

Waltham City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of
September 28, 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, Vidal and President Logan.

Absent: None.

Board of Survey & Planning

Present: M. Justin Barrett (remote), William Creonte, Wayne Keefner, S. Anthony DeVito, Brian Moroney 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 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 September 14, 2026. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Clerk Vizard read Rule 86.

First Joint Public Hearing: Zoning Ordinance Amendment at 181 – 185 Felton Street
Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Attorney Michael Connors of 689 Main Street, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter. Tom Benevides of 308 River Street, #3, Waltham, MA and Deb Herman of 3 Grant Place, #2, Waltham, MA spoke in favor of the matter. 7 people stood in favor of the matter. With no one else in favor, no one in opposition and no one in a neutral position to the ordinance President Logan closed that part of the public hearing and opened the hearing up to questions from Councillors. No Councillors had comments. Board of Survey and Planning members, Mr. Creonte and Mr. Moroney asked questions. Attorney Connors provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the Public Hearing and referred the matter to the Ordinances and Rules Committee. Mr. Creonte stated the Board of Survey and Planning would be meeting on October 7, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Government Center.

President Logan called a recess at 8:10 p.m. while the Board of Survey and Planning cleared the room.

President Logan called the meeting back to order at 8:13 p.m.

Second Public Hearing: 17-25 Street Opening at 205 Second Avenue

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Mary Mulroney, 201 Rivermore Street, West Roxbury, 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 asked questions. Ms. Mulroney provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee.

Third Public Hearing: 17-25 Street Opening at 1-141 South Street

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Mary Mulroney, 201 Rivermore Street, West Roxbury, 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 Katz asked questions. Ms. Mulroney provided answers. With no further questions President Logan closed the public hearing and referred the matter to the Public Works and Public Safety Committee.

Fourth Public Hearing: Special Permit application at 20 Williams Street

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Attorney Joseph Connors of 404 Main Street, Waltham, MA representing the petitioner, spoke on the matter. Brad Upton of 25 Virginia Road, Waltham, MA and Tom Benevides of 308 River Street, #3, Waltham, MA spoke in favor of the matter. Clerk Vizard read an email from Diane McElligott of 24-28 Williams Street RE tr. in favor of the matter. 23 people stood in favor of 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 LaCava, Katz, Harris, Hanley and Bradley-MacArthur 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: Fuel Storage License 40-50 & 60 Sylvan Road

Clerk Vizard read the public hearing notice. Jaime Giordana of 400 Technology Square, Cambridge, 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. Councillor LaFauci spoke on the matter. With no further questions President Logan referred the matter to the Licenses and Franchises Committee.

Communications from the Mayor

1. The Mayor respectfully requested the City Council's recommendations with regard to the Lawrence School Building. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
2. The Mayor respectfully requested the City Council's recommendations with regard to the Government Center building and land. Referred to the Committee of the Whole

Resolutions, Orders and Ordinances

- Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Durkee spoke on the Resolution. Clerk Vizard read a request from Councillor Durkee to have a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker or a PhD from the Suicide Prevention Program, Bedford VA Healthcare System, 200 Springs Road Bedford, MA be invited to a future Committee of the Whole meeting at their earliest convenience. The request was approved by a voice vote. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.
- Resolution in Honor of Recovery Awareness Month 2026
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. Councillor Harris spoke on the Resolution and moved to suspend Rule 39 to act on the matter without Committee reference. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Councillor Harris moved for approval. The motion was approved

by a voice vote and the Resolution in Honor of Recovery Awareness Month 2026 was approved.

President Logan relinquished the Chair to Vice President LeBlanc.

- Special Act to Authorize City to make Health Insurance Coverage available to the office of the Mayor per M.G.L. c. 32B Resolution
Clerk Vizard read the Resolution. President Logan spoke on the matter. Councillors Harris and Bradley-MacArthur spoke on the Resolution. Referred to the Ordinances and Rules Committee.

Vice President LeBlanc relinquished the Chair back to President Logan.

Committee Reports

Finance

1. The Finance Committee recommended the acceptance of fitness equipment from Core Development & Management and Planet Fitness for the City of Waltham Fire Department 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 the acceptance of the Green Communities Competitive Grant in the amount of \$173,714 from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Green Communities Division 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

1. The Licenses and Franchises Committee recommended the Secondhand Dealers' license for Pedals & Powder, LLC at 85 River Street 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 Class II license renewal for New England Transit Sales, Inc. at 215 Lexington Street 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 request from the Waltham School Committee regarding naming the 617 Lexington Street building "The John J "Jack" Daddona Education Center" 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.

Unfinished Business & Other Business

- CPC Recommendation for an allocation of \$320,000 of CPA funds for Window Restoration at Gore Place.
Referred to the Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee.
- CPC Recommendation for an allocation of \$85,000 of CPA funds for Exterior Restoration of Community Day Center 20 Felton Street Location.

Referred to the Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee.

- CPC Recommendation for an allocation of \$50,768 of additional CPA funds for Steeple Preservation and Restoration at First Parish Church.

Referred to the Long Term Debt and Capital Planning Committee.

- November 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 approval. The motion was approved by a voice vote and the November 2026 Election Warrant was approved.

Tabled Items

- 66 Brewster Road (Tabled 6/9/25)

Rule 58

- Letter from Town of Lincoln regarding Bay Colony (MIRROD) Redevelopment and Associated Traffic Impacts on Waltham-Lincoln Border
- Mayor's Communication regarding 240 Beaver Street
- Mayor's Communication regarding Former Elks Building Lexington and School Street

Recessed Public Hearings

- Special Permit MICOL at 220 Moody Street recessed on 8/3/26 (10/26/26)
- Special Permit CAVA Group Inc. at 96 Tower Road recessed 8/3/26 (10/13/26)
- Special Permit Modification Dyer's Crescent Suites, LLC 287 Crescent Street recessed 9/14/26 (11/23/26)
- Special Permit Service Credit Union 995 Main Street recessed 9/14/26 (11/23/26)

With no further matters Councillor Brasco made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cathy Magliarditi

Executive Assistant to the City Clerk

October 5, 2026