



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final City Council

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

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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 O'Malley 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 Alicia McNeil, Maria Luise, and Lisa Cagno.*

**Present - Councillors:** 11 - Karen Colon Hayes, Paul Condon, Peg Crowe, Amanda Linehan, Carey McDonald, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica, Chris Simonelli, Craig Spadafora, Ari Taylor and Stephen Winslow

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS**

63-25

Communication: The Malden City Council will address the Open Meeting Law complaint submitted January 29, 2024 by Craig Spadafora of 75 Elm Street, against the Council related to the untimely start time of the January 28th meeting of the Full Council scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley

**Attachments:** [OML Complaint Spadafora 2025](#)  
[Response to OML January 29 2025](#)  
[Final Paper 63-25 Communication OML January 30 2025](#)

*In anticipation of responding to this complaint, Council President O'Malley took the liberty of working with Solicitor McNeil on drafting a letter of apology as a remedy to this OML complaint. He read the letter into the record and noted that, if approved by the Council, the letter will be submitted to the complainant and the Attorney General's Office.*

*The consensus of the Body is that they are in the wrong for the untimely start to the meeting of January 28 and further discussed some ideas of how such a situation may be avoided in the future. Most specifically, the meeting could have opened with an announcement to the public on the nature of the delay with an anticipated start time, and then recessed accordingly until the Body was ready to proceed.*

*Ultimately, a motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, to accept the written apology and submit to the complainant and the Attorney General's Office. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

**A motion was made by Councillor Colon Hayes, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Communication be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

61-25

Order: That the City Council will vote to go into Executive Session with Alicia A. McNeil, City Solicitor 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.  
(Roll Call Required)

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley

**Attachments:** [Final Paper 61-25 Executive Session Benevolent Botanicals v. City of Malden](#)

**A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Simonelli, Spadafora, Taylor and Winslow

62-25

Order: That the City Council will vote to go into Executive Session with Alicia A. McNeil, City Solicitor regarding the matter of Zeraschi 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.  
(Roll Call Required)

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley

**Attachments:** [Final Paper 62-25 Executive Session Zeraschi v. City of Malden](#)

**A motion was made by Councillor Simonelli, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yea:** 11 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, O'Malley, Sica, Simonelli, Spadafora, Taylor and Winslow

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 7:36 PM, Council President O'Malley announced the Body will now enter into Executive Session and would adjourn directly from there when finished. This meeting will not reconvene for any further business this evening.*

**CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK**

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