



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: April 28, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

1. ROLL CALL

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication - Remote Participation.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, meetings will be held using remote participation as follows: Members of the public wishing to speak regarding a specific agenda item shall register to speak in advance by sending email to City Clerk indicating the agenda item and a phone number to call so that you may be conferenced in to the meeting. Email address is MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV. If no access to email you may contact City Clerk at 978-674-4161.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Meeting April 14th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

4.1. New Cingular Wireless (D/B/A AT&T) - Request Permission To Install Small Cell Facility On Existing Pole Located At 319 Market Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 ATT SMALL CELL 319 MARKET ST.PDF](#)

4.2. New Cingular Wireless (D/B/A AT&T) - Request Permission To Install Small Cell Facility On Existing Pole Located At 405 Lawrence Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 ATT SMALL CELL 405 LAWRENCE.PDF](#)

4.3. New Cingular Wireless (D/B/A AT&T) - Request Permission To Install Small Cell Facility On Existing Pole Located At 56 Oak Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 ATT SMALL CELL 56 OAK ST.PDF](#)

- 4.4. New Cingular Wireless (D/B/A AT&T) - Request Permission To Install Small Cell Facility On Existing Pole Located At 60 Lafayette Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 ATT SMALL CELL 60 LAFAYETTE ST.PDF](#)

- 4.5. New Cingular Wireless (D/B/A AT&T) - Request Permission To Install Small Cell Facility On Existing Pole Located At 878 Lakeview Avenue.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 14 ATT SMALL CELL 878 LAKEVIEW AVE.PDF](#)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Reduced ISP Fees and Charges
- B) Motion Response - Appeals Period for Fines and Tickets
- C) Motion Response - Appleton Mills Handicapped Resident Parking
- D) Motion Response - Tax Relief and Parking Relief During COVID Crisis
- E) Motion Response - Pavement Markings and Striping
- F) Motion Response - Mayoral Portrait Policy

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - REDUCED ISP FEES AND CHARGES.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - APPEALS PERIOD FOR FINES AND TICKETS.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - APPLETON MILLS HANDICAPPED RESIDENT PARKING.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - TAX RELIEF AND PARKING RELIEF DURING COVID CRISIS.PDF](#)
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - PAVEMENT MARKINGS AND STRIPING.PDF](#)
[F\) MOTION RESPONSE - MAYORAL PORTRAIT POLICY.PDF](#)

5.2. Petition Responses

- G) Petition Response - Residential Parking Program

Documents:

[G\) PETITION RESPONSE - RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM.PDF](#)

5.3. Informational Reports

- H) Informational - Mass DOT Rourke Bridge Presentation

Documents:

[H\) INFORMATIONAL - MASS DOT ROURKE BRIDGE PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

- 5.4. Communication - Reappoint Beverly Gonzalez To The Council On Aging

Documents:

[BEVERLY GONZALEZ REAPPOINT TO COA.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Vote - Auth CM Remove Restriction From Deed 39 First St Blvd

Documents:

[VOTE-AUTH CM REMOVE RESTRICTION FROM DEED 39 FIRST ST BLVD.PDF](#)

7. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8. PETITIONS

- 8.1. Claims - (1) Property Damage; (1) Property Damage/Personal Injury.
- 8.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Electric Conduit For Pedestrian Lighting At 199 Pawtucket Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 28 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 1-3 INCH CONDUIT FROM P 22 TO A METER PEDESTAL FOR PEDESTRIAN LIGHTING PAWTUCKET ST.PDF](#)

- 8.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Electric Conduit For Power At 70 Fox Street.

Documents:

[2020 APRIL 28 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 40 FEET 1-3 INCH CONDUIT AND SECONDARY CABLE FROM HH1 TO NEW HH5 FOR 70 FOX ST.PDF](#)

9. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 9.1. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Number Of Health Inspections/Violations Of Health Codes In All City Nursing Homes.
- 9.2. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Number Of Health And Safety Complaints Filed At The State Department Of Public Health In The Last Year For The City's Nine Nursing Homes.
- 9.3. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Report On Status Of City Finances And Consider Hiring Freezes And Spending Limits On Only Essential Items.
- 9.4. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Look Into The Availability Of Open Spaces; Such As Cawley Stadium And Lelacheur Park, For School Graduations This Spring That Would Adhere To Current Social Distancing Measures.
- 9.5. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Update Council Regarding The Status Of The Lowell Junior Police Academy And The City's Parks And Recreation Summer Programs.
- 9.6. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Contact The Massachusetts School Building Authority

Regarding The Status On The Money Allotted To Lowell Concerning The Renovation Of Lowell High School.

- 9.7. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Conference With The Appropriate Department Heads To Explore The Feasibility Of Offering Certificates And Other Documents On-Line; Example Birth, Marriage And Death Certificates.
- 9.8. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Reach Out To Lowell Nursing Home Administrators And The Board Of Health To Discuss The "Merits" Of Asking The National Guard To Provide Covid-19 Test Kits To Each Nursing Home In The Greater Lowell Area For All Their Residents And Staff.
- 9.9. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Meet With Law Department For The Purpose Of Exploring And Resolving The Outstanding Contractual Issues Regarding Van/Mini-Bus Transportation Of Special Education Students For The Lowell Public Schools.
- 9.10. C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate The Possible Use Of CDBG Funds For Emergency Grants/Loans To Lowell Small Businesses Similar To Programs In Worcester, Fitchburg And Cambridge.
- 9.11. C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Develop A Task Force To Create A Strategy To Assist Downtown Businesses In Preparation Of Reopening.
- 9.12. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Direct Appropriate Departments To Survey Essential Grocery, Retail And Pharmacy Businesses To Asses The Availability And Use Of Personal Protective Equipment Including Face Coverings, Gloves, Hand Sanitizer And Plexiglass Barriers At Point Of Sale; And To Make Recommendations On Any Action Needed To Protect The Safety And Health Of Employees And Customers.
- 9.13. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Departments To Determine The Feasibility Of Restricting Third Party Delivery Services From Charging Restaurants A Fee Per Online Order Of More Than 10% Of The Purchase Price, Until Such Time That The Restaurants Are Allowed To Serve Customers In Their Establishment At Full Capacity.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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