



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

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7:00 PM

City Council Chambers
215 Pleasant Street
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This emergency meeting of the Malden City Council is being posted as soon as was reasonably possible in conjunction with M.G.L. c. 30A, 20(b) to take up such business that was unknown to the Body 48 hours prior.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President called the meeting to order at 7:24 PM.

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

3. ROLL CALL

Also in attendance was Alicia McNeil, Zaheer Samee, and Lisa Cagno.

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

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Order: That the City Council will vote whether to go into Executive Session with legal counsel for the City regarding the matter of Tufts Construction, Inc., v. The City of Malden, Middlesex Superior Court Docket #2181CV01248, for the purpose of Exemption Three Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A Section 21(a)(3) for an update on recent developments regarding a tentative resolution to the civil action, 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: Amanda Linehan

Council President Linehan declared that discussions in open session on the suit between Tufts Construction, Inc. and City of Malden may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the city. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the order and enter into Executive Session. Prior to voting, the President recognized Councillor O'Malley.

Councillor O'Malley raised objection to the late posting of this meeting under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 20(b) as he does not believe movement in the Tufts lawsuit to be an emergency situation. He stated his belief that the lawsuit was already known to the City and to members of the Council. Further, Councillor O'Malley stated there is no cause to enter into Executive Session because he has already heard from open court earlier in the afternoon that parties had agreed to a settlement.

Councillor O'Malley then left the dais, sat at the department head table and refused to respond to the Clerk during the call of the roll. Clerk Desiderio stated for the record that Councillor O'Malley did not wish to go on record with his vote. Nevertheless, Councillor O'Malley did enter into Executive Session with the rest of the Body upon adjournment.

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Luong, that the Order be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 10 - Colon Hayes, Condon, Crowe, Linehan, McDonald, Sica, Simonelli, Taylor, Winslow and Luong

5. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Luong, that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session. Council President Linehan announced the Body would not be reconvening for any further business. The motion carried by a 10-0 vote.

The open session concluded at 7:29 PM.

CAROL ANN DESIDERIO, CITY CLERK

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