



Medford City Council  
Medford, Massachusetts

**Committee of the Whole, April 1, 2026**

**City Council**

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Matt Leming  
Liz Mullane  
George A. Scarpelli  
Justin Tseng

This meeting will take place at 6:00 P.M. via Zoom Only.

Zoom Link:

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To submit written comments, please email [ccmembers@medford-ma.gov](mailto:ccmembers@medford-ma.gov).

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**26-028 - Offered by George Scarpelli, City Councilor**

Resolution Requesting a Full Report Regarding the January 2026 Snow Storm Response

**26-029 - Offered by Councilor Mullane and Councilor Tseng**

Resolution to Evaluate City Snow Removal and Improve Service Delivery

**26-053**

**Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn**

Litigation Strategy - Chertok v. City of Medford - Request to Enter Executive Session  
per MGL Ch. 30A, Sec, 21(a)(3) [Votes May Be Taken]

**26-065**

**Submitted by Mayor Breanna Lungo-Koehn**

Litigation Strategy - Multiple Matters - Request to Enter Executive Session per MGL  
Ch. 30A, Sec, 21(a)(3) [Votes May Be Taken]

**Adjournment**



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**SPONSORED BY**

George Scarpelli, City Councilor

**AGENDA ITEM**

**26-028** - Resolution Requesting a Full Report Regarding the January 2026 Snow Storm Response

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

WHEREAS, the City experienced a significant winter storm event in January 2026 that required an extensive municipal snow and ice removal response; and

WHEREAS, the severity and duration of the storm resulted in substantial deployment of City resources, contracted services, parking enforcement actions, and towing operations; and

WHEREAS, transparency, accountability, and preparedness are essential to ensuring the effective use of public funds and the continuous improvement of emergency response operations; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of the City's response will assist the City Council, Administration, and residents in evaluating operational effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby requests that the Administration prepare and submit a full written report detailing the City's response to the January 2026 snow storm, including but not limited to the following:

1. Total Cost Summary

Itemized accounting of all storm-related expenditures, including labor, overtime, equipment operation, materials (salt, sand, fuel), and contracted services.

2. City Equipment Utilized

A list of all City-owned equipment deployed, including plows, loaders, dump trucks, sidewalk equipment, and any other machinery, along with duration of use.

### 3. Contracted Snow Removal Operators

- The total number of private snow removal contractors utilized.
- Scope of work performed
- Contract rates and total cost associated with contracted services.

### 4. Ticketing and Towing Activity

- Number of parking tickets issued related to snow emergencies;
- Number of vehicles towed;
- Associated revenue and costs, if applicable.

### 5. Operational Challenges and Findings

- Identified challenges encountered during the storm response;
- Staffing or equipment limitations;
- Coordination issues, if any.

### 6. Next Steps and Ongoing Snow Removal Efforts

- Current status of snow removal and cleanup operations;
- Anticipated timeline for completion;
- Planned improvements or policy recommendations for future storm responses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the requested report be submitted to the City Council within a reasonable timeframe and be made available to the public upon completion.

## RECOMMENDATION

## FISCAL IMPACT

## ATTACHMENTS

None



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Liz Mullane, City Councilor, Justin  
Tseng, City Councilor

**AGENDA ITEM**

**26-029** - Resolution to Evaluate City Snow Removal and Improve Service Delivery

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Be it Resolved, that the Medford City Council expresses its sincere appreciation to the Department of Public Works staff, as well as contracted crews and residents, for their responsiveness, professionalism, and around-the-clock efforts during and after the major winter storm on January 25 and 26, including working extended hours under challenging conditions such as staffing and equipment constraints, limited snow-storage capacity, and ongoing communication with City Councilors; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the City Council acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding snow and sidewalk clearing during this storm, particularly with respect to the timeliness, consistency, and equity of street and sidewalk clearing, including impacts on pedestrian safety, accessibility, and snow being placed onto sidewalks already cleared by residents in accordance with city ordinances, and affirms that these concerns warrant careful review and follow-up; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the City Council recognizes that snow and ice removal in Medford depends in part on coordination with state-managed roadways and snow removal work, and that the performance and timing of those operations can directly affect local streets, sidewalks, and pedestrian conditions; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Committee on Public Works and Facilities work with the Department of Public Works and City Administration to conduct a post-storm evaluation of snow and ice removal operations during this event, including an assessment of:

- Service provision, equity, and accessibility;
- Staffing, equipment, and capacity constraints;
- Snow storage and disposal limitations;
- Coordination with state-managed roadways and crews; and
- Communication with residents before, during, and after major storms; and

Be it Further Resolved, that this evaluation be undertaken with the shared goal of strengthening service delivery going forward, recognizing workforce and fiscal realities, supporting those doing the work, and improving preparedness for future winter events; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the City Council reaffirms its commitment to working collaboratively with city staff and leadership, using resident feedback constructively to improve public services while maintaining respect for the labor and professionalism of municipal workers.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None



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**26-053** - Litigation Strategy - Chertok v. City of Medford - Request to Enter Executive Session per MGL Ch. 30A, Sec, 21(a)(3) [Votes May Be Taken]

**FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION**

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) (Purpose 3): discuss strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the City - Chertok v. City of Medford et al., U.S. District Ct. 1:26-cv-10589 (2026).

**RECOMMENDATION**

**FISCAL IMPACT**

**ATTACHMENTS**

None



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

March 30, 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 matters of:

- Joseph P. Cardillo & Son, Inc. v. City of Medford
- Delia Chirinos Romero v. City of Medford
- Plymouth Rock Assurance Corp., a/s/o Mike's Landscaping v. City of Medford
- Commerce Insurance Co. a/s/o Brian T. Guiry v. City of Medford
- Safety Insurance Co. a/s/o Joanne Sarro v. City of Medford
- Electric Mutual Insurance v. City of Medford
- Fargo, et al. v. City of Medford; and
- Conboy v. City of Medford.

I also recommend that the Council's agenda state in the executive session notice that "votes may be taken".

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Breanna Lungo-Koehn  
Mayor