



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

Governance Committee, February 19, 2025

Voting Members

Justin Tseng, Chair
Isaac B. "Zac" Bears, Vice Chair
Kit Collins
Emily Lazzaro
George A. Scarpelli

This meeting will take place at 6:00 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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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

24-468 - Offered by Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Resolution to Discuss Updates to the City Charter

PAPERS IN COMMITTEE

To view Papers in Committee, please email ahurtubise@medford-ma.gov.

Adjournment



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SPONSORED BY

Justin Tseng, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-468 - Resolution to Discuss Updates to the City Charter

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

This is the fifth Charter Review project meeting. The following will be discussed:

- Project timeline for action and meeting topics
- Review of the proposed draft charter submitted by the Mayor
- Councilors' proposed amendments to or other thoughts regarding the proposed draft charter on the following topics/articles/sections:
 - Article IV: School Committee
 - Article VIII: Citizen Participation Mechanisms
 - Article IX: General Provisions (all other sections)
 - Article X: Transitional Provisions
 - Section 2-4, 3-1 d, 4-4: Compensation of Elected Officials

Collins Center representatives will be in attendance at this meeting.

Please refer to the meeting packet or online portal page for the January 7, 2025 Governance Committee meeting to see the full proposed draft charter received by the Council from the Mayor.

Original Resolution

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Governance Committee discuss updates to the City Charter, including creating a timeline for action and reviewing proposals of the Charter Study Committee once finalized.

Representatives of the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at UMass Boston are invited to provide an overview of the charter review process and the next steps for the City Council.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. City Council Charter Review Process Timeline

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - Governance Committee

- Topics for Discussion:
 - Preamble
 - Article I: Incorporation; Short Title; Definitions
 - Article II: Legislative Branch
 - Article IX: General Provisions, Section 9-6

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 - Governance Committee

- Topics for Discussion:
 - Article III: Executive Branch
 - Article V: Administrative Organization
 - Article VI: Financial Procedures
 - Article VII: Elections

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