



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

The Third Regular Meeting, February 6, 2024

City Council

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

Broadcast Live: Channel 22 (Comcast) and Channel 43 (Verizon).

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

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CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACCOLADES, REMEMBRANCES, REPORTS, AND RECORDS

24-027 - Offered by Kit Collins, Council Vice President, Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Resolution to Celebrate Black History Month

24-029 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Condolences to the Family of Bruno "Brunie" Bonaccorsi

24-030 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Congratulate Patrick O'Brien On His Recent Retirement From UPS

24-032 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Condolences to the Family of Elisabeth "Betsy" Schreuer

Records

The Records of the Meeting of January 23rd, 2024 were passed to Councilor Callahan.

Reports of Committees

24-006 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Committee of The Whole Report, January 24th, 2024 to Follow.

24-006 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Administration and Finance Committee Report, January 30th, 2024 to Follow.

24-006 - Offered by Kit Collins, Council Vice President

Planning and Permitting Committee Report, January 31st, 2024 to Follow.

24-006 - Offered by Anna Callahan, City Councilor

Public Works and Facilities Committee Report, January 31st, 2024 to Follow.

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

24-021 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor, Anna Callahan, City Councilor

Resolution to Support Adult Access and Education for Plant Medicine

24-022 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

Resolution on Bi-Annual Training on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

24-023 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

Warming/Cooling Center for Adults Experiencing Homelessness

24-025 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor

Commercial Vacancy Tax

24-026 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Transportation Demand Management Ordinance

24-028 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Resolution Calling on U.S. Government to End Blockade of Cuba

24-031 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

A Representative From B.J.'s Wholesale Club Meet with the Council Regarding Construction and Neighborhood Concerns

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

Resolution to Begin Zoning Ordinance Updates with PDS Staff and Innes Associates

24-034 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Report Request from the Facilities Manager

24-035 - Offered by Kit Collins, Council Vice President

Resolution in Support of a Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza

24-036 - Offered by Kit Collins, Council Vice President

Resolution to Discuss an Overgrowth Ordinance

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

24-037

Submitted by Elections Commission

Call For Election
Presidential Preferential Primary
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

24-038

Submitted by Elections Commission

2024 Medford Election Calendar

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Judy Lonergan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-081 MBTA Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI)

IN CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 28, 2023

TABLED

23-412 Petition to Amend Deed Restriction - 12 Dell Avenue

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

TABLED

Reports Due/Deadlines

16-574 University Accountability Spring 2017-Report (Next Report Due in March 2024)

17-606 Evangelical Haitian Church 400 High St. 90 Day Review on Illumination (Tabled - January 9, 2018)

20-086 90-Day Review Report on El Tacuba Cocina and Tequila Bar for a petition for a Special Permit – Hours (granted by the Council, as amended to require 90-day report period to begin on opening of restaurant)

22-007 90 Day Report from Administration to present 5-year plan to address gas leaks (Report due in April 2022)

22-009 90 Day Report from School Administration to identify opportunities to connect classroom learning to career applications (Report due in April 2022)

22-026 Quarterly Presentation on City's Financial Health by Chief Financial Officer/Auditor

22-027 Monthly Copy of Warrant Articles from Chief Financial Officer/Auditor

22-039 Report due in 30 days on draft ordinances requested by the Council during the 2020-2021 term

Adjournment



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MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
February 6, 2024	Kit Collins, Council Vice President, Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor
AGENDA ITEM	
<u>24-027</u> - Resolution to Celebrate Black History Month	
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	
Be it resolved that the Medford City Council acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month.	
RECOMMENDATION	
FISCAL IMPACT	
ATTACHMENTS	
None	



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SPONSORED BY

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-029 - Condolences to the Family of Bruno "Brunie" Bonaccorsi

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council send our deepest condolences to the family of Bruno "Brunie" Bonaccorsi.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-030 - Congratulate Patrick O'Brien On His Recent Retirement From UPS

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council Congratulate Patrick O'Brien, life-long resident of our great city and committed volunteer, on his recent retirement at UPS.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

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February 6, 2024

SPONSORED BY

Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

24-032 - Condolences to the Family of Elisabeth "Betsy" Schreuer

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we send our deep and sincere condolences to the family of Elisabeth "Betsy" Schreuer, a long-time Medford Public Schools librarian and beloved member of the Medford community.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Matt Leming, City Councilor, Anna
Callahan, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-021 - Resolution to Support Adult Access and Education for Plant Medicine

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

A Resolution Supporting Adult Access and Education for Plant Medicine

Offered by Councilor Leming and Councilor Callahan

Whereas:

The so-called War on Drugs has led to the unnecessary penalization, arrest, and incarceration of vulnerable people, particularly people of color and people of limited financial means, rather than prioritizing harm-reduction policies to treat drug abuse as an issue of public health;

Whereas:

Entheogenic plants and fungi such as psilocybin mushrooms, ayahuasca, ibogaine, and mescaline-containing cacti have been shown by peer-reviewed studies and indigenous practice to be beneficial for treating spiritual trauma, addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, terminal illness anxiety, and cluster headaches among other conditions;

Whereas:

On average, we lose one of our neighbors in the Commonwealth to opioid overdose every week, as thousands of people we love struggle with addictions that entheogenic plant medicine has been shown to alleviate ;

Whereas:

Seven Massachusetts communities—Somerville, Cambridge, Northampton, Easthampton, Amherst, Salem, and Provincetown—and nearly two dozen cities nationwide have passed measures directing an end to arrests for growing and sharing these plant medicines, embracing their inferred constitutional right to regulate public safety that is outlined in the U.S. Department of Justice's Cole Memorandum that permitted localities to deprioritize enforcement of cannabis;

Be it resolved

That the Medford City Council hereby maintains the use and possession of all controlled substances should be understood first and primarily as an issue of public health by all town entities and that no Medford employee should use any town resources to assist in enforcement of laws criminalizing personal controlled substance possession;

Be it further resolved

That the Medford City Council hereby maintains that investigation and arrest of adult persons for planting, cultivating, transporting, distributing, engaging in practices with, and/or possessing entheogenic plants and fungi listed in Schedules I-V of 21 U.S.C. § 812 of the Controlled Substances Act shall officially be the lowest law enforcement priority for Medford;

Be it further resolved

That this resolution does not authorize or enable any of the following activities: commercial sale of entheogenic plants and fungi, possessing or distributing these materials near schools, driving under the influence of these materials, or public disturbance;

Be it further resolved

That the Medford City Council calls upon the Middlesex County District Attorney to cease prosecution of persons involved in the possession, cultivation, or distribution of entheogenic plants and fungi;

Be it further resolved

That the Medford City Council calls upon state lawmakers to substitute the “Natural Psychedelic Substances Act” (a ballot question written by a DC-based PAC), with language that legalizes plant medicine services in a straightforward manner without an unelected control commission prone to regulatory capture by interests outside our communities;

Be it further resolved

That the Medford City Council endorses the passage of Senator Jehlen and Rep. Sabadosa’s S.1009 / H.1754 An Act Relative to Plant Medicine and asks that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Maura Healey, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, House Speaker Ronald Mariano, Senate Leader Karen Spilka, Judiciary Committee Chairs Senator Jamie Eldridge & Rep. Michael Day, and Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan.

RECOMMENDATION**FISCAL IMPACT****ATTACHMENTS**

None



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SPONSORED BY

Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-022 - Resolution on Bi-Annual Training on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it resolved that the Medford City Council will hold bi-annual trainings/refreshers with Medford Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Frances Nwajei or her designer, so that our body may keep these values top of mind in all our work and interactions with the public.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-023 - Warming/Cooling Center for Adults Experiencing Homelessness

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the City of Medford explore the options, cost, and requirements to open a warming and cooling center for adults experiencing homelessness in December, 2024.

Be it Further Resolved that the Medford City Council invite representatives from the Administration, including the Board of Health, along with stakeholders in our community and in neighboring communities, to attend meetings on this topic.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Matt Leming, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-025 - Commercial Vacancy Tax

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the City of Medford has many commercial storefronts that are either vacant for unacceptably long periods of time or are rarely and inconsistently open for business; and

Whereas, there exists insufficient incentive for the owners of such property to maintain and rent their storefronts to active businesses; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council discuss the adoption of a commercial vacancy tax, which can be applied to disincentivize these storefront properties from remaining unoccupied indefinitely.

Be it Further Resolved that this matter be referred to committee for further discussion with the Chief Assessor, the Finance Director, and the Economic Development Director.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Matt Leming, City Councilor, Justin
Tseng, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-026 - Transportation Demand Management Ordinance

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS the City of Medford should address high levels of traffic;

WHEREAS developers often need to make exceptions to zoning regulations to feasibly develop new buildings, and the current process of passing these through the Zoning Board of Appeals often adds unwanted uncertainty and delays to these processes;

WHEREAS a Transportation Demand Management program automates these exceptions and puts them to the staff level by means of a points-based impacts and credits system;

WHEREAS Everett and Boston have implemented a Transportation Demand Management program to great success, spurring development of both commercial and affordable residential property;

AND WHEREAS a transportation demand management program can provide design and programming strategies that developers can employ to reduce car traffic to and from their buildings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Medford City Council adopt a Transportation Demand Management Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter be referred to Committee for further discussion with the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Committee on Planning and Permitting submit questions to the Chair, Clerk, and city staff ahead of the committee meeting scheduled for this subject.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Medford City Council work with the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability to evaluate the suitability of a transportation demand management program, determine the capacity of the city to implement such a program, and provide specific

recommendations for its structure and policies, particularly with respect to the nature of its the Medford-specific impacts and the design of its credits system.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

24-028 - Resolution Calling on U.S. Government to End Blockade of Cuba

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, for 60 years the United States has imposed an embargo on Cuba having a devastating economic, social, and political impact on the people of Cuba; and

Whereas, U.S. Senators Warren and Markey; U.S. Representatives McGovern, Pressley, Lynch, Moulton, and Trahan; city councils in neighboring cities; and many state and local officials have called on the Biden administration to restore the policies of the Obama administration reducing travel restrictions and removing Cuba from the state sponsors of terrorism list that were reversed under the Trump administration; and

Whereas, the continuation of this policy has a detrimental impact on Medford residents and organizations who have family, business, and research ties with people and organizations in Cuba; now, therefore:

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we urge the Biden administration and our congressional delegation to reverse the Trump decision to add Cuba to the state sponsors of terrorism list and restrict travel between the two countries; and

Be it Further Resolved by the Medford City Council that we urge our congressional delegation to pass legislation to repeal any laws regarding the embargo on Cuba; and

Be it Further Resolved that the City Clerk please submit this resolution to the Offices of Senator Warren, Senator Markey, and Representative Clark.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-031 - A Representative From B.J.'s Wholesale Club Meet with the Council Regarding Construction and Neighborhood Concerns

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved that the Medford City Council ask for a representative from BJ's Wholesale Club to meet with the Council on construction updates and review neighborhood concerns.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Isaac Bears, Council President, Kit
Collins, Council Vice President

AGENDA ITEM

24-033 - Resolution to Begin Zoning Ordinance Updates with PDS Staff and Innes Associates

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Planning and Permitting Committee invite staff from the Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability and Innes Associates, the Medford City Council's Zoning Consultant, to discuss our upcoming comprehensive review and update of the Zoning Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

24-034 - Report Request from the Facilities Manager

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Public Works and Facilities Committee request a report from the Facilities Manager containing the following information:

1. Complete Inventory of City-owned Properties and City-managed Properties
2. Cost to restore each property on the above inventory to a state of good repair
3. Cost to maintain each property in a state of good repair once restored

Be it Further Resolved that the Public Works and Facilities Committee invite the Facilities Manager to present and discuss the above report once completed.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Kit Collins, Council Vice President

AGENDA ITEM

24-035 - Resolution in Support of a Ceasefire in Israel and Gaza

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the Medford City Council recognizes and affirms the sanctity, preciousness, and equality of all human life;

Whereas, on October 7th, 2023, the terrorist group Hamas killed over 1,200 Israeli residents, took over 240 hostages, committed horrific atrocities, displaced families, and wreaked untold grief and trauma upon the civilian population of Israel;

Whereas, since October 7th, Hamas is estimated to have fired more than 12,000 rockets into Israel, killing 15 civilians and injuring over 700;

Whereas, since those horrific attacks, the ongoing military campaign and blockade has created a humanitarian crisis of catastrophic proportions in Gaza;

Whereas, since October 7th, the Israeli Defense Forces have killed over 26,000 Palestinians in Gaza, injured over 62,000, and more than 85% of all residents have been displaced;

Whereas, the ongoing military campaign has had a massive toll on civilians in Gaza, with UNICEF describing the Gaza Strip as the “world’s most dangerous place to be a child,” and reporting that 40% of all deaths in Gaza have been deaths of children;

Whereas, Gaza has been hit by more than 22,000 airstrikes, resulting in the destruction of over 70% of all homes and schools, and most of its civilian infrastructure, including electricity, communications, water, sewer and sanitation systems, with the World Health Organization reporting that all Gazan hospitals have been destroyed or seriously damaged, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis;

Whereas, the near-total siege on Gaza has prevented the delivery of lifesaving humanitarian aid;

Whereas, the World Food Program has reported that all 2.2 million people in Gaza are facing crisis

levels of food insecurity; that one in four Gazans is facing catastrophic hunger; and that without an end to bombardment and resumption of humanitarian aid, famine will spread quickly across the population;

Whereas, humanitarian organizations report that on average, 250 Palestinians die each day from hunger, disease, exposure and airstrikes, a scale of death exceeding any other recent armed conflict;

Whereas, Hamas continues to hold Israeli civilians hostage, which is a war crime;

Whereas, Israel continues to detain Palestinians who have never been charged with or convicted of a crime, including scores of children;

Whereas, on October 26, 2023, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling for an “immediate, durable and sustained humanitarian truce” between Israeli forces and Hamas militants in Gaza, and numerous international humanitarian organizations have similarly called for a sustained ceasefire;

Whereas, the previous ceasefire from November 24 to November 30, 2023 allowed for the release of hostages and allowed emergency aid and fuel to enter Gaza;

Whereas, many members of the Medford community are suffering from trauma, grief, shock and fear, compounded by increased incidents of Islamophobia, antisemitism, and anti-Palestinian racism, both nationally and locally;

Whereas, members of the Medford community, including Palestinians and Jews, are speaking out for peace in Israel and Palestine and in support of a permanent, bilateral ceasefire and a return of all hostages;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Medford City Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attacks by Hamas on October 7th, 2023, and all subsequent attacks, by all parties, on civilians;

That the Medford City Council supports an enduring, bilateral ceasefire in Israel and Gaza and the immediate return of all hostages;

That the the Medford City Council supports the lifting of the blockade and the uninhibited provision of life-saving humanitarian aid to Gaza;

That the Medford City Council affirms the inalienable right of all people to live in peace, free from fear of harm and prejudice;

That the Medford City Council unequivocally condemns all xenophobic violence, attacks and rhetoric, and affirms the inalienable right of all people to know safety and acceptance regardless of their religion, race, ethnicity, nationality, or skin color;

That the Medford City Council urges the Biden Administration, Senate, and Congress to exert the full extent of their power, influence and funding to bring about an enduring ceasefire, the uninhibited provision of humanitarian aid, and the release of all hostages and detained innocents;

That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of Medford's federal delegation and to President Biden as an urging to use their power and influence to bring about a sustained and enduring ceasefire so as to protect and honor all human life.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

Kit Collins, Council Vice President

AGENDA ITEM

24-036 - Resolution to Discuss an Overgrowth Ordinance

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it resolved that the Public Health and Community Safety Committee discuss an Overgrowth Ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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SPONSORED BY

AGENDA ITEM

24-037 - Call For Election
Presidential Preferential Primary
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Call for Election
PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

BE IT ORDERED: that the Elections Commission be and is hereby authorized and directed to notify and warn such of the inhabitants of the City of Medford, as were qualified by law to vote for candidates at the Presidential Preferential Primary on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, to assemble at the polling places in their respective wards and precincts, then and there to give in their votes for:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE
for each Political Party for the Second Middlesex Senatorial District.

MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WARD COMMITTEE
for the Democratic Ward Committee and the Republican Ward Committee.

and the polls of said Presidential Preferential Primary shall open at 7:00 A.M. and remain open until 8:00 P.M.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED: that the following named polling places be, and they are hereby designated for use at the Presidential Preferential Primary on March 5, 2024.

(The said polling places to be open at 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.)

Voting Precincts

Ward 1 Precinct 1	Andrew Middle School, 3000 Mystic Vly. Pkwy.
Ward 1 Precinct 2	Fire Fighters' Club, 340 Salem Street
Ward 2 Precinct 1	Roberts Elementary School, 35 Court Street
Ward 2 Precinct 2	Roberts Elementary School, 35 Court Street
Ward 3 Precinct 1	Medford American Legion, 321 Winthrop Street
Ward 3 Precinct 2	Temple Shalom, 475 Winthrop Street
Ward 4 Precinct 1	Tufts University, Gantcher Center Rear, 161 College Ave.
Ward 4 Precinct 2	22 Walkling Ct./Auburn and North St. (Fondacaro Center)
Ward 5 Precinct 1	Missituk Elementary School, 37 Hicks Ave.
Ward 5 Precinct 2	Missituk Elementary School, 37 Hicks Ave.
Ward 6 Precinct 1	West Medford Fire Station, 26 Harvard Ave.
Ward 6 Precinct 2	Brooks School, 388 High Street
Ward 7 Precinct 1	Mystic Valley Towers, North Building Entrance
Ward 7 Precinct 2	McGlynn K-8 Public School, 3004 Mystic Valley Parkway
Ward 8 Precinct 1	Senior Center, 101 Riverside Avenue
Ward 8 Precinct 2	South Medford Fire Station, Zero Medford Street

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



City of Medford

Election Commission
85 George P. Hassett Drive, Room 102
Medford, Massachusetts 02155
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2024 MEDFORD ELECTION CALENDAR

Action	Comments/Timing	MGL for Reference
Last day to register to vote for the Mar 5th, 2024 , Presidential Primaries.	Feb 24 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM.	Count 10 days back from the date of the election or primary – this is the last day to register to vote. G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28.
Last day to request a vote by mail ballot for the Mar 5th, 2024 , Presidential Primaries.	Feb 27 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM.	Vote by Mail Applications due five business days prior to all elections, G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022.
In-person early voting for the Mar 5th, 2024 , Presidential Primary in the City Council Chamber.	Feb 24 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Feb 25 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Feb 26 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Feb 27 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Feb 28 th - 9:00am – 7:30pm Feb 29 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Mar 1 st – 9:00am – 12:30pm	Count 10 days back from the date of the state and presidential primaries through the 4 th day before the election or primary, notice must be posted 5 days prior to start of EV in person. G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022.
Presidential Primaries, Mar 5th, 2024 .	Polls open 7:00am Polls close 8:00pm	All early voting ballots submitted by mail, delivered in person to the office of the Election Commission, returned to a secured municipal drop box for the city (4) shall be received by the Election Commission before the hour fixed for closing the polls on the day of a preliminary, primary or election. G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022 §14.
Last day to register to vote for the State Primaries Sept. 3rd, 2024 .	Aug 24 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM	Count 10 days back from the date of the election – this is the last day to register to vote. G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28.
Last day to request a vote by mail ballot for the Sept 3rd, 2024 , State Primaries.	Aug 26 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM	Vote by Mail Applications due five business days prior to all elections, G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022

In-person early voting for the Sept. 3rd, 2024 , State Primaries in the City Council Chamber.	Aug 24 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Aug 25 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Aug 26 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Aug 27 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Aug 28 th 9:00am – 7:30pm Aug 29 th 9:00am – 4:30pm Aug 30 th 9:00am – 12:30pm	Count 10 days back from the date of the state and presidential primaries through the 4 th day before the election or primary, G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022
State Primaries Sept. 3rd, 2024 .	Polls open 7:00am Polls close 8:00pm	All early voting ballots submitted by mail, delivered in person to the office of the Election Commission, returned to a secured municipal drop box for the city (4) shall be received by the Election Commission before the hour fixed for closing the polls on the day of a preliminary, primary or election. G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022 §14
Last day to register to vote for the State Election on Nov 5th, 2024 .	Oct 26 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM	Count 10 days back from the date of the election – this is the last day to register to vote. G.L. c. 51, §§ 26, 28.
Last day to request a vote by mail ballot for the State Election on Nov 5th, 2024 .	October 29 th , 2024, office will be open until 5:00PM	Vote by Mail Applications due five business days prior to all elections, G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022
In-person early voting for the Nov 5th, 2024 , State Election in the City Council Chamber.	Oct 19 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Oct 20 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Oct 21 st - 9:00am – 4:30pm Oct 22 nd - 9:00am – 4:30pm Oct 23 rd - 9:00am – 7:30pm Oct 24 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Oct 25 th - 9:00am – 12:30pm Oct 26 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Oct 27 th - 9:00am – 3:00pm Oct 28 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Oct 29 th - 9:00am – 4:30pm Oct 30 th - 9:00am – 7:30pm Oct 31 st - 9:00am – 4:30pm Nov 1 st – 9:00am – 12:30pm	Count 17 days back from the date of the election or primary through the 4 th day before the election or primary, G.L. c. 92, Acts of 2022
State Election, Nov 5th, 2024 .	Polls open 7:00am Polls close 8:00pm	All early voting ballots delivered in person to the office of the election commission office, or, returned to a secured municipal drop box for the city, an early voting ballot mailed on or before the day of a biennial state election shall be accepted until 5 p.m. on the third day after the election and shall be processed in accordance with section 95. A

		postmark, if legible, shall be evidence of the time of mailing.
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CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

End of Year Campaign Finance Report	January 2025	Election Commission Office, Room 102
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