

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
June 22, 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, Hanley, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis and President Logan.

Absent: Vidal

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 June 8, 2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Durkee made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 8 to take the McDevitt Eighth Grade Civics Resolution out of order. Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Durkee made a motion to suspend Rule 9 to hear from McDevitt teacher Mr. Kennedy and the students from his Eighth Grade Civics class. Councillor Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Mr. Kennedy spoke on class project on Big Belly Trash cans. The students presented their work on the Big Belly Trash cans. Councillor Harris congratulated the students for all their hard work and explained the process of getting Big Belly trash cans placed around the city. The McDevitt Eighth Grade Civics Resolution was referred to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee.

President Logan recognized Calum Pratt of Scout Troop 250 Waltham, MA for attending the meeting as part of the requirement as he works towards his Citizenship in the Community Merit badge.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

First Public Hearing: Grant of Location on South Street for National Grid

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Mary Mulroney of 201 Rivermore Street, West Roxbury, MA representing the petitioner spoke on the matter. With no one else in favor, no one else in opposition and no one in a neutral position to the zoning amendment President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillor Katz asked question with Ms. Mulroney answering. President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Second Public Hearing: Secondhand Dealers License at 550 Winter Street for Roadshow Concepts, LLC.

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Amy Morgan 20 Olney Street, Watertown, MA representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter. 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. Councillors LaFauci, King and Katz asked

questions. Ms. Morgan 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 an appropriation in the amount of \$350,000 from the Unreserved Fund Balance to the Stabilization Fund-General. Referred to the Finance Committee.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of potential bicycle locations that have been received from Councillors. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of the acceptance of a gift from Deciphera Pharmaceuticals of 50 stuffed animals for Waltham First Responders to distribute as a comfort tool to victims on emergency scenes. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$18,000 for operating expenses of the Parking Meter Program for the remainder of FY2026. Referred to the Finance Committee.
5. The Mayor respectfully requested the approval of a reimbursement of \$1,592,866 to Boston Dynamics and Hyundai Motor Group Waltham Expansion. Referred to the Finance Committee.
6. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$242,959.60 for the abatement and removal of the ceiling and floor mastic within the Howe building located at 200 Trapelo Road. Referred to the Finance Committee.
7. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$17,150 for design services required to modify the approved plans for the athletic area located at 200 Trapelo Road. Referred to the Finance Committee.
8. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$35,403.72 for several building repairs at the Howe building located at 200 Trapelo Road. Referred to the Finance Committee.
9. The Mayor respectfully requested an increase of \$3,746,048 to the original recommendation of \$129,101,849 for revised recommendation of \$132,847,897 for the FY 2027 School Department budget. Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table this matter until later in the meeting.
10. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a communication regarding 600 Main Street which is currently tabled in Committee of the Whole. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
11. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of the State grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for a total of \$105,000 to be used by the Planning Department for improvements to the Robert Treat Paine House. Referred to the Finance Committee.

12. The Mayor respectfully requested an appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 for design services for the window replacement project at City Hall. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- McDevitt Eighth Grade Civics Resolution
This matter was handled earlier in the meeting.

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the Resolution for Waltham Pride Day be approved. 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 approved.
2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the purchase of 48 and 48 BEF Mt Walley Road for the purpose of providing affordable housing preferably for Veterans 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, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Recused: Dunn.
Absent: Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 12-0-1-1-1.
3. The Committee of the Whole recommended the purchase of 50 Mt Walley Road for the purpose of providing affordable housing, preferably for Veterans 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, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Recused: Dunn.
Absent: Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 12-0-1-1-1.
4. The Committee of the Whole recommended the acceptance of a concept plan and vote regarding the DPW relocation to the lower parcel of the former Fernald School be approved. Councillor LeBlanc rose to amend the order by adding the following words at the end “and approves Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) as the preferred delivery method.” Councillor LeBlanc moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council as amended. The motion was approved by a voice vote, and the amended matter was approved.

Ordinances and Rules

1. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the zoning amendments for RCI-1 overlay district for Bay Colony, LLC & BXP Waltham Woods, RCI-2 overlay district for

Stonybrook Associates, LLC and RCI-3 overlay district for 1265 Main Streets, LLC be approved for a second reading. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for a second reading. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 45 for a third and final reading. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Vidal.

Presiding: Logan.

Approved: 13-0-1-1.

2. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the zoning amendment maps for RCI-1 overlay district for Bay Colony, LLC & BXP Waltham Woods, RCI-2 overlay district for Stonybrook Associates, LLC and RCI-3 overlay district for 1265 Main Streets, LLC be approved for a second reading. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for a second reading. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 45 for a third and final reading. Roll call required.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Vidal.

Presiding: Logan.

Approved: 13-0-1-1

3. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the zoning amendment for 495 Lincoln Street be approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris moved to suspend Rule 43 to accept a late-filed communication. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Clerk Vizard read a letter stating a move to withdraw without prejudice letter from the Attorney. Councillor Harris moved to withdraw the zoning amendment without prejudice. Roll call requested.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Vidal.

Presiding: Logan.

Approved: 13-0-1-1

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$125,000 to fund building utility bills for the remainder of 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 State 911 Emergency Medical Dispatch Grant in the amount of \$20,524.80 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 the State 911 Training Grant in the amount of \$123,557.52 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 the State 911 Support and Incentive Grant in the amount of \$275,871 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 two Waltham High School Reunion books for the 25th and 50th reunion of the Class of 1940 donated by Susan Kavaleski 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.
6. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of a Middlesex News Centennial Edition 1884-1984 and Centennial Scholarship memorabilia from Justin Barrett of Waltham 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.
7. The Finance Committee recommended the donation of four pictures of City Hall, Nuttings on the Charles, American Watch Factory, and the Howard Watch Factory from Robert Dagostino 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.

Proposed FY2027 Budget (recommendations anticipated)

Councillor Katz spoke about the budget meetings held, thanked the Finance Committee, the Auditors Department.

Councillor Katz moved to act on the Waltham Fire Department portion of the City budget. Councillor King recused himself and left the room. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council for the approval of the Waltham Fire Department budget for FY2027. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor King returned to the room. Councillor Katz moved to approve the rest of the FY2027 Municipal Budget of \$269,820,972. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the FY2027 Municipal Budget of \$269,820,972 was approved.

Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to take the Mayor's Communication #9 off the table. Clerk Vizard read the letter from Mayor McCarthy regarding the matter. Councillor Katz made a motion to approve the proposed revised FY2027 School Budget of \$132,847,897. On the motion, Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Hanley and Harris spoke on the matter. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote that the Superintendent of the Waltham Public Schools provide to the Waltham City Council, within five (5) days of this request, the current Multi-Year Waltham Public Schools Improvement Plan developed by the Superintendent and her

administrative team, including the district's strategic goals, performance objectives, implementation timelines, and measures of success. The City Council requests this information to better understand the district's long-term educational priorities, expected outcomes, and the framework by which progress and performance will be evaluated along with costs of benefits and expenses. Councillor Tzioumis spoke on the request, stating she believed the school had already provided the information. Councillor Harris made a request that was approved by a voice vote that the Superintendent of the Waltham Public Schools provide to the Waltham City Council, within five (5) days of this request, a detailed summary of the actual measurable performance improvements, outcomes, and key metrics that the City Council and Waltham taxpayers can reasonably expect to achieve and improve through the approval and expenditure of the Fiscal Year 2026 Waltham Public Schools Budget. Councillor Tzioumis spoke on a point of clarification on the request. Councillor Harris gave additional details on the request. Councillor LaFauci rose to speak on the School Budget. Councillor Katz rose to speak on the city and School budget process. Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council on the proposed revised FY2027 School Budget of \$132,847,89. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council on the \$569,973 FY2027 Parking Meter budget. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Katz moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council on the FY2027 revolving accounts for City Clerk, Council on Aging, Planning and Recreation Departments. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Public Works and Public Safety

1. The Public Works and Public Safety Committee recommended the Big Belly Trash Container near Railroad Ave Parking Lot & Train Shelter Resolution be approved. Councillor Dunn 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 Lodging House renewal for AMG Beech Road, LLC at 94 Adams Street be approved through September 28, 2026. Councillor Tzioumis 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 Fortune Tellers license for Minwoo Park at 39 Fiske Street, Apt. 1 be approved through September 28, 2026. Councillor Tzioumis 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 that 48 and 48 BEF Mt Walley Road be named Arrigo's Place, in honor of Arrigo Farm be approved subject to the city acquiring the property. Councillor Dunn recused herself. Councillor Tzioumis 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 that 50 Mt Walley Road be named Mac's Place, in honor of Mac Moran be approved subject to the city acquiring the property. Councillor Dunn recused herself. Councillor Tzioumis 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 Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on Sidewalks permit for Guanachapi's Restaurant at 273 Moody Street be approved. Councillor Tzioumis 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 Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Tables and Chairs on Sidewalks permit for Pho & Spice at 457 Moody Street be approved. Councillor Tzioumis 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 Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Dennis Dyer at 107 Adams Street be approved. Councillor Tzioumis 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.
8. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Lodging House renewal for Vibrant Estate Management Company at 77 Prospect Street be approved. Councillor Tzioumis 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.

Economic and Community Development

1. The Economic and Community Development Committee recommended the Mental Health Awareness Resolution approved. Councillor Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Hanley 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

- Communication from the School Committee regarding the FY2027 Budget
Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to accept the late-filed School Committee letter regarding the FY2027 budget. Councillor Katz made a motion to withdraw the matter without prejudice. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the letter was withdrawn without prejudice.
- 2026 Election Warrant
Councillor LeBlanc moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor LeBlanc moved for approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the 2026 Election Warrant was approved.
- CPC Member reappointments
President Logan read the names of the reappointments. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Durkee made a motion to suspend Rule 43 to accept a late filed Communication from the City Auditor to correct Scribner's errors on CPA appropriations. Clerk Vizard read

the first order #36905 50 Mt Walley Road as amended. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the order. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Clerk Vizard read the second order, 36900 118 Prospect Street, as amended. Councillor Durkee moved approval of the order. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
- Mayor's Communication regarding a potential real estate matter (Tabled 4/13/2026)
- Affordable Housing Zoning Amendment (1st reading 5/26/26)
- Councillor Harris moved to take the matter off the table. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved approval for a third and final reading. Roll call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 13-0-1-1.

President Logan announced the times and locations for the Committee Meetings.
President Logan recessed the meeting at 8:51 p.m. to break into Committees.

President Logan reconvened the City Council meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Committee Reports

Ordinances and Rules

1. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Compensation Amendment Section 2-29.B.2 of Article V, Assistant Fire Chief Grade 18 be approved for a first reading. Councillor King recused himself. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter.
2. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Compensation Amendment Section 2-29.B.2 of Article V, Human Resources Director Grade 17 to Grade 18 be approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter.
3. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the Compensation Amendment Section 2-29.B.2 of Article V, Benefits Coordinator Grade 12 be approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter.
4. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the General Ordinances Amendment Section 2-30, B-2 Senior Park Ranger \$5,000 stipend be approved for a first reading.

Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter.

5. The Ordinances and Rules Committee recommended the General Ordinances Amendment changing Consolidated Public Works and CPW to Department of Public Works and DPW be approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter was approved for a first reading. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to table the matter.

Committee of the Whole

1. The Committee of the Whole recommended the reappointment of Community Preservation Committee Member Erika Oliver Jerram for FY2027 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, King, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Katz, LaCava, Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 11-0-3-1.
2. The Committee of the Whole recommended the reappointment of Community Preservation Committee Member Loretta McClary for FY2027 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, King, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Absent: Katz, LaCava, Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 11-0-3-1.
3. The Committee of the Whole recommended the reappointment of Community Preservation Committee Member Amanda Thibodeau for FY2027 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 and Tzioumis.
Opposed: None.
Absent: LaCava, Vidal.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 12-0-2-1.

Finance

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Licenses and Franchises

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Economic and Community Development

1. The Economic and Community Development Committee recommended the Resolution to Strengthen Business Development in Waltham be approved. Councillor Hanley moved that the action of the Committee be the action of the Council. The motion was adopted by a voice vote and the matter 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 10:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

July 1, 2026