



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Agenda - 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, February 24, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 3. ROLL CALL

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

### 5. CONSENT AGENDA

- [110-26](#) Minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2026
- [111-26](#) Minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2026
- [112-26](#) Minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2026
- [113-26](#) Minutes from the meeting of February 17, 2026  
*Recommendation is the previous Council minutes be approved*
- [114-26](#) Council Reappointment: Sheila Fermano of 140 West Street, Malden, as Cemetery Trustee, said term to expire March 1, 2031. (Confirmation not required)  
*Recommendation is the previous Appointment be placed on file*

[115-26](#) Petition: Class II: Friends Auto Group LLC, 225 Eastern Avenue, Malden, 17 vehicles (Renewal)

[116-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: John A. Danca, 26 Highland Court, Malden (Renewal)

[117-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Sophia Pepper, 290 Stephenson Aman Street Apt. 307, Somerville (Renewal)  
*Recommendation is the previous three petitions be referred to the License Committee*

[118-26](#) Communication: Per the requirements of MCC 2.04.030 the Malden Housing Authority respectfully submits their board approved FY2026 Annual Report.

**Attachments:** [Malden Housing Authority Annual Report FY2026](#)

[119-26](#) Communication: During the meeting of February 17, 2026, the Council voted by a 10-1 roll call vote to enter into Executive Session with legal counsel for the City, in accordance with Exemption Seven Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(7), to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements, in order to act on the periodic review of those executive session minutes listed herein to determine if release of records is appropriate at this time.

- February 3, 2026, 77-26

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, to release the February 3, 2026 Executive Session minutes whole and unredacted upon the court's acceptance of the proposed settlement agreement between Tufts Construction and the City of Malden. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Yea: Colón Hayes, Crowe, Condon, Linehan, Luong, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Simonelli, Taylor, Winslow

Nea: zero

Absent: zero

**Sponsors:** Amanda Linehan  
*Recommendation is the previous two Communications be placed on file*

## **6. APPOINTMENTS & ELECTIONS**

[120-26](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Diego Barricelli of 33 Glen Street, Malden, as member of the Public Works Commission, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2029.

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Diego Barricelli](#)

[121-26](#) Mayoral Reappointment: Diane Chuha of 19 Marion Street, Malden, as member of the Planning Board, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2031.

**Attachments:** [Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Diane Chuha](#)

[122-26](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Maria D'Esposito of 81 Floral Avenue, Malden, as an associate member of the Board of Appeal, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2029.

**Attachments:**

[Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Maria D'Esposito](#)

[123-26](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Yem Lip of 28 Constitution Road, Boston, as City Engineer/Director of the Engineering Department, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2029.

**Attachments:**

[Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Yem Lip](#)

[124-26](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Barbara Murphy of 28 Forest Street, Malden, as the Police Commissioner, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2029.

**Attachments:**

[Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Barbara Murphy](#)

[125-26](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Anthony Rodrigues of 100 Tremont Street, Malden, as Director of Information Technology, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2029.

**Attachments:**

[Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Anthony Rodrigues](#)

[126-26](#)

Mayoral Reappointment: Stephanie Stone of 19 Pine Street, Malden, as a member of the Planning Board, said term to commence upon confirmation by the City Council and expire on March 1, 2031.

**Attachments:**

[Mayor's Reappointment Letter - Stephanie Stone](#)

## **7. HEARINGS, PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, AND REMONSTRANCES**

Council will hold a public hearing on a National Grid petition to install underground conduits

[127-26](#)

Petition: Massachusetts Electric Company dba National Grid Plan No. 30967378 - National Grid to install underground facilities on Newland Street. Work in the city right of way includes two 4" steel risers on existing pole #3812 and approximately 51 ft of two 4" concrete encased Sch 40 PVC conduits from eastern side of existing pole #3812 in front of 46 Newland Street continuing in a northern direction towards the 36-54 Broadway Plaza parking lot to feed the proposed pad-mounted transformer (XRFM) for a new EV charging station. Malden, MA.

(Hearing Required)

**Attachments:**

[46 Newland Street Petition](#)

[Abutters 46 Newland Street](#)

[Hearing Notice 46 Newland Street](#)

**8. MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS**[128-26](#)

The City Council will address the Open Meeting Law complaint submitted on February 17, 2026 (revised February 19) by Ryan O'Malley of 706A Main Street, Malden against the Council related to accusations made involving the Executive Session of February 10, 2026

**Sponsors:**

Amanda Linehan

[129-26](#)

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Malden City Council that during this time of budgetary constraints the Council is committed to the principles of fiscal responsibility and the efficient management of public funds that prioritize essential services and long-term financial stability.

The Council wishes to demonstrate a pledge of shared sacrifice and budgetary discipline and therefore requests the Honorable Mayor Gary Christenson cut specific discretionary monies and reallocate for use in the general fund in the following ways which will result in savings of \$180,500 for the upcoming fiscal year:

1. The elimination of the line items associated with Ward Improvement Funds;
2. The elimination of the line items associated with Fourth of July Funds;
3. The elimination of the Council President annual stipend; an action that will be supported by the Body with a proposed amendment to MCC 2.20.020.
4. The reduction of annual base compensation for each member of the City Council by \$7,500.00, an action that will be supported by the Body with a proposed amendment to MCC 2.20.020.

**Sponsors:**

Jadeane Sica and Peg Crowe

[130-26](#)

Resolved: That it is the sense of the Malden City Council that no resources of the City of Malden should be used to assist with the Federal government's responsibility for civil (non-criminal) immigration enforcement in any manner not required by law, court order, or subpoena. This includes not assisting Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, or other Federal agencies charged with this responsibility.

The City Council asks that all city staff and representatives comply with this intent to the best of their ability and within the limits of the law. This resolution is not intended to violate any Federal law, nor shall it be interpreted to do so.

We support the protections in the US Constitution for due process and condemn aggressive and inhumane tactics of ICE agents in Malden and other communities across the country. As a diverse and immigrant-rich community, we dedicate our resources to creating a safe, livable, and welcoming community for all.

**Sponsors:**

Carey McDonald and Stephen Winslow

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

A representative from the Solicitor's Office will follow up on Paper 104-26 with an update to the Council on the investigation into the Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Bruce Friedman of 8 Marvin Street on February 5, 2026, related to redactions made to Executive Session minutes from the meeting of January 20, 2026.

**10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**[131-26](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Public Property to whom was referred Paper 471 Series of 2025 having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends this paper out to the Full Council favorably for the Treasurer to be authorized to sell the property when and if so approved by land court.

[471-25](#)

Order: The Council will vote on whether to sell or retain the property known as 33 Tufts Street, and by City Assessor's parcel identification number 078 358 819, as in accordance with tax title litigation and foreclosure action with the Massachusetts Land Court, Case Number 22 TL 000313

**Sponsors:**

Craig Spadafora

[132-26](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on Public Safety to whom was referred Paper 72 Series of 2026 having considered the same make the following report: Committee refers this paper out to the Full Council without recommendation.

[72-26](#)

Order: That, as a diverse and immigrant-rich community, the limited resources of the City of Malden shall be fully dedicated to address the local needs and priorities of Malden's residents, businesses and visitors. The goal of this order is to provide for a safe, livable and welcoming community for all. No city employees, departments, appointees, processes or representatives shall assist in fulfilling the unique and separate responsibilities of the Federal government, including immigration enforcement, or cooperate with any Federal agencies or policies contrary to the stated goal of this Order. This Order shall be followed to the maximum extent permitted by law, provided that it shall not require the City to break pre-existing contracts or agreements with Federal entities.

**Sponsors:**

Carey McDonald and Stephen Winslow

**Attachments:**

[Chief Cronin's Statement on 72-26](#)

[Public Comment Paper 72-26 January 27 2026](#)

[Paper 72-26 Proposed Amendment](#)

[Response to OML Allegation John Saia - January 27 2026](#)

[133-26](#)

Committee Report: The Standing Committee on License to whom was referred Papers 45, 47 through 51 and 85 through 96 Series of 2026 having considered the same make the following report: Committee recommends these petitions out favorably to the Full Council.

Committee further recommends Paper 84 Series of 2026 out favorably with a conditional 90 day Class II license.

[45-26](#)

Petition: Class II: Frank's Auto Sales, 189 Highland Avenue, Malden, 5 cars (Renewal)

[47-26](#)

Petition: Livery Company: Bella Luxury Transportation, 19 Mt. Vernon Street, Malden, 1 vehicle (Renewal)

[48-26](#)

Petition: Livery Driver: Michael Checca, 19 Mt. Vernon Street, Malden (Renewal)

[49-26](#)

Petition: Livery Company: RubyLynn Transportation LLC, 259 Mountain Avenue, Malden, 1 vehicle (Renewal)

[50-26](#)

Petition: Livery Driver: Linda Dellolacono, 259 Mountain Avenue, Malden (Renewal)

[51-26](#)

Petition: Taxi Company: Malden Transportation Inc., 290 Eastern Avenue, Malden, 10 cabs (Renewal)

[84-26](#)

Petition: Class II: Malden Auto Center LLC, 189 Eastern Avenue, Malden, 31 vehicles (New)

- [85-26](#) Petition: Livery Company: JML Luxury, 500 Broadway Apt. 5158, Malden, 1 vehicle (Renewal)
- [86-26](#) Petition: Livery Driver: Joel M. Lopez, 500 Broadway Apt. 5158, Malden (Renewal)
- [87-26](#) Petition: Livery Company: Kassahun T. Damita, 411 Salem Street, Malden, 1 vehicle (Renewal)
- [88-26](#) Petition: Livery Driver: Kassahun T. Damita, 411 Salem Street, Malden (Renewal)
- [89-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: John DiDomenico, 5 Admirals Way, Chelsea (Renewal)
- [90-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Albert Frost, 679 Broadway Apt. 2R, Chelsea (Renewal)
- [91-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Christopher Jackson, 24 Surfside Road Apt. 6, Lynn (Renewal)
- [92-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Stephen A. Lauber, 3 Meredith Way, Rockland (Renewal)
- [93-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: David McNamara, 51 Melrose Street #2A, Melrose (Renewal)
- [94-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Donald F. Porter, 500 Broadway Apt. 4110, Malden (Renewal)
- [95-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Valentin Tchaly, 30 Washington Street Apt. 508, Brighton (Renewal)
- [96-26](#) Petition: Taxi Driver: Carlos F. Vargas, 290 Mishawum Road Apt. 2039, Woburn (Renewal)

## **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

134-26

Order: That the City Council will vote to go into Executive Session with Legal Council regarding the matter of Benevolent Botanicals and 926 Eastern Avenue v. The City of Malden for the purposes of Exemption Three Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, where such discussion in open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the City, if so declared by the chair. And if so allowed by the Body, to admit Maria Luise, Special Assistant to the Mayor and Ron Hogan, Chair of Cannabis Licensing and Enforcement Commission.

(Roll Call Required)

**Sponsors:**

Amanda Linehan

**12. PERSONAL PRIVILEGE****13. ADJOURNMENT**

**CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK**

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