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Tuesday, September 8, 2026
The Great Hall
Historic City Hall
1305 Hancock Street

6:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Quincy met on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:32 pm in the Great Hall of City Hall with President Anne Mahoney presiding. Present were Councillor Ash, Councillor DiBona, Councillor Hubley, Councillor Jacobs, Councillor McKee, Councillor Riley and Councillor Yuan. Councillor Ryan arrived at 6:50 pm. Christopher Walker was in attendance as administration representative. Auditor Susan O'Connor was in attendance.

City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo called the roll.

Moment of Silence & Pledge of Allegiance - President Mahoney

City Clerk Crispo read the open meeting law.

President Mahoney reviewed the Open Forum format and its rules.

Residents Open Forum and Public Comment - President Mahoney

Hank Dondero – 65 Manet Avenue
Marie Rucker –17 Darrow Street
Nina West – 200 Falls Blvd
Paulo Correia – 49 Holmes Street
Aryana Brazao – 10 Merrymount Road
Isaac Collins – 77 Beach Street
Howard Chen – 11 Willet Street
Maxfield Capron – 118 Greenleaf Street

Motion by Councillor McKee to extend open forum 10 minutes, Seconded by Councillor Hubley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Residents Open Forum and Public Comment Continued

Kiley Slayter – 12 Main Street
Ethan Kinn – 95 W. Squantum Street

Zachery Christopher – 67 Montclair Avenue #2
Andrew Carleen – 63 Brook Road
Joanne Collins – 88 Hillside Avenue
Elizabeth Deatrick – 95 West Squantum Street
Emily Johnson – 118 Greenleaf Street
Brendon Morack – 39 Park Street
Elin Nelson – 28 Village Drive

Motion by Councillor McKee to extend open forum 10 minutes, Seconded by Councillor Yuan
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Residents Open Forum and Public Comment Continued

Diego Pujois – 11 Willet Street
Bill Zamzow – Tilden Circle
Brian Hurley – 44 Summer Street
Christina Koller – 64 Glendale Rd
Elizabeth Beaudric – 949 Hancock Street
Helen Shiner – 23 Copley Street
Suzanna Woodford – 27 Taber Street

Review of Open Meeting Law Complaints regarding June 22, 2026, Meeting - President Mahoney

President Mahoney presented the Council's review of two separate complaints filed in connection with the June 22, 2026, Oversight Committee and Special Council meeting.

President Mahoney summarized the complaint, which alleged that Ms. DeGloria was asked to leave during the oversight committee meeting and subsequently denied access to the special city council meeting, citing lack of warning, denial of access, viewpoint discrimination, and interference with her right to observe public proceedings. President Mahoney walked through the meeting timeline in detail. The oversight committee opened at 6:00 PM, was recessed at approximately 6:49 PM, and the special city council meeting opened briefly at 7:03 PM before being recessed at 7:04 PM — it was not reopened for substantive business until 9:54 PM. She argued that the record did not support a finding that Ms. DeGloria was removed from the oversight committee and then excluded from an "ongoing" special council meeting, as that meeting had already been recessed. She noted that contemporary reporting described the meeting as "tense" and "chaotic," with Ms. DeGloria shouting expletives as she departed. President Mahoney acknowledged that the chamber's physical boundaries and public access procedures needed clarification going forward and noted that prior to tonight's meeting she had met with committee chairs, Chief Kennedy, and supervisors to establish more consistent procedures for handling disruptive conduct. She emphasized this was not an admission of a violation but a proactive process improvement. She concluded that the record did not support a finding that the council violated the Open Meeting Law.

Motion that the Quincy City Council find that no violation of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law occurred with respect to the complaint filed by Ms. Leah DeGloria concerning the June 22, 2026, Oversight Committee and special council meeting, and that the President be authorized to issue a written response to the Attorney General's Office of Open Government on behalf of the council, was made by Councillor Riley and seconded by Councillor Yuan.
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

President Mahoney reviewed the June 23, 2026, James Perkin's Open Meeting Law Complaint of the June 22, 2026, meeting.

President Mahoney summarized the second complaint, which alleged that Councillor Hubley had communicated with a former Leominster City Council member regarding a pending ordinance (Order 2026-031, repeal of annual raises for elected officials) in potential violation of the Open Meeting Law. She explained that the Open Meeting Law's definition of "deliberation" requires communication between or among a quorum of the public body. The record showed no evidence that a quorum of the Quincy City Council was involved, that the outside party served as an intermediary among council members, that members were polled, or that consensus was sought outside of a public meeting. She characterized the alleged conduct as a Councillor seeking background information from a subject matter contact in preparation for a public meeting — an activity that is expressly permitted. She found no violation.

Motion that the Quincy City Council find that no violation of the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law occurred with respect to the complaint filed by Mr. James Perkins concerning Councillor Walter Hubley and alleged communications regarding pending legislation, and that the President be authorized to issue a written response to the Attorney General's Division of Open Government, was made by Councillor Riley and seconded by Councillor Jacobs.
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Update/Overview on Data Privacy and Compliance of the Quincy Police Department's ALPR System
Chief Mark Kennedy – Quincy Police Department

Chief Kennedy thanked the council and public for the opportunity to present. He noted that he had listened carefully to residents' concerns, including attending a "Get the Flock Out of Quincy" community event at the library, and acknowledged that "legitimate concerns about privacy, data security, government power, and the protection of civil liberties deserve to be taken seriously."

As a result of a comprehensive data privacy and compliance review, the QPD had implemented several additional restrictions. Chief Kennedy reported that Quincy now operates a closed ALPR system, meaning no outside law enforcement agency — local, state, or federal — has direct access to Quincy's cameras, network, or live feeds. Of the department's 237 sworn officers, only 47 have access to the system — the Chief himself does not. The department has also opted out of nationwide ALPR data sharing while evaluating additional safeguards, and all searches are tied to case numbers.

He provided a usage snapshot: in the past 30 days, cameras captured over 704,000 license plates, but only 134 were actually searched for investigative purposes — meaning 99.98 percent of captured plates were never searched and would be deleted within 30 days. He emphasized that capturing a plate is not the same as investigating someone.

Chief Kennedy pushed back on what he characterized as fundamental misunderstandings, asserting that "ALPR is an investigative tool, not a surveillance tool," and that the department does not use it to build profiles on law-abiding citizens. He framed the technology as one that can provide critical leads in homicides, sexual assaults, kidnappings, hit-and-runs, and missing persons cases — cases where "time matters."

He closed by stating that we do not live in a police state, and he does not want to run a police department that operates like one and committed to continuously examining QPD's policies and remaining open to making practices more restrictive when justified.

Councillor Yuan noted that residents had not been informed about the use of Flock since it began in 2020, and that the compliance review was only made available last week — insufficient notice for the public to prepare informed questions. She suggested reserving the formal Q&A for the upcoming public hearing, so residents and Councillors would have adequate time to review the presentation. President Mahoney agreed, and Councillor Ryan asked whether questions could be submitted to Chief Kennedy in advance of the hearing, to which the Chief agreed.

2026-104 – Order - Regarding the City of Quincy's use of Flock Safety Technology Councillor Yuan, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Riley, Councillor Ryan

Councillor Yuan introduced the order, explaining that it requests a formal public hearing on Quincy's use of Flock Safety technology. She noted that residents across the full political spectrum — in blue, purple, and red states — are raising the same questions about privacy, data sharing, accuracy, and accountability. She cited Texas Governor's announcement to stop spending state money on Flock cameras and the Florida Department of Transportation's order to physically remove all ALPRs from state highway right-of-way within 30 days.

Councillor Yuan identified two primary concerns: first, that the government did not inform residents before deploying Flock in 2020, and only began updating policies under public pressure after six years; second, that the decision was made for residents rather than with them. She drew an analogy to the Quarry Hills parking lot situation discussed later in the agenda. She concluded with a reference to John Adams: "Liberty once lost is lost forever," and asked whether Adams would have approved of mass surveillance in his hometown.

A Public Hearing will be scheduled, and further discussion will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Residents will be able to submit questions.

Motion to approve and refer to Oversight Committee by Councillor Ash, Seconded by Councillor Riley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-105 – Order - Approval of Location and Lease for Solar Energy Implementation on General McConville Way Parking Garages - Mayor Koch

The Administration requested this item be tabled pending further information.

2026-106 – Order - Oversight of Public Works Enhancement Fund Ch. 92 Act of 2004 - Councillor Riley, Councillor Jacobs, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Yuan

Councillor Riley introduced the order as a supplement to a previously filed resolve (Order 2026-081) calling for an audit of Quarry Hills Associates lease payments. This order specifically addresses how the city has been using Public Works Enhancement Fund monies once received, pursuant to Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2004, which mandates that 50 percent of Quarry Hills lease revenues be directed to DPW road and sidewalk projects, 10 percent to oversight of the Quarry Hills operation, and 40 percent to the city's general fund. The law also requires the administration to report to the council by March 1st each year on how funds were used and planned. Councillor Riley stated that this reporting requirement appears never to have been followed. She also noted that the home rule petition granting a new Quarry Hills lease had died in the State House, meaning the 2003 lease terms remain in effect. She asked the city solicitor why the law had not been followed and called for no money to be expended from this fund until the oversight review is complete.

Councillor Yuan added that the administration had put out a bid for a roughly $700,000 parking lot expansion — a use she argued is not permitted under the fund without informing the Council, and that a community meeting was held only after the bidding process had already closed. She provided a breakdown of annual revenue into the oversight account (ranging from approximately $82,000 to $90,000 per year) against a $120,000 project manager salary being paid from it, resulting in a cumulative deficit of approximately $174,989.77. She asked where the shortfall is being covered and whether an unpaid citizen oversight committee would be more appropriate.

Chief of Staff Walker, responding on behalf of the administration, noted he had not seen the specific figures raised and offered to provide a full report on how the money has been spent and what benefit it has provided to the community. President Mahoney acknowledged the situation arose in part because the city moved forward on the parking project without the council being formally notified and framed the core issue as the need to review the fund's use historically before any further expenditures are made.

President Mahoney offered a friendly amendment to the motion, adding the following language.

Be it further ordered that pending completion of the Oversight Committees review of compliance with Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2004 no monies from the Public Works Enhancement Fund shall be expended, transferred, encumbered, committed, or otherwise obligation for the proposed Nickerson Post parking lot project Councillor Riley accepted the amendment.

Motion to approve as amended and refer to Oversight Committee by Councillor Riley, Seconded by Councillor Ryan
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-107 – Resolve - Requesting a Comprehensive Update on the Municipal Broadband Project and Consideration of the Path Forward in Light of Emerging Private Competition - Councillor Hubley, Councillor Ash, Councillor Jacobs, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Riley, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Yuan

Councillor Hubley introduced the resolve, drawing on his approximately 25 years of professional experience in the broadband industry working with fiber, coax, and wireless providers. He explained that when the city began exploring municipal broadband several years ago, the primary driver was a lack of competition — residents were frustrated with service outages and the monopolistic position of providers like Comcast. He noted that the competitive landscape has since evolved and that it is worth revisiting whether the original rationale still holds and what the most appropriate path forward is. He indicated he would like the matter to refer to the Municipal Technology Committee.

Motion to approve and refer to Muni-Tech Committee by Councillor Hubley, Seconded by Councillor Riley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-108 – Resolve - Letter of Support for Enforcement of the 2024 Ballot Question 1 - Councillor Riley, Councillor Jacobs, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Yuan

Councillor Riley introduced the resolve, noting that in 2024 over 70 percent of voters statewide — and nearly 70 percent in every Quincy precinct — voted to authorize the State Auditor to audit the legislature. She expressed concern that the House had since put forward its own version of the solution rather than implementing the ballot question as written. She called on the council to send a letter of support to the State Auditor, Quincy's state legislators, and the Governor expressing support for the ballot question as originally written and for the Auditor's work.

Motion to approve by Councillor Riley, Seconded by Councillor Jacobs
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-109 – Resolution – Requesting the New Brill Field Sport Court Hockey Rink be Named in Honor of David “Andy” Andrew DiBona - Councillor Jacobs, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Riley, Councillor Ryan, Councillor Yuan

Councillor Jacobs introduced the resolution, reading it in full into the record. David "Andy" DiBona was a lifelong Quincy resident, master plumber, founder of First-Class Plumbing and Heating, and long-serving president of the House Neck Community Council. He was recognized for a lifetime achievement award in 2026. He passed away on July 27, 2026, at the age of 54 following a courageous battle with cancer. The resolution requests that the new sport court hockey rink at Brill Field be formally named the David "Andy" DiBona Memorial Hockey Rink, with an appropriate plaque or commemorative sign installed, and that a copy of the resolution be presented to his family.

Councillor Hubley offered personal remarks, noting that it was the House Neck Community Council under DiBona's leadership that inspired him and his wife to found the Wollaston Hill Neighborhood Association around 2010.

Councillor DiBona noted that DiBona continued helping community members with plumbing needs even while undergoing cancer treatment. President Mahoney added that DiBona had for years personally flooded the area to create a makeshift skating rink for children, making the naming of the new rink especially fitting.

Motion to approve and refer it to the Mayor's office for transmittal to the Parks and Recreation Board for formal approval by Councillor Jacobs, Seconded by Councillor Hubley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-110 – Gift – $975.00 from Various Donors to D.A.R.E. Camp - Mayor Koch
Motion to approve by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor
The motion was approved by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-111 – Gift – $3,000.00 from Various Donors to D.A.R.E. - Mayor Koch
Motion to approve by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor Jacobs
The motion was approved by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-112 – Gift – $10,000.00 from Copeland Family Foundation Inc. to D.A.R.E. - Mayor Koch
Motion to approve by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor Jacobs
The motion was approved by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-113 – Gift – $7,500.00 from Copeland Family Foundation Inc to Quincy Animal Shelter - Mayor Koch
Motion to approve by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor Jacobs
The motion was approved by 8-0 Roll Call Vote

Approval of Minutes 5/2/26 through 6/22/26
Combined Council & Committee Meetings - 5/4/26, 5/11/26, 5/18/26, 6/1/26, 6/15/26, 6/22/26
Finance Committee Meetings - 5/19/26, 6/2/26, 6/10/26, 6/11/26 6/17/26.
Motion to approve by Councillor DiBona, Seconded by Councillor Riley
Yeas have it

Communications –

Traffic Requests - Refer to Ordinance Committee for advertising -

Ward 1 – Councillor Jacobs - Add 2 stop signs on Rock Island Rd NB and SB intersecting with Bird St, creating an all-way stop
Add 2 stops on State St., EB and WB intersecting with Palmer St, creating a 2-way stop
Add stop Rock Island Rd NB intersecting with Sea St.
Add Handicap Parking @ 189 Taffrail Rd. #1
Ward 2 – Councillor Ash - Add Handicap Parking @ 99 Chubbuck St.
Ward 4 – Councillor Ryan - Add Handicap Parking @ 19 Connell St.
Ward 6 – Councillor Riley - Add Handicap Parking @ 6 Pierce St #2

It is anticipated that one or more matters contained within the City Council Calendar, including any or all listed items pending in Committee, may be discussed and acted upon at this meeting. For a full Council Calendar, go to www.quincyma.gov. Reasonable accommodation can be made for the Deaf/deaf/Hard of Hearing using a wireless hearing assistance system. Requests for services should be made in writing 48 business hours to City Clerk Nicole L. Crispo via email at ncrispo@quincyma.gov.

Utility Request – Refer to Public Works Committee for scheduling & advertising.

Grant of Location - GoNetspeed - 29 Sargent Street/Shed Street

Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting –

None

Reports of Committees

Veterans Committee-

Chair Councillor Hubley presented a report on behalf of the Director of Veteran Services covering the period of April 1 through June 30, 2026. He noted the quarter proved busier than anticipated, with 122 VA claims processed — each requiring multiple office visits, follow-up calls, and ongoing documentation. Under Chapter 115 financial assistance, the department was administering benefits for 118 eligible veterans and dependents, with 6 new applications received and 8 cases closed due to eligibility changes, relocation, or passing. Three active employment plans were underway, with participating veterans attending weekly meetings and submitting regular job search documentation. The department also submitted 11 grave marker applications during the period. Councillor Hubley commended the office for its active and diligent work and noted the full report was available on the city's website.

Ordinance Committee –

Motion by Councillor McKee to take all pending traffic ordinances out of committee for a vote, Seconded by Councillor Riley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

2026-103 – Traffic - Add Handicap Parking @ 15 Walker St.
Motion to approve by Councillor McKee, Seconded by Councillor Riley
The motion was approved by 9-0 Roll Call Vote

Petitions, Memorials and Remonstrance –

Councillor DiBona offered remarks in memory of Thomas Pecoraro, who passed away the previous week. Tom was born and raised in Quincy, a graduate of Quincy Trade School, and a master plumber who served as Chief of Plumbing and Gas Inspector for the City of Quincy's Inspectional Services Department for 30 years. He was remembered as a dedicated public servant, full of life, with a love of the ocean, lobstering, cooking, and above all, his family and grandchildren. Councillor DiBona asked that the Pecoraro family be kept in thoughts and prayers.

Councillor Ryan requested that City Clerk Nicole Crispo provide a summary report of voter turnout from the recent primary election, broken down by ward and precinct, along with any issues related to voter registration or polling signage. The City Clerk noted that results were already posted online and that the election had been a success with minimal issues, acknowledging that the inactive voter list remained an ongoing challenge the office had worked hard to reduce.

Councillor Hubley Wollaston Hill Neighborhood Association will be holding this Saturdays in the Park at Safford Park and hopes that residents will attend. Pumpkins spice festival.

Councillor Hubley announced that the Wollaston Hill Neighborhood Association will be hosting "Saturdays in the Park" events every Saturday in September at Safford Park on Beale Street, featuring live music and food. He directed residents to wollastonhill.com for details and noted a forthcoming Pumpkin Spice Festival date would be shared at the next meeting.

Councillor Jacobs reminded attendees that the Houghs Neck Community Council's annual Chowdafest would be held on September 19th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at the Houghs Neck Maritime Center, noting it was approximately the 25th year of the event.

Councillor McKee invited all Quincy residents to join the Resident Councils initiative she launched this year — a policy-focused platform for residents to work together on city issues. She directed interested residents to bit.ly/quincycouncils to sign up and access the online Discord platform, with monthly in-person meetings that she facilitates.

Councillor Yuan raised concerns about the city's plan to build an indigenous culture center. She noted that a community meeting had been held the previous Wednesday but questioned whether the approximately 200 Native American residents of Quincy had been meaningfully consulted. She stated she had spoken with the chief of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag, who indicated no members of his tribe live in Quincy, raising the question of who the city had actually engaged. Councillor Yuan drew a parallel to the earlier discussion about Flock cameras, arguing the administration again appeared to be making decisions for residents rather than with them.

Councillor Riley offered remarks in advance of the first day of school, wishing students, teachers, and families well for the coming year. She spoke at length about the harm of online bullying among adults, expressing concern that children emulate the behavior they observe from grown-ups and call on parents and grandparents to reflect on what they model online. She closed with a reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans and expressed confidence in the council's commitment to their constituents.

Councillor Mahoney congratulated former Commissioner of Public Works Al Grazioso on his recent retirement and welcomed the new Commissioner of Public Works Ed Grennon to his first meeting.

Motions, Orders, Resolutions –

None

Scheduling of Committee Meetings & Public Hearings –

Tuesday, September 22nd	6:30 PM	Public Hearing – Utility
	6:35 PM	Muni-Tech Committee
	7:30 PM	City Council
Monday, October 5th	7:30 PM	City Council

Monday, October 19th	7:30 PM	City Council
Monday, November 9th	7:30 PM	City Council
Monday, November 23rd	7:30 PM	City Council
Monday, December 7th	7:30 PM	City Council
Monday, December 21st	7:30 PM	City Council

Adjournment at 9:00 PM