



# Lowell City Council

## Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** August 11, 2020  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Zoom / Remote Participation

### 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 May View The Meeting Via LTC And Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To City Clerk Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Tele-Conferenced In To The Meeting. Email Address Is [MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV](mailto:MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV). If No Access To Email You May Contact City Clerk At 978-674-4161.  
For Zoom - [HTTPS://SUPPORT.ZOOM.US/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/201362193-JOINING-A-MEETING](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting)

#### 2.2. Proclamation - National Health Center Week.

### 3. CITY CLERK

#### 3.1. Minutes Of City Council Meeting July 28th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2020 JULY 28 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

### 4. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

#### 4.1. National Grid - Req. Installation Of (1) SO Pole On Andrews Street.

Documents:

[2020 JULY 28 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 1 SO POLE ON ANDREWS STREET.PDF](#)

#### 4.2. National Grid - Req. Installation Of PVC Conduit From New Pole To Existing Manhole On Andrews Street.

Documents:

2020 JULY 28 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 2-6 PVC CONDUIT FROM NEW POLE ON ANDREWS ST TO EXISTING MANHOLE.PDF

**5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Affordable Housing Inventory
- B) Motion Response - CDBG Grant Program
- C) Motion Response - MCC Parking Garage
- D) Motion Response - Public Participation in Zoom Meetings
- E) Motion Response - Equity and Inclusion Fund

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVENTORY.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - CDBG GRANT PROGRAM.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - MCC PARKING GARAGE.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ZOOM MEETINGS.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - EQUITY AND INCLUSION FUND.PDF

5.2. Informational Reports

- F) Informational - Open Meeting Law Complaints
- G) Informational - Cares Act Funding

Documents:

- F) INFORMATIONAL - OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINTS.PDF
- G) INFORMATIONAL - CARES ACT FUNDING.PDF

5.3. Petition Responses

- H) Petition Response - Stop Sign at River Place Towers

Documents:

- H) PETITION RESPONSE - STOP SIGN AT RIVER PLACE TOWERS.PDF

5.4. Presentation - Peter Lally, Lowell Memorial Auditorium

5.5. Appoint John S. Marshall, III To Cemetery Commission

Documents:

- APPT. JOHN S. MARSHALL III TO CEMETERY COMM.PDF

**6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

6.1. Vote-Approve One-Twelfth Budget For The City Of Lowell For September Of FY21

Documents:

- VOTE-APPROVE ONE TWELFTH BUDGET SEPTEMBER FY2021.PDF

6.2. Vote-Authorize Payment Of Bills Incurred In Excess Of Appropriations Police

Documents:

[VOTE- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS INCURRED IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS.PDF](#)

6.3. Vote-Authorize Payment Of Bills Incurred In Excess Of Appropriations School

Documents:

[VOTE- AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS INCURRED IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS.PDF](#)

6.4. Vote-Authorize Payment Of Bills Incurred In Excess Of Appropriations Wastewater

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS INCURRED IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS.PDF](#)

6.5. Vote-MassWorks Infrastructure Grant-Tanner St Realignment

Documents:

[VOTE- MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT-TANNER ST REALIGNMENT.PDF](#)

6.6. Vote-Transfer \$60,000.00 To Law

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 60,000 TO LAW.PDF](#)

6.7. Vote-Transfer \$7,950.00 To Cemetery For Columbarium

Documents:

[VOTE- TRANSFER 7,950.00 TO CEMETERY.PDF](#)

6.8. Vote-Transfer \$750.00 To Cemetery To Pay For Ad In The Sun

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 750.00 TO CEMETERY.PDF](#)

**7. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)**

7.1. Rules SC August 10, 2020.

**8. PETITIONS**

8.1. Misc. - Bill Dzoung (For The Benefit Of John Martin) Request Installation Of A Handicap Parking Sign At 236 West Street.

Documents:

[2020 AUGUST 11 MARTIN DZUONG HP SIGN 236 WEST ST.PDF](#)

8.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of 375 Feet Of Gas Main For Infrastructure

Reinforcement From 1500 To 1524 Gorham Street.

Documents:

[2020 AUGUST 11 NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN REQ TO INSTALL 375FT GORRHAM ST.PDF](#)

- 8.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of 700 Feet Of Gas Main For Infrastructure Reinforcement Along Gorham Street (Saratoga St. To Rivers Edge Rd.).

Documents:

[2020 AUGUST 11 NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN REQ TO INSTALL 700FT GORHAM ST.PDF](#)

- 8.4. National Grid - Request To Reconstruct Gas Pressure Regulator And Add SCADA System At The Intersection Of Carlisle And Gorham Streets.

Documents:

[2020 AUGUST 11 NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN REQ TO REPLACE OUR EXISTING GAS PRESSURE REGULATOR STATION IN SHOULDER OF ROAD ON CARLISLE ST..PDF](#)

## **9. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

- 9.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Transportation Engineer Poll The Residents On Corbett Street To See If There Is Interest In Making Corbett Street One-Way From Gorham Street To Stromquist Avenue.
- 9.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Steps Taken To Acquire 75 Arcand Drive; Include Total Costs To Date, Appraisals Done And Any Remaining Eminent Domain Court Proceedings.
- 9.3. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Meet With Appropriate Departments/Organizations To Develop A Report Showing The Readiness Of Our School Buildings For The Opening Of School; Said Report Shall Include But Not Limited To Air Quality, Heating Systems And Bathroom Facilities.
- 9.4. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. / CFO Report On Possible Options To Reduce The Demand Fees On Taxes Established By State Law.
- 9.5. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding UTEC Involvement With Criminal Investigations.
- 9.6. C. Elliott - Req. Finance SC Meet Regarding Potential Savings From Police Precinct Relocation Plan.
- 9.7. C. Nuon/C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Invite WinnCompanies To Speak On HCID Motion And Advise On What It Would Take To Build More Housing In Lowell.
- 9.8. C. Nuon/C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide Update Regarding HCID Parking; HCID Development Projects (Various Developers); Lord Overpass Project; Lowell Connector Bridge Deck Development At Industrial Avenue (MassDOT); And Traffic Plan Surrounding These And Other Construction Projects In The City For Next Few Years.
- 9.9. C. Nuon/C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Report On Result Of Previous Negotiations With

SiFi Networks And Explore Options To Provide Wifi Throughout The City So All Students Can Access Online Learning As Necessary.

- 9.10. C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Communicate With School Administration As To What Steps Were Taken To Clean And Sanitize Our School Buildings And What Steps Will Be Taken On An Ongoing Basis To Ensure The Safety And Security For Our Students And Faculty - What Safety/Personal Protection Will Be Available To All Our Staff In Our Schools.
- 9.11. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On The Number Of Applicants For Marijuana Cultivation Or Retail Licenses That Were Certified Economic Empowerment Applicants Or Social Equity Program Participants; As Well As Any Other Considerations Made During The Review Process With Regard To Social Equity.
- 9.12. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Discussions With The Construction Manager For The Lowell High School Project Regarding Diversity And Inclusion Measures, Training, And Other Community Benefits To Enhance The Positive Economic Impact On Lowell Residents.

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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