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Monday, February 9, 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, January 12, 2026.
2. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptance in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the MA Cultural Council awarded to the Marlborough Downtown Village Association (MEDC) to support the annual Food Truck & Artisan Festival.
3. Communication from the Mayor, re: Grant Acceptances in the amount of \$2,100.00 from the MA Cultural Council and \$7,000.00 from the Friends of the Marlborough Public Library awarded to Marlborough Public Library to be used to fund a mural for the Children's Room and to fund winter and spring Library programs.
4. Communication from the Mayor, re: Gift Acceptance in the amount of \$2,500.00 from various donors awarded to the Police Department to be used to establish a drone unit.
5. Communication from the Mayor, re: Notification of Temporary Appointment pursuant to MGL Chapter 41 §61A of Brian Doheny as Interim City Collector effective January 23, 2026, for a 60-day term to expire March 24, 2026.
6. Communication from the Mayor, re: Notification of Temporary Appointment pursuant to MGL Chapter 41 §61A of Jeffrey Gogan as Interim Fire Chief effective January 29, 2026, for a 60-day term to expire March 30, 2026.
7. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Jeffrey Gogan as Fire Chief for a 5-year term, effective from the date of City Council confirmation.
8. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Pamela McNair to the Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term, effective from the date of City Council confirmation.
9. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Karen Thompson to the Commission on Disabilities for a 3-year term, effective from the date of City Council confirmation.
10. Communication from the Mayor, re: Appointment of Karen Patti to the Board of Health for a 3-year term to expire on February 5, 2029.
11. Communication from the Mayor, re: Reappointments of Debra McManus and Lindsey Jaworek to the Commission on Disabilities for 3-year terms respectively to expire on the following dates, Debra McManus on October 20, 2028, and Lindsey Jaworek on July 21, 2028.
12. Communication from the Mayor, re: Reappointments of Stefanie Ferrecchia, Adrian Gilbert and Kathleen Newton to the Historical Commission for 3-year terms all to expire on February 5, 2029.

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13. Communication from the Mayor, re: Reappointment of Paul Gould to the Fort Meadow Commission for a 3-year term, effective from the date of City Council confirmation.
14. Communication from the Mayor, re: Mid-Year Transfer Requests totaling \$917,528.00 from various departments for FY25, which moves funds from and to accounts as outlined in the transfer sheets.
15. Communication from the Mayor, re: Transfer Request in the amount of \$15,094.00 from Collector's salary line to fund the City Solicitor's salary amendment.
16. Communication from the Mayor, re: Final Open Space and Recreation Plan for 2026-2036 for acceptance.
(The Open Space and Recreation Plan is available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office and is also available on the Conservation Commission page of the city website).
17. Communication from City Solicitor, Jason Grossfield, re: Request for Executive Session regarding the Royal 401 Elm LLC v. City of Marlborough (Land Court No. 25 MISC 000631).
18. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Home Rule Petition relative to amend §59A of the Charter "Filling Vacancies in the Office of Mayor and in Council", specifically for the Procedure to Fill Vacancy in the Ward Councilor position.
19. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Order of Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way along with associated Easements, Order No. 25-1009620.
20. Communication from City Solicitor Jason Grossfield, re: Proposed Order of Acceptance of Open Space Parcel within the Beauchemin Estates Open Space Development Special Permit.
21. Communication from City Engineer Thomas DiPersio, re: Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way with associated Easements and Open Space Parcel, Order No. 25-1009620.
22. Communication from the Planning Board, re: Favorable Recommendation on the Acceptance of Jewell Road as a Public Way, Order No. 25-1009620.
23. Communication from City Clerk Steven Kerrigan, re: Request for a Vote to Rescind the Junk Dealer/Secondhand Dealer License issued to ecoATM, 240 East Main Street (Market 32), Order No. 25-1009577A.
24. Communication from ViewPoint Sign & Awning, re: Request for Modification of Master Sign Plan for 910 Boston Post Road, Order No. 25-1009579A.
25. Petition of MA Electric and Verizon, to relocate one (1) Joint Owned Pole on Jefferson Street beginning at a point approximately 420' Northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Highland Street and continuing approximately 10' in a Northwest direction. National Grid is proposing to relocate Pole 4, 10' from its current location on Jefferson Street.
26. Application for Special Permit from Attorney Brian Falk on behalf of Marlborough/Northborough Land Trust to build and operate two multifamily dwellings with a total of 90 residential units, accessory parking, resident amenities, landscaped areas, and open space areas to be located at the corner of Ames and Forest Streets.
27. Application for Renewal of Taxi/Livery License from Katsunori Tanaka d/b/a Global Limousine & Tour Services, 17 Eager Court.
28. Communication from the Central MA Mosquito Control Project, re: Proposed Budget Notification for FY27 and Compliance Certification Policy.

29. Minutes of Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- a) Board of Assessors, November 17, 2025, December 29, 2025 & January 23, 2026.
- b) Conservation Commission, December 18, 2025 & January 8, 2026.
- c) Council on Aging, December 16, 2025.
- d) Historical Commission, November 20, 2025.
- e) Planning Board, December 1, 2025.
- f) Traffic Commission, October 29, 2025.
- g) Zoning Board of Appeals, December 16, 2025.

30. CLAIMS:

- a) Anthony V. Cunha, 21 Longfellow Ter, other property damage and/or personal injury.
- b) Joe & Nansei Curtain, 46 Maurice Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).
- c) A. Richard Desimone, 54 Schofield Drive, residential mailbox claim (2a).
- d) Jane LaBarre, 583 School Street, Northbridge, other property damage and/or personal injury.
- e) Donald R. Lee, II, 210 Clover Hill Street, residential mailbox claim (2a).
- f) Linguine's, 350 Boston Post Road West, other property damage and/or personal injury.
- g) Leon Melamed, 18 Red Oak Drive, Sudbury, pothole or other road defect.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

31. RESOLUTION: Be it herewith Resolved that Whereas the City Council recognizes the importance of maintaining essential municipal services while also ensuring that increases in residential property taxes remain reasonable and predictable for homeowners; and Whereas the rising costs of municipal operations require careful fiscal planning to balance service delivery with taxpayer affordability; and Whereas prior municipal budgets have resulted in increased financial pressure on residential taxpayers, and the City Council seeks to establish clearer limits and greater predictability in future budget proposals; Be it Resolved that the Mayor is hereby requested to submit a proposed municipal operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year that limits the impact on residential property taxes to no more than an average increase of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per residential property.....Submitted by Councilor Vital.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

City Council

32. **Order No. 25/26-1009415B: Proposed Change to City Charter relative to §59A for "Filling vacancies in the office of Mayor and in Council".**

Recommendation of the Legislative & Legal Affairs Committee was to APPROVE. At the January 12, 2026, City Council meeting this item was POSTPONED to the January 26, 2026, City Council meeting.

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.