



Medford City Council
Medford, Massachusetts

MEETING DATE

February 3, 2026

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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