



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, May 20, 2026

Voting Members

Liz Mullane, Chair
George A. Scarpelli, Vice Chair
Anna Callahan
Matt Leming
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/82188924439?pwd=FN28gKXDml1HJlqhQC5mEfvFaTiwco.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

ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

24-354 - Offered by Matt Leming, City Councilor, Isaac Bears, Council President

Resolution to Publish City Council Newsletter

26-024 - Offered by Isaac Bears, Council President

Resolution to Schedule Neighborhood Ward Meetings Hosted by City Council

Adjournment



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Matt Leming, City Councilor, Isaac
Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

24-354 - Resolution to Publish City Council Newsletter

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee shall have the authority to draft and approve a regular newsletter summarizing the activities of the City Council and can vote to publish the newsletter by whatever mechanisms available without referring the draft newsletter to a regular Council meeting for a vote.

Be it Further Resolved that this paper be referred to the Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee as a standing agenda item

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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Isaac Bears, Council President

AGENDA ITEM

26-024 - Resolution to Schedule Neighborhood Ward Meetings Hosted by City Council

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Council's Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee discuss a plan to schedule Neighborhood Ward Meetings hosted by the City Council in 2026 and 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Neighborhood Ward Meetings 5.11.26



Residential Services and Public Engagement Committee
DRAFT: Plan for Neighborhood Ward Meetings

Executive Summary

The City Council has approved a Neighborhood Ward Meeting proposal for the 2026-2027 calendar year. Throughout the course of the next two years, the Council is looking to host at least one Ward based meeting throughout the 8 Wards of Medford. Through the Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, a plan will be created that establishes a schedule, structure, strategy and format to successfully execute this type of engagement opportunity for residents.

Proposed Ward Rollout

Timeframe	Ward	Location Suggestion(s)	Councilor #1	Councilor #2	Dates Unavailable
June 2026	1	Medford City Hall	Mullane		CC, MHS
September 2026	5	Medford Library			
November 2026	2	Medford City Hall	Mullane		
January 2027	4	Medford Library			
March 2027	7	Medford City Hall			
April 2027	6	Medford High School			
May 2027	3	Medford City Hall			
June 2027	8	Medford Senior Center			

For the Ward Meetings

- Pair Councilors together to co-facilitate each of the Ward Meetings
- Set up meetings in an open format, allowing for more collaboration and discussion
- Not a standardized agenda:
 - Focus on open ended questions/concerns/feedback from residents
 - Ward specific items
 - Soliciting input in advance of meeting as well, to encourage participation and allow residents to anticipate certain topic areas of interest/discussion

Communication and Outreach

- Allowing for at least one month notice of meetings to be publicized for residents
- Providing outreach in the following ways:
 - City of Medford channels: text, phone call, newsletter, social media
 - City Council channel: website, newsletter, CC meetings, social media
 - Publications: Patch, Gotta Know Medford, Tufts Daily, Medford Bytes, Medford Happenings

- Any other suggestions
- City Councilors assigned to specific Ward meetings would take the lead on advertising, communicating, and facilitating the meeting