

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 14, 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.

City Clerk Vizard recited the Council Prayer followed by President Logan leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor Durkee spoke on September, being Suicide Prevention Month and 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 August 13, 2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

President Logan relinquished the Chair to Vice President LeBlanc.

President Logan made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 8 to take the McDevitt Eighth Grade Civic Sidewalk Project Resolution out of order. President Logan spoke on the Resolution. President Logan made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 9 to hear from off committee members. McDevitt Middle School Eighth Grade Civics teacher, Mr. Hanlon, spoke on the project. President Logan presented the Resolutions to Mr. Hanlon and the students involved on the project. President Logan moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan moved approval of the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the McDevitt Eighth Grade Civic Sidewalk Project Resolution was approved.

Vice President LeBlanc relinquished the Chair back to President Logan.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

First Public Hearing: Secondhand Dealers license at 56 Felton Street for More Than Words
Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Shiricka Brown of 56 Felton Street, Waltham, 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 license President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillors Katz, Bradley-MacArthur Vidal, McLaughlin and LeBlanc asked questions. Ms. Brown provided answers. Councillor Vidal made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved for approval of the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the Secondhand Dealers license for More than Words at 56 Felton Street was approved.

Second Public Hearing: Secondhand Dealers license at 85 River Street for Pedals & Powder, LLC
Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Kendall Howard, 9 Addison Street, Arlington, 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 license, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillors LaCava, Bradley-MacArthur,

Vidal and LaFauci asked questions. Mr. Howard provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the Public Hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Third Public Hearing: Fuel Storage license at 245 Fifth Avenue for ALP PHOP Manager LLC Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Paul Finger of 14 Spring Street, Waltham, 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 license, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter. With no further questions President Logan closed the Public Hearing and referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Fourth Public Hearing: Special Permit Modification at 287 Crescent Street for Dyer's Crescent Suites, LLC.

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Kevin Leitner 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 modification, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillors Harris and LaCava spoke on the matter. With no further questions President Logan referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. President Logan recessed the Public Hearing to date certain of Monday, November 23, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Fifth Public Hearing: Special Permit Modification at 995 Main Street for Service Credit Union Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Attorney Michael Connors of 689 Main Street, Waltham, 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 modification, President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. Councillors LaFauci and King spoke on the matter. With no further questions President Logan referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. President Logan recessed the Public Hearing to date certain of Monday, November 23, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested an opportunity for a presentation of a concept plan for Veterans' housing and services by Caritas Communities, Veterans' Pathway, and the city team on September 21, 2026. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested approval of the acceptance of fitness equipment from Core Development & Management and Planet Fitness for the City of Waltham Fire Department. Referred to the Finance Committee.
3. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of the Green Communities Competitive Grant in the amount of \$173,714 from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division. Referred to the Finance Committee.
4. The Mayor respectfully requested acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$208,096 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Aging and Independence to be used by the Council on Aging. Councillor Katz made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Katz made a motion for approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote

5. The Mayor respectfully requested without Committee reference a transfer in the amount of \$98,672.05 towards the construction phase of the Green Infrastructure Retrofit Project at the Embassy Garage. Councillor Katz made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to suspend Rule 9 to hear from off committee member City Engineer Robert Winn. Engineer Winn spoke on the matter. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter. Councillor Katz moved approval of the matter. The motion was approved by a voice vote

Applications and Licenses

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

1. Class 2 License renewal – 215 Lexington Street – New England Transit Sales, Inc.

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- National Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Vidal spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Vidal moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Vidal moved approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the National Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution was approved.
- Use of Artificial Intelligence in City Government
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Vidal spoke on the Resolution. Councillor Vidal made a request that the Director of Information Technology be invited to appear before the Committee of the Whole to discuss the City's current use of artificial intelligence technologies, any existing policies, practices, or safeguards relating to their use, and considerations regarding the responsible use of artificial intelligence in municipal operations. Further, the Director discuss any recommendations or guidance he may have for the City Council as the City considers the opportunities and potential risks associated with the use of artificial intelligence. The request was approved by a voice vote. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- McDevitt 8th Grade Civic Sidewalk Project Resolution
This matter was disposed of earlier in the evening
- Secondhand Dealers License Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Rule 95 Utility Master Plan Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Katz spoke on the matter. Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.
- Resolution Amending the MBTA Communities Zoning Ordinance to Incorporate the City's Newly Adopted Inclusionary Zoning Requirements
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.
- Yolanda Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Hanley spoke on the Resolution and asked for a moment of silence in honor of Yolanda. Councillor Hanley moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Hanley moved for approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the Yolanda Cellucci Resolution was approved.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- Letter from the Waltham School Committee regarding naming of 617 Lexington Street building “The John J “Jack” Daddona Education Center”
Referred to the Licenses and Franchises Committee

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)
- Loan Authorization \$2,125,684 Water/Street/ Sewer (1st reading 8/3/26)
Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to take the matter off the table. Councillor Katz made a motion for a second and final reading of the matter. 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.
Approved: 13-0-1-1.
- Loan Authorization \$1,675,000 Zetron Max alerting/radio control system (1st reading 8/3/26)
Councillor Katz made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to take the matter off the table. Councillor Katz made a motion for a second and final reading of the matter. 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.
Approved: 13-0-1-1.
- Compensation Ordinance to amend the existing pay charts for non-union employees (1st Reading 8/3/26)
Councillor King recused himself. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to take the matter off the table. Councillor Harris made a motion that was approved by a voice vote for a second reading. Councillor Harris made a motion to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris made a motion for a third and final reading of the matter. Roll Call required.
In favor: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Tzioumis and Vidal
Opposed: None.
Recused: King.
Absent: Dunn.
Presiding: Logan.
Approved: 12-0-1-1-1.

Councillor Katz rose to wish all the Jewish residents of Waltham a Happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Councillor Katz recited a small prayer.

With no further matters Councillor LaFauci made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

September 21, 2026