



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

Public Works and Facilities Committee, January 21, 2025

Voting Members

Anna Callahan, Chair
Emily Lazzaro, Vice Chair
Isaac B. "Zac" Bears
Matt Leming
George A. Scarpelli

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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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

24-492 - Offered by Anna Callahan, City Councilor

Resolution to Receive Update on Roads

24-493 - Offered by Anna Callahan, City Councilor

Resolution to Establish Volunteer Tree Planting Program

PAPERS IN COMMITTEE

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AGENDA ITEM

24-492 - Resolution to Receive Update on Roads

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas it has been more than six months since the City Council was last updated on our roads; and

Whereas during the election of November 5th the voters of Medford considered a budget override provision in Question 7 providing funds for, among other purposes, “FY 2025 general operations of the Department of Public Works (\$500,000), including but not limited to additional staff for road and sidewalk infrastructure repair” and that ballot question was successful/unsuccessful; now therefore

Be it Resolved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee invite Engineer Owen Wartella and DPW Commissioner Tim McGivern to attend an upcoming meeting to talk about the state of the roads and the plan moving forward given the outcome of the election.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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24-493 - Resolution to Establish Volunteer Tree Planting Program

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas Medford loses an estimated 500 or more trees each year, and plants less than 250 trees each year; and

Whereas the cost of planting city trees is primarily in the labor to plant the trees (rather than the cost of the sapling); and

Whereas Medford only has one full time staff member dedicated to our trees (Tree Warden); and

Whereas Medford currently contracts out for tree planting, which is more expensive than planting with an in-house crew; and

Whereas trees are a vital part of fighting climate change, help cool buildings and streets in summer, and add to the beauty of our city; and

Whereas Medford has many residents who want to volunteer to plant city trees; therefore

Be it Resolved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee invite DPW Commissioner Tim McGivern to attend an upcoming meeting to begin discussing the possibility of allowing Medford residents to volunteer to help plant city trees.

RECOMMENDATION

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None

