



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

The Fourteenth Regular Meeting, July 23, 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.

Zoom Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83585173301>

Call-in Number: +13052241968,,83585173301#

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

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

24-442 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Condolences to the Family of Long Time Medford Public School Teacher Robin Irving

Records

The Records of the Meeting of June 25, 2024 were passed to Councillor Tseng

Reports of Committees

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

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

24-006 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Committee of the Whole, June 26, 2024, Report to Follow

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

Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, June 26, 2024, Report to Follow

MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS

24-441 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor

Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Office of the State Auditor To Examine Issues of Transparency and Accountability

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

24-440

Offered by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Donation Request - Boston Foundation Corporation - Honoring Pride Month and For Pride Activities

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

23-412

Petition to Amend Deed Restriction - 12 Dell Avenue

IN CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2023

TABLED

24-031

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

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

TABLED

24-352 **Petition For a Class II Auto Body License - Finest Auto Body, Inc**

IN CITY COUNCIL MAY 14, 2024
TABLED

24-421 **South Street Historic District Ordinance**

IN CITY COUNCIL June 25, 2024 Approved for First Reading
ADVERTISED July 25, 2024 Medford Transcript and Somerville Journal
IN CITY COUNCIL August 13, 2024 Eligible for Third Reading

24-434 **Wage Adjustment, Non-Union Personnel Amendments A, B, and C**

IN CITY COUNCIL June 25, 2024 Approved for First Reading
ADVERTISED July 11, 2024 Medford Transcript and Somerville Journal
IN CITY COUNCIL July 23, 2024 Eligible for Third Reading

Reports Due/Deadlines

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

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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George Scarpelli, City Councilor

AGENDA ITEM

24-442 - Condolences to the Family of Long Time Medford Public School Teacher Robin Irving

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved that the City Council send our deepest condolences to the family of long time Medford Public School Teacher Robin Irving on recent passing.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
July 23, 2024	Isaac Bears, Council President
AGENDA ITEM	
<u>24-006</u> - Committee of the Whole, June 26, 2024, Report to Follow	
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	
RECOMMENDATION	
FISCAL IMPACT	
ATTACHMENTS	
None	



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MEETING DATE	SPONSORED BY
July 23, 2024	Matt Leming, City Councilor
AGENDA ITEM	
<u>24-354 and 24-370</u> - Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, June 26, 2024, Report to Follow	
FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION	
RECOMMENDATION	
FISCAL IMPACT	
ATTACHMENTS	
None	



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AGENDA ITEM

24-441 - Resolution to Approve and Authorize the Office of the State Auditor To Examine Issues of Transparency and Accountability

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the Mayor and the Medford City Council have repeatedly stated their goal to insure the highest degree of transparency and accountability in all governmental matters; and

Whereas, on June 28, 2024 Medford City Councilor George Scarpelli sent a letter to the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of the State Auditor; and

Whereas, the letter of Councilor Scarpelli raised various issues relating to votes taken on significant municipal financial matters and the actions of the Medford City Council in regard to these matters; and

Whereas, in light of the long term absence of an appointed City Solicitor in the City of Medford and the fact that the City's private legal counsel is a law firm hired by the Mayor; and

Whereas, the Director of Operations of the Office of the State Auditor responded to Councilor Scarpelli's letter that the Office of the State Auditor would "examine the issues" raised in the latter if its examination of these issues had the approval of a majority vote of the City Council and the Mayor, as required by state statute; and

Whereas, the fairest and most objective fashion to resolve the issues raised in Councilor Scarpelli's letter is to have an outside agency address these issues and determine the most appropriate way to address these issues,

Now therefore, be it Resolved that the Medford City Council approve and authorize the Office of the State Auditor to examine the issues set forth in said letter.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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

June 27, 2024

Via Electronic Delivery

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

Re: Donation Acceptance

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body approves under M.G.L.
Chapter 44, Section 53A:

- a donation in the amount of \$500 donated by the Boston Foundation Corp in honor or Pride month and for Pride activities.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Breanna Lungo-Koehn", is written over a horizontal line.

Breanna Lungo-Koehn
Mayor