Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee, November 4, 2026

Voting Members

Liz Mullane, Chair
George A. Scarpelli, Vice Chair
Anna Callahan
Matt Leming
Justin Tseng

This meeting will take place at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, Medford City Hall, 85 George P. Hassett Drive, Medford, MA and via Zoom.

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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

26-138 - Offered by Liz Mullane, City Councilor, Justin Tseng, City Councilor

Resolution to Update the Noise Ordinance

26-169 - Offered by Liz Mullane, Councilor, Justin Tseng, Councilor

Resolution to Improve the City Website

PAPERS IN COMMITTEE

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Adjournment

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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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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

None

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AGENDA ITEM

26-138 - Resolution to Update the Noise Ordinance

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

Whereas, the City of Medford's Noise Ordinance was last updated in 1974, and is lacking any recent updates to types of noise that can impact residents; and Whereas, residents of Medford have shared a variety of ways in which different noise levels have been impacting their daily lives; and

Whereas, noise levels can also be considered a health hazard, and it is left to the community to help regulate and advise on noise restrictions throughout their city and towns; and

Whereas, the American Public Health Association has stated that "loud noise causes hearing loss and tinnitus and can contribute to non-auditory health problems. Chronic noise, even at low levels, can cause annoyance, sleep disruption, and stress that contribute to cardiovascular disease, cerebrovascular disease, metabolic disturbances, exacerbation of psychological disorders, and premature mortality. Noise interferes with cognition and learning, contributes to behavior problems, and reduces achievement and productivity. The health of more than 100 million Americans is at risk, with children among the most vulnerable."; and
Whereas, "The APHA policy statements below relate to this update by advocating for the following: reducing environmental stressors and their harmful effects on public health, rectifying the disproportionate burden of environmental hazards borne by disadvantaged populations, and encouraging actions to mitigate adverse effects. Including noise as a stressor in future APHA policy statements and updates is recommended."

Be it Resolved by the Medford City Council that the Council's Resident Services and Public Engagement Committee review the current noise ordinance to update its language, function, type and current usage.

RECOMMENDATION

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None

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AGENDA ITEM

26-169 - Resolution to Improve the City Website

FULL TEXT AND DESCRIPTION

WHEREAS, medfordma.org is the primary digital interface between City government and Medford's residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a review of the site reveals outdated content, navigation mismatching residents' needs, limited language access, and a gap in online services compared to peers; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee solicit public input on website improvements, invite the Communications Office and IT Department to present on current capabilities and constraints, and report back with recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None