



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

*Council President Amanda Linehan*  
*Councillor at Large Karen Colon Hayes*  
*Councillor Paul Condon*  
*Councillor Peg Crowe*  
*Councillor at Large Michelle Luong*  
*Councillor at Large Carey McDonald*  
*Councillor Ryan O'Malley*  
*Councillor Jadeane Sica*  
*Councillor Chris Simonelli*  
*Councillor Ari Taylor*  
*Councillor Stephen Winslow*

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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
215 Pleasant Street  
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### Committee of the Whole

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Council President Linehan called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.*

#### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF SERVICE MEMBERS

#### 3. ROLL CALL

*Also in attendance was Christopher Mooney and Lisa Cagno.*

**Present - Councillors:** 10 - Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Ryan O'Malley, Chris Simonelli, Ari Taylor, Stephen Winslow and Michelle Luong

**Absent - Councillors:** 1 - Jadeane Sica

#### 4. MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

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Order: That the Rules and Ordinance Committee, in conjunction with a designee of the Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement Commission, will prepare draft amendments to MCC 12.12.190 necessary to comply with the Court Judgement rendered in Benevolent Botanicals v City of Malden. The Committee shall report back to the Full Council for preliminary review of said draft prior to seeking legal review and a vote to refer to a joint session of the Planning Board with Rules and Ordinance Committee.

**Sponsors:** Stephen Winslow

**Attachments:** [Structured Analysis by ROM March 3 2026 137-26](#)

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor O'Malley,**

that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[138-26](#)

The City Council will address the Open Meeting Law complaint submitted on February 19, 2026 by Bruce Friedman of 8 Marvin Street, Malden against the Council related to release of Executive Session minutes from February 3, 2026.

**Attachments:** [OML Complaint 2-19-2026](#)

**A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Luong, that the Council Item be referred to the Legal Department. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 10 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Simonelli, Taylor, Winslow and Luong

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

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Communication: On February 19, 2026 a request was made by Bruce Friedman for the regular and executive session meeting minutes from the Malden City Council for the dates of February 10 and 17, 2026. Regular session minutes may be found in the Agenda Center of the City's website. In accordance with M.G. L. c. 30A, s. 22 (g) the public body's chair has conducted a review of the Executive Session minutes and has made the determination that those minutes from February 10 and 17 shall be released in accordance with the completion of post-judgment actions on each of the respective court cases which were discussed during these sessions.

**Sponsors:** Amanda Linehan

**A motion was made by Councillor Crowe, seconded by Councillor Simonelli, that the Communication be placed on file. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councillor Taylor, seconded by Councillor Luong, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.**

**CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK**

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