



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

The Second Regular Meeting, January 20, 2026

City Council

Isaac B. "Zac" Bears
Anna Callahan
Emily Lazzaro
Matt Leming
Liz Mullane
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.

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81691055342?pwd=aICr2wFEVriSw5RohRdNNu5KrdMxj5.1>

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Live: Channel 22 (Comcast), Channel 43 (Verizon), [YouTube](#), and medfordtv.org.

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

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACCOLADES, REMEMBRANCES, REPORTS, AND RECORDS

26-015 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Condolences to the Family of Clarence "Ed" Ligon

Records

The Records of the Meeting of January 6, 2026 were passed to Councilor Leming

Reports of Committees

26-011 and 25-149 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Committee of the Whole, January 13, 2026, Report to Follow

PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND SIMILAR PAPERS

26-016

Petition for a Common Victualler's License - K&C Made, LLC. dba Annie's Pizzeria

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

26-017 - Offered by Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor, Anna Callahan, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Resolution to Condemn Killing of Nicole Renee Good by ICE and Reaffirm Constitutional Rights of Residents

26-018 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor

Resolution to Increase Vacation Time for Employees of the City of Medford

26-019 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Chapter 50, Article IV - Proposed Ordinance Banning Face Surveillance Technology

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

26-020

Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Litigation Settlement - DaSilva v. City of Medford - Request to Enter Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, Sec. 21(a)(3)

26-021

Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Capital Stabilization Fund Appropriation Request - Roberts Elementary MSBA Accelerated Repair Feasibility Study

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

26-003 - Appointment of a City Messenger for 2026 and 2027

Administration of Oath to City Messenger

24-031 **Request a Representative from BJ's Wholesale Club Meet to Discuss Construction and Neighborhood Concerns**

IN CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 6, 2024

TABLED

25-103 **Proposed Amendments to the Medford Zoning Ordinance - Other Corridors Districts (for referral to the CDB)**

IN CITY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

TABLED

Reports Due/Deadlines

16-574 University Accountability Report (Next Report Due in November 2025)

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

Adjournment



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MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
January 20, 2026	Isaac Bears, Council President, Justin Tseng, City Councilor
AGENDA ITEM	
<u>26-015</u> - Condolences to the Family of Clarence "Ed" Ligon	
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	
Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that we send our deep and sincere condolences to the family of Clarence E. "Ed" Ligon, Jr. on his passing, especially his wife of over 55 years, Barbara. Ed was a beloved member of our Medford community and a shining light at the West Medford Community Center and NAACP Mystic Valley Branch, among many other organizations.	
RECOMMENDATION	
FISCAL IMPACT	
ATTACHMENTS	
None	



CITY OF MEDFORD

City Clerk's Office
85 George P. Hassett Dr.; Rm 103
Medford, MA 02155
(781) 393-2425

Permit No: VIC25-000011
Issue Date :
Fee : 75.00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

This is to Certify that a Common Victualler License is hereby granted to:

K&C Made, LLC, dba Annie's Pizzeria

Location: **207 MIDDLESEX AV Medford, MA**

In said City of Medford, and at place only and expires unless sooner suspended or revoke for the violations of the law of the Commonwealth respecting the licensing of the common victuallers. This license is issued in conformity with the authority granted to the licensing authorities by M.G.L. Ch. 140 and amendments thereto.

Hours of Operation : Mon: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Tues: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM;
Weds: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Thurs: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Friday: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM;
Sat: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM; Sun: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

By Order of the Medford City Council

LICENSING AUTHORITIES

Adam L. Hurtubise
City Clerk

Provisions set forth by the City of Medford:

1. Notify Medford City Clerk on location, ownership and /or name change.
2. Adhere to Medford sign ordinance S.94-6.2
3. Adhere to Medford Health Dept. Public Sanitation Ordinance.
4. Adhere to Zoning Laws pertaining to Keno.

EXTRACTS FROM GENERAL LAWS, (TER. ED) CHAPTER 140

Section 7. An innholder who, upon request, refuses to receive and make suitable provision for a stranger or traveler shall be punished by a fine of nor more than fifty dollars.

Section 9. If, in the opinion of the licensing authorities, a licensee as an Innholder or a common victualler ceases to be engaged in the business he is licensed to pursue, or fails to maintain upon his premises the implements and facilities required by this chapter, they shall immediately revoke his license. If a licensee at any time conducts his licensed business in an improper manner, the licensing authorities, after notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity for a hearing, may upon satisfactory proof thereof suspend or revoke his license or impose a fine; provided that, the fine for the first offense within a 6 month period shall be not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000; for the second offense within a 6 month period the fine shall be not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$2,000; for the third offense within a 6 month period the fine shall be not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$5,000; for the fourth offense within a 6 month period the fine shall be not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000; and for the fifth offense within a 6 month period the fine shall be not less than \$10,000. An innholder who violates section seven shall forfeit his license. A licensee who is convicted a second time of the violation of any of the provisions of sections six to eighteen, inclusive, shall forfeit his license.

Section 18. Every innholder and common victualler shall at all times have a board or sign affixed to his house, shop, cellar or store, or in a conspicuous place near the same, with his name legibly inscribed thereon in large letters and the business for which he is licensed inscribed thereon, and upon neglect thereof shall forfeit twenty dollars.

Section 20. Whoever assumes to be an innholder or common victualler without being licensed as such under this chapter shall forfeit one hundred dollars.

Section 21. Whoever is convicted a third time of a violation of any provision of the preceding sections, except those contained in sections seven and eight, shall, in addition to the penalties before provided, be punished by imprisonment for not more than three months

License Is non-Transferable



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MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
January 20, 2026	Emily Lazzaro, City Councilor, Anna Callahan, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor
AGENDA ITEM	
<u>26-017</u> - Resolution to Condemn Killing of Nicole Renee Good by ICE and Reaffirm Constitutional Rights of Residents	
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	
Whereas, on January 7, 2026, Renee Nicole Good was bystander to an action by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Minneapolis, tried to leave the scene, and was shot in her car by ICE officer, Jonathan Ross; and	
Whereas, Medford residents have observed and recorded ICE operations, as they have right to under the laws of this Country, Commonwealth, and City; and	
Whereas, it is the duty of Medford local government and law enforcement to protect the safety and well-being of Medford residents; and	
Whereas, there is no legal code or precedent known to the Medford City Council that prohibits local law enforcement from intervening against agents, be they local, State, or Federal, engaged in unlawful behaviors, especially those which put residents in danger; now therefore:	
Be it Resolved, that the Medford City Council condemns the killing of Renee Nicole Good by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officer in Minneapolis on January 7, 2026, and expresses its deep concern over the loss of life and the circumstances surrounding this incident; and	
Be it Further Resolved, that the Medford City Council reaffirms the fundamental rights of residents to peacefully protest and to observe and document law enforcement activity, including the conduct of federal immigration officers, consistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and	
Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is directed to work with the City Administration and local law enforcement to review and develop strategies,	

protocols, and responses that protect residents' rights to peaceful protest and lawful observation and preserve public safety and community trust; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is directed to work with the City Administration and local law enforcement to develop and articulate to the public a clear policy governing responses to active ICE actions within the City of Medford, that prioritizes resident safety, security, and rights over untested, unsupported, or otherwise ambiguous and uncertain interpretations of law; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Health and Community Safety is further directed to engage with community groups, residents, and relevant advocacy organizations to identify best practices and preventative measures to reduce the risk of similar incidents occurring in the City of Medford.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
January 20, 2026	Matt Leming, City Councilor
AGENDA ITEM	<u>26-018</u> - Resolution to Increase Vacation Time for Employees of the City of Medford
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	<p>WHEREAS, employees of the City of Medford receive only two weeks of vacation per year for their first five years, which is lower than surrounding municipalities; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, this makes Medford less competitive when attempting to attract new employees, and surrounding municipalities such as Boston and Somerville more liberal vacation policies; now, therefore:</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 66, Article III, Section 66-64 of Medford's Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:</p> <p>(b) Length. Subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, vacations shall be computed in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Four weeks' vacation for employees who have served up to and not more than five years.2. Five weeks' vacation for employees who have served not less than five years nor more than ten years.3. Six weeks' vacation for employees who have served not less than ten years. <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be effective immediately upon passage.</p>
RECOMMENDATION	
FISCAL IMPACT	
ATTACHMENTS	

None

SECTION 50, ARTICLE IV **ORDINANCE BANNING FACE SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY**

SECTION 50-83. - Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance:

- (A) "Face surveillance" or "facial recognition" shall mean an automated or semi-automated process that assists in identifying or verifying an individual or analyzing or capturing information about an individual based on the physical characteristics of an individual's face, head or body, or that uses characteristics of an individual's face, head or body to derive information about the associations, activities or location of an individual; provided, however, that "facial recognition" shall not include the use of search terms to sort images in a database.
- (B) "Face surveillance system" shall mean any computer software or application that performs face surveillance or facial recognition.
- (C) Medford shall mean any department, agency, bureau, and/or subordinate division of the City of Medford.
- (D) "Medford official" shall mean any person or entity acting on behalf of the City of Medford, including any officer, employee, agent, contractor, subcontractor, or vendor.

SECTION 50-84. - Ban on City of Medford Use of Face Surveillance

- (A) It shall be unlawful for Medford or any Medford official to:
 - 1. obtain, retain, possess, access, or use (1) any face surveillance system, or (2) information derived from a face surveillance system;
 - 2. enter into an agreement with any third party for the purpose of obtaining, retaining, possessing, accessing, or using, by or on behalf of Medford or any Medford official any face surveillance system; or
 - 3. issue any permit or enter into any other agreement that authorizes any third party, on behalf of Medford or any Medford official, to obtain, retain, possess, access, or use (1) any face surveillance system, or (2) information derived from a face surveillance system
- (B) Nothing in (a) shall prohibit the Medford Police Department from requesting

facial recognition searches in accordance with Section 220 of Chapter 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

(C) Nothing in (A) shall prohibit Medford or any Medford official from:

1. obtaining or possessing (1) an electronic device, such as a cell phone or computer, for evidentiary purposes, or (2) an electronic device, such as a cell phone or tablet, that performs facial recognition for the sole purpose of user authentication;
2. using facial recognition on an electronic device, such as a cell phone or tablet, owned by Medford or any Medford official, for the sole purpose of user authentication;
3. using social media or communications software or applications for communicating with the public, provided such use does not include the affirmative use of any facial recognition; or
4. using automated redaction software, provided such software does not have the capability of performing facial recognition.

SECTION 50-85. - Enforcement

- (A) Facial recognition data collected or derived in violation of this ordinance shall be considered unlawfully obtained.
- (B) No data collected or derived from any use of facial recognition in violation of this ordinance and no evidence derived therefrom may be received in evidence in any proceeding in or before any department, officer, agency, regulatory body, legislative committee, or authority subject to the jurisdiction of the City of Medford, except when it is used to investigate or discipline someone for a suspected violation of this ordinance.
- (C) Any violation of this ordinance constitutes an injury, and any person may institute proceedings for injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or writ of mandate in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce this ordinance.
1. An action instituted under this paragraph shall be brought against the respective Medford department, and the City of Medford and, if necessary, effectuate compliance with this ordinance, any other governmental agency with possession, custody, or control of data subject to this ordinance.

- a. A court shall award costs and reasonable attorneys' fees for a plaintiff who is the prevailing party in such proceeding.
2. Violations of this ordinance by a Medford employee shall result in consequences that may include retraining, suspension, or termination, subject to due process requirements and provisions of collective bargaining agreements.
3. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any individual's rights under state or federal law.

SECTION 50-86. - Severability

If any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 50-87. - Effective Date

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.



**MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN**

January 14, 2026

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Medford City Council
Medford City Hall
Medford, MA 02155

Re: Litigation Settlement

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend your Honorable Body enter Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation concerning the matter of DaSilva v. City of Medford, Middlesex Superior Court, CA No.: 2181CV01659. I also recommend that the Council's agenda state in the executive session notice that "votes may be taken". Attorney Justin Perrotta from KP Law will be present to provide the Council with guidance on this matter.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Breanna Lungo-Koehn
Mayor



MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR BREANNA LUNGO-KOEHN

January 14, 2026

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and
Members of the Medford City Council
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Medford, MA 02155

Re: Capital Stabilization Fund Appropriation Request

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approves the following appropriation from the Capital Stabilization Fund:

That the City of Medford (the “City”) hereby appropriates the amount of three hundred thousand (\$300,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying feasibility study and schematic design costs related to a potential Accelerated Repair Project involving a potential roof and heat pump conversion replacement project at Roberts Elementary School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Medford School Committee.

To meet this appropriation, the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, is authorized to use funds from the Capital Stabilization Account in said amount.

The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA’s Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City.

The Capital Stabilization Fund currently has a balance of \$10,531,346.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Breanna Lungo-Koehn
Mayor