, VHB, Watertown, MA. 11 people stood in favor of the petition. With no one 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. Councillors LaFauci asked questions. Mr. Skoly provided answers. Members of Survey and Planning, Mr. Moroney and Mr. Creonte asked questions with Mr. Evans providing answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. The Board of Survey and Planning will meet Thursday, May 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

President Logan declared a two-minute recess to clear the chambers at 9:43 p.m.
Council reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of an additional letter from Margaret Cannon regarding the Request to Name Northeast Elementary School the John Daddona Elementary School. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

2. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$50,458.50 to provide a 50% match for the purchase of 85 new police body armor and 11 Safariland overt carriers. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation of \$2,500 for the Disability Services Commission for handicapped projects. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of the fourth installment of a State grant in the amount of \$34,689.60 from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of the acceptance of a grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety in the amount of \$4,200 for the Senior SAFE Program for the Fire Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of a loan authorization in the amount of \$8,640,291 for the acquisition of the building located at 600 Main Street and that the matter be given a first reading prior to referral to a Committee. Councillor Durkee made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. Councillor Durkee made a motion for a first reading. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Referred to the Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested permission for the installation and naming of a bench at the lower field at Waltham High School in memory of Josephine Finnegan. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested permission for the installation and naming of a bench at Lowell field in memory and honor of Malcolm Bougeois. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Class II license renewal – 53 Felton Street – Pilgrim Auto Body, Inc.
2. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 469 Moody Street – Sweet Basil
3. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 367 Moody Street – Lizzy's Ice Cream
4. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 467 Moody Street – Deep Ellum
5. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 458-470 Moody Street – CDR LLC, DBA Rassa
6. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 315 Moody Street – Farmers India Market & Café
7. Tables & Chairs on Sidewalks Permit – 484 Moody Street – Amuleto Mexican Table

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

Resolution Thanking Boston Dynamics CEO Robert Playter

This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.

Resolution Recognizing the Historic Boston Post Road Corridor and Honoring the Passage of President George Washington Through Waltham

Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Katz spoke on the matter. Referred to the Veterans Services Committee.

Committee Reports

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$1,296,507 to pay the remaining snow expenses incurred for FY2026 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 acceptance of a pair of wooden skate guards from Robert Dagostino 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 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 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 acceptance of Grover Cronin Panty Hose, 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 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 Secondhand dealer’s license renewal at 487 Moody Street for Milano Gold 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.
2. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand dealer’s license renewal at 709 Main Street for Reclaim Chic 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.
3. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand dealer’s license renewal at 139 Moody Street Unit 1 for L&V Collection Jewelry, LLC 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.
4. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on Sidewalks Permit at 361 Moody Street for Vinotta Restaurant 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.

Ordinances and Rules

1. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Resolution Requiring Solar Energy Systems for all Large Developments in Waltham 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 filed.
2. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommends the Best Practices Checklist and Department Cost Estimates on Impact of Intensity of Use to City Resolution be approved. 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.
3. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommends the Handicap Resolution be approved. 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.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Extension of time for 1265 Main Street, LLC at 1265 Main Street for 2 years. 6/23/26-6/23/28 Order # 36629 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 4/13/2026)
- Loan Authorization in the amount of \$10,536,466 for OPM and design services for new Police Station 155 Lexington Street (1st reading 4/13/26)
Councillor Durkee made a motion to take matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Durkee moved for a second and final reading. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis and Vidal.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Dunn.
Presiding: Logan.
13-0-1-1.
- Loan Authorization in the amount of \$1,450,000 to purchase high voltage substation at 200 Trapelo Rd (1st reading 4/27/26)

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 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

May 20, 2026