

Greenfield City Council
March 18, 2024
Special Meeting
6:00 p.m.
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

CHAIRS STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the City Council and GCTV-9. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.

(THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT REQUIRE TO BE ANNOUNCED) FOR COUNCILORS APPEARING REMOTELY: In accordance with open meeting law, when a Councilor or Councilors attend remotely, the chair would need to acknowledge the members of the Council/Committee who are appearing via remote

access and inform the full Council/Committee that all votes will be taken by roll call. Councilors attending remotely are encouraged to have their video on at times when they are speaking and voting.

2. Roll Call of Members
3. Suspend Rules of Procedure - Rules of Procedure, 8 Order and Disposition of Business
4. Public Comment –
 - 30 minutes will be reserved.
 - Greenfield Mass. Residents Only.
 - 2 minutes designated for each speaker.
5. Motions, Orders, and Resolutions
 - I. Resolution supporting a permanent ceasefire and preventing further loss of human life in Gaza.
6. Adjournment

EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY BE CALLED

**Please note that the list of topics was comprehensive at the time of posting, however, the public body may consider and take action on unforeseen matters not specifically named in this notice. Posted in accordance with M.G.L.c 30A § 18-25.*

CITY COUNCIL ORDER
City of GREENFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilor _____ :

Second by Councilor _____ :

The City Council,

Moved that it be ordered,

THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS, TO ALLOW THE AGENDA ITEMS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER.

Majority vote Required.

VOTE:

Explanation of supporting rationale:

CITY COUNCIL ORDER
City of GREENFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

Councilor _____ :

Second by Councilor _____ :

The City Council,
Moved that it be ordered,

THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL APPROVES THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A RESOLUTION TITLED “A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A PERMANENT CEASEFIRE AND PREVENTING FURTHER LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE IN GAZA.”

Majority vote required

VOTE:

Explanation of supporting rationale:

Exhibit A

DRAFT: GREENFIELD MA CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION Supporting a permanent ceasefire and preventing further loss of human life in Gaza

WHEREAS, all human life is precious, and the targeting of civilians, no matter their faith, nationality, or ethnicity, is a violation of international law; and

WHEREAS, between October 7, 2023 and March 20, 2024, more than **XX,XXX** Palestinians (nearly half of them children) and **X,XXX** Israelis have been killed, and tens of thousands more Palestinians wounded, over 90% of the population of Gaza has been displaced, and approximately 130 Israeli hostages remain in Hamas captivity; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza are at imminent risk of death by starvation and disease, and there is an increasing risk of wider regional and global war resulting from the current crisis that would threaten millions of lives, including Americans;

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts portion of the \$3.2 billion dollars of aid sent from the US to Israel annually is estimated to be approximately \$130 million, yet a significant number of Greenfield residents struggle to afford housing and living expenses and access health care, and there is an urgent need for city infrastructure improvements;

WHEREAS, the United States Federal government holds immense diplomatic and appropriations power to save Palestinian and Israeli lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Greenfield City Council calls on all members of our Congressional delegation to join us in urging the Biden administration to call for and facilitate an immediate and permanent ceasefire, the provision of life-saving humanitarian aid in Gaza, and the release of all hostages and political prisoners on all sides;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Greenfield City Council condemns antisemitic, anti-Palestinian, anti-Arab, Islamophobic, and all xenophobic rhetoric and attacks, locally, nationally, and internationally;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Greenfield City Council urges cessation of U.S. military funding to Israel paid by U.S. tax dollars until such time as there is a permanent and sustained ceasefire in place in Gaza and all hostages have been released, and further urges the redirection of military spending toward goals that support the lives and livelihoods of the American public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greenfield City Council directs the City Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the offices of President Biden, U.S. Senators Markey and Warren, and Congressman McGovern.