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Monday, January 12, 2026
8:00 PM

This meeting of the City Council will be held in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 140 Main Street. **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE IS PERMITTED.** This meeting will be televised on WMCT-TV (Comcast Channel 8 or Verizon/Fios Channel 34), or you can view the meeting live on the WMCT-TV website (<https://www.wmct-tv.com/watch>).

1. Minutes, City Council Meeting, December 15, 2025.
2. Minutes, City Council Organizational Meeting, January 5, 2026.
3. From City Council President Ossing – City Council Regular Meeting Schedule and City Council Committee Assignments for the 2026 Legislative Year.
4. Communication from Councilors Ossing & Navin, re: Municipal Aggregation – December 2025 Update.
5. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptance for 30 Dell Pro-14 laptops, a charging cart, braille keyboard, a vertical mouse and a trackball mouse from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute awarded to the Public Library to be added to the library's collection for resident use.
6. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$23,000.00 from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust awarded to the Department of Public Works to be used for improved cybersecurity to strengthen the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems (SCADA) at the Cedar Hill Water Pumping Station and Standby Facility.
7. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Judy McDonald to the Council on Aging for a 4-year term to expire on May 6, 2030.
8. Communication from the Mayor, re: Reappointment of Raymond Magee to the Council on Aging for a 4-year term to expire on May 6, 2030.
9. Communication from the Mayor, re: Proposed Salary Ordinance Amendment pursuant to Chapter 125 "Personnel" §6 "Salary Schedule" relative to the position of City Solicitor.
10. Communication from the Mayor, re: Proposed Salary Ordinance Amendment pursuant to Chapter 125 "Personnel" §6 "Salary Schedule" relative to the position of Assistant Fire Chief.
11. Certification from Ward 4 Councilor Heather Gould as required under MGL Chapter 39 §23D ("Mullin Rule"), regarding the Application for a Special Permit from Attorney Gemma Cashman, on behalf of JC Residential and Light Commercial LLC, for outdoor storage as an accessory use for the warehouse located at 1000 Nickerson Road, Order No. 25-1009540C.

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12. Certification from Ward 4 Councilor Heather Gould as required under MGL Chapter 39 §23D (“Mullin Rule”), regarding the Application for a Special Permit from Lifestyle Fit LLC d/b/a FRVR Athletics, for a proposed gym for physical fitness classes, team strength and performance training, fitness education, nutrition education and training, and the sale of related fitness clothing and merchandise, to be in an existing building at 214 Cedar Hill Street, Order No. 25-1009581B.
13. Certification from Ward 7 Councilor Matthew Sargent as required under MGL Chapter 39 §23D (“Mullin Rule”), regarding the Application for a Special Permit from Attorney Gemma Cashman, on behalf of JC Residential and Light Commercial LLC, for outdoor storage as an accessory use for the warehouse located at 1000 Nickerson Road, Order No. 25-1009540C.
14. Certification from Ward 7 Councilor Matthew Sargent as required under MGL Chapter 39 §23D (“Mullin Rule”), regarding the Application for a Special Permit from Lifestyle Fit LLC d/b/a FRVR Athletics, for a proposed gym for physical fitness classes, team strength and performance training, fitness education, nutrition education and training, and the sale of related fitness clothing and merchandise, to be in an existing building at 214 Cedar Hill Street, Order No. 25-1009581B.
15. Communication from Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Approval of Home Rule Petition relative to Procedure for Layout and Acceptance of Subdivision Roads, Chapter 85 of the Acts of 2025.
16. Communication from Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Application for a Special Permit from Lifestyle Fit LLC d/b/a FRVR Athletics, for a proposed gym for physical fitness classes, team strength and performance training, fitness education, nutrition education and training, and the sale of related fitness clothing and merchandise, to be in an existing building at 214 Cedar Hill Street, in proper legal form, Order No. 25-1009581B.
17. Communication from Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Application for a Special Permit from Attorney Gemma Cashman, on behalf of JC Residential and Light Commercial LLC, for outdoor storage as an accessory use for a warehouse to be located at 1000 Nickerson Road, in proper legal form, Order No. 25-1009540C.
18. Communication from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), re: Approval of Richer Elementary School Project Preferred Schematic.
19. Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees:
 - a) Conservation Commission, November 20, 2025.
 - b) Council on Aging, November 18, 2025.
 - c) Cultural Council, September 3, 2025.
 - d) Historical Commission, October 16, 2025.
 - e) Library Trustees, September 2, 2025, October 7, 2025 & November 4, 2025.
 - f) OPEB Trust, December 10, 2025.
 - g) Planning Board, November 17, 2025.
20. CLAIMS:
 - a) Lawrence Barbieri, 96 Blanchette Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).
 - b) Alicia Mills, 47 Boudreau Avenue, pothole or other road defect.
 - c) Leah Vincuilla, 175 Blanchette Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee

21. **Order No. 25-1009415A: Proposed Change to City Charter relative to §59A for filling vacancies in the office of Mayor and City Council.**

Recommendation of the Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee is to APPROVE.

On a motion by Councilor Robey, seconded by Chair Brown, the Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee recommends approval of the Proposed Charter Change relative to §59A for filling vacancies in the office of Mayor and City Council and further to suspend the rules to refer to the City Solicitor to place in a Home Rule petition format and to carry over to year 2026. Vote 3-0 with a suspension.

Urban Affairs Committee

22. **Order No. 25-1009540C: Special Permit Application from Attorney Gemma Cashman on behalf of JC Residential and Light Commercial, LLC, for outdoor storage as an accessory use for the warehouse located at 1000 Nickerson Road.**

Recommendation of the Urban Affairs Committee is to APPROVE as amended.

Councilor Doucette moved to recommend approval of the Special Permit Decision as amended, it was seconded. After discussion it was approved 2-1 (Robey). The chair stated she would report this out at the December 15, 2025, meeting and ask for a suspension to refer to Solicitor to be put in proper form and to carry this over to 2026 Legislative Session where it would be taken up at the 2nd meeting of January to meet the deadline.