



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

The Eighteenth Regular Meeting, October 1, 2024

City Council

Isaac B. "Zac" Bears
Anna Callahan
Kit Collins
Emily Lazzaro
Matt Leming
George A. Scarpelli
Justin Tseng

This meeting will take place at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA and via Zoom.

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To submit written comments, please email AHurtubise@medford-ma.gov.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACCOLADES, REMEMBRANCES, REPORTS, AND RECORDS

Records

The Records of the Meeting of September 17, 2024 were passed to Councillor Leming

Reports of Committees

24-036 and 24-461 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

Public Health and Community Safety Committee, September 17, 2024, Report to Follow

24-354 and 24-370 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor

Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, September 24, 2024, Report to Follow

24-033 - Offered by Kit Collins, Council Vice President

Planning and Permitting Committee, September 25, 2024, Report to Follow

HEARINGS

24-457

Request for Amendment to Previously Approved Grant of Location - National Grid

PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS

24-464

Petition for A Common Victualler License - Nazar Market

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

24-474 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

Resolution to Discuss Tufts University's Decision to Disinvest from the Neighborhood Fellows Program

24-475 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Resolution to Hold a Question and Answer Session For Senior Citizens To Discuss Proposed Proposition 2 and a Half Overrides

24-476 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Resolution to Support Question 2, Replacing the High-Stakes MCAS Test Graduation Requirement for High School Students

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To participate outside of Zoom, please e-mail AHurtubise@medford-ma.gov.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

<u>23-412</u>	Petition to Amend Deed Restriction - 12 Dell Avenue
IN CITY COUNCIL	SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
TABLED	
<u>24-031</u>	Request a Representative from BJ's Wholesale Club Meet to Discuss Construction and Neighborhood Concerns
IN CITY COUNCIL	FEBRUARY 6, 2024
TABLED	
<u>24-352</u>	Petition For a Class II Auto Body License - Finest Auto Body, Inc
IN CITY COUNCIL	MAY 14, 2024
TABLED	

<u>23-449</u>	Wildlife Feeding Ordinance
APPROVED FOR FIRST READING	SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
TO BE ADVERTISED	
ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING	TBD

<u>24-458</u>	Establish an EV Charging Revolving Fund
APPROVED FOR FIRST READING	SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
TO BE ADVERTISED	
ELIGIBLE FOR THIRD READING	TBD

Reports Due/Deadlines

<u>16-574</u>	University Accountability Spring 2017-Report (Next Report Due in November 2024)
<u>22-026</u>	Quarterly Presentation on City's Financial Health by Chief Financial Officer/Auditor
<u>22-027</u>	Monthly Copy of Warrant Articles from Chief Financial Officer/Auditor

Adjournment



RESIDENTS' GUIDE TO THE MEDFORD CITY COUNCIL

What does City Council do?

- Passing *ordinances*, zoning (land use) regulations, and resolutions
- Approve, reject, or reduce line items in the annual operating budget – it cannot vote to add funds to any line item
- Hold public hearings on select special permits

Many matters are outside of the purview of the City Council, for example: items regarding day-to-day city operations (City administration), schools (School Committee and School administration), traffic and signage (Traffic Commission), etc.

Will tonight's discussion be the Council's last word on the item before you?

- If the item is a resolution and the motion is to approve, yes.
- If the item is a proposed ordinance, it will require three readings (two City Council votes and one posting in a local publication in between the votes).
- Often, the item may be referred to a committee for further discussion. Residents can contribute at committee meetings before it returns to the Council agenda.

How to participate?

- If you wish to speak on an item already on the agenda, please line up behind the podium or sign up at the City Messenger's desk (if unable to line up).
- If you wish to speak on a topic not on the agenda, please wait for the President to call for "Public Participation."
- If you are joining the meeting on Zoom, please use the "Raise Hand" function and allow the host to unmute you.

Participation Rules

- All comments should be addressed "through the chair" (to the presiding officer, not individual councilors).
- Residents may speak on any single agenda item included *once for no more than 3 minutes*. After 90 minutes of discussion on said item, comments will be limited to one minute. (Written public comment can be sent to the City Clerk's office.)
- Banners, placards, handheld signs, or any other displays of advertising an issue are *not* allowed.
- No public participation will be taken on an item after a vote is taken on it.

Commonly used terms — and what they mean.

- *Motion to adjourn* — This ends the meeting.
- *Motion to recess* — This pauses the meeting.
- *Motion to table* — This stops discussion on the item and postpone discussion either to a specific date/time or, more generally, to a future meeting; this motion is undebatable.
- *Motion the previous question* — After a debate on whether or not to end debate on the main agenda item, a majority vote will end the main debate and require an immediate vote.
- *Motion to refer to committee* — This sends the agenda item to a specific committee for future discussion/study/development before it comes back before a regular City Council meeting.
- *Motion to amend* — This is a proposed change or adjustment the language or substance of an agenda item.
- *Resolution* — an expression of opinion, fact, principle or purpose; these are often requests to the City Administration for action.
- *Ordinance* — a local by-law

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AGENDA ITEM

24-464 - Petition for A Common Victualler License - Nazar Market

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Business: Muammer Burak Telli, Nazar Market
325 Rivers Edge Drive, Medford

Petitioner/Owner: Muammer Burak Telli
103 Beech Street, Apt 1, Belmont, MA 02478

ON FILE

Business Certificate 2024 #20
Petition - received
Letter of Compliance - received
State Tax ID - received
Worker's Compensation - received

Treasurer/Collector - Received
Building Department - Received
Fire Department - Received
Police Department – Traffic Impact - Received
Health Department - Received

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-474 - Resolution to Discuss Tufts University's Decision to Disinvest from the Neighborhood Fellows Program

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, Tufts University benefits from many services offered by the City of Medford, the City of Somerville, and other surrounding cities and towns while participating in the PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) program, with the understanding that the community benefits from educational programs offered by Tufts University,

Be it Resolved that the City Council discuss the potential negative impact of the disinvestment in the Neighborhood Fellows Program at Tufts University.

RECOMMENDATION

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ATTACHMENTS

None



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George Scarpelli, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-475 - Resolution to Hold a Question and Answer Session For Senior Citizens To Discuss Proposed Proposition 2 and a Half Overrides

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council hold a question and answer session with Medford senior citizens to discuss the definitions and terminology regarding the proposed Proposition 2 and a half overrides and the proposed debt exclusion measure.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

24-476 - Resolution to Support Question 2, Replacing the High-Stakes MCAS Test Graduation Requirement for High School Students

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, access to a high-quality, publicly funded education is a guaranteed right written into the Massachusetts Constitution; and

Whereas, the goal of public education is to teach students essential, foundational skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic, and to develop critical thinkers, engaged citizens and lifelong learners; and

Whereas, the bedrock of the Commonwealth's world-class public education system is strong, statewide standards that are uniform throughout our public schools; and

Whereas, the MCAS is significantly limited in its ability to accurately and effectively measure whether students are meeting the Commonwealth's standards and developing the skills they need to thrive after high school; and

Whereas, the most effective measures of whether students are meeting our strong, statewide standards and developing the skills they need to succeed in college, the workforce and beyond are educator-led assessments such as projects, papers, tests and group activities that are conducted throughout the school year; and

Whereas, the punitive use of MCAS as a high school graduation requirement has restricted curriculum and shifted the focus of education in our public schools toward meeting a test score instead of fostering an environment of creativity, critical thinking and real teaching and learning that helps students realize their full potential; and

Whereas, pediatricians, researchers and school counselors have warned of the severe impact of high-stakes testing like the MCAS graduation requirement on students' mental health and well being; and

Whereas, standardized test requirements notoriously stack the deck against students of color, ESL

students, and those with learning disabilities; and

Whereas, using MCAS testing as a high school graduation requirement has prevented or delayed thousands of students from earning a diploma, thereby interrupting or derailing education or career plans, with especially harmful impacts on students of color, low-income students, students with disabilities and students for whom English is their second language; and

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we support Question 2, Replacing the MCAS Graduation Requirement, on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None