



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA / Zoom (Hybrid)

1. ROLL CALL

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote / Zoom Participation:

Meetings Will Be Held In Council Chamber With Public Welcome And By Using Remote Participation As Follows: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC.Org (On-Line; Live Streaming; Or Local Cable Channel 6). 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 Issued Zoom Link To The Meeting.

Email Address Is MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV. If No Access To Email You May Contact City Clerk At 978-674-4161. All Request Must Be Done Before 4:00 PM On The Day Of Meeting. 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. Presentation - UNESCO Learning City Designation.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Inauguration Ceremony 2026-2027 January 5th; City Council Regular Meeting January 6th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2026 JANUARY 5 INAUGURATION MIN.PDF](#)
[2026 JANUARY 6 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

4.1. C. Scott - Req. City Council Approve A Temporary Moratorium On The Permitting And Approval Of New Or Expanded Data Center Facilities In The City Of Lowell Until Zoning And Planning Regulations Are Updated To Protect Residents, Including Required Buffer Zones, Noise Standards, Screening And Protections Against Water And Electric Rate Impacts.

4.2. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Investigate The Long-Term Feasibility Of Relocating Polling Places Currently Located In Public Schools To Alternative, Accessible Community Locations, And To Report Back To The Council

With Findings And Recommendations.

- 4.3. C. Chau / C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Create A Lowell Learning City Task Force To Ensure That Lowell Actively Participates As A UNESCO Learning City; The Task Force Shall Include Members Of The Lowell City Of Learning Organization And Representatives From Lowell Public Schools, UMass Lowell, Middlesex Community College, Cultural Organizations, The City Administration, And A Member Of The City Council; The Task Force Shall Coordinate Citywide Learning Initiatives, Promote Community Engagement, And Provide Regular Progress Reports To The City Council.
- 4.4. C. McDonough - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Department To Provide A Detailed Report On Winter Operation Procedures In High Pedestrian Traffic Locations Throughout The City.
- 4.5. C. McDonough - Req. City Mgr. Reach Out To The University To Explore The Feasibility Of A Land Swap Within The LINC Project.
- 4.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Detailed Report On Percentage As Well As Dollar Amount Increases For All Ordinance Employees Over The Past 4 Years.
- 4.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Lowell Folk Festival Foundation To Explore How Our Council And Administration May Be Able To Assist With Fundraising Efforts.

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses

A) Motion Response - Update on 809 Stevens St

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON 809 STEVENS ST.PDF](#)

5.2. Communication - Appointment Of Kristin Ross-Sitcawich To Conservation Commission

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIN ROSS-SITCAWICH TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF](#)

5.3. Communication - City Manager Request Approval Of Out Of State Travel (1) DPD.

Documents:

[2026 JANUARY 13 OST DPD.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote - Amend JAM Plan

Documents:

[VOTE - AMEND JAM PLAN.PDF](#)

- 6.2. Vote - Apply/Accept/Expend \$3k MA Economic And Workforce Developers Fellowship Program Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - APPLYACCEPTEXPEND 3K MA ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM GRANT.PDF](#)

7. CONSTABLE BONDS

- 7.1. Communication - City Mgr. Request Approval Of Constable Bonds

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - CITY MGR. REQUEST APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE BONDS.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

9. PETITIONS

- 9.1. Claims - (6) Property Damage.
- 9.2. Misc. -Carolynn Bennett Request Installation Of A Handicap Parking Sign At 7 Arthur Street.

Documents:

[2026 JANUARY 13 CAROLYNN BENNETT REQ HANDICAP PARKING SIGN 7 ARTHUR ST.PDF](#)

- 9.3. Misc. - Johanna Monsalve Request Permission To Address City Council Regarding Condition Of Smith Avenue.

Documents:

[2026 JANUARY 13 JOHANNA MONSALVE REQ TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE CONDITION OF SMITH AVE.PDF](#)

- 9.4. Misc. - Peter Astorian Request Permission To Address The Council Regarding Installation Of A Handrail On Side Entrance Steps To City Hall.

Documents:

[2026 JANUARY 13 PETER ASTORIAN REQ. CENTER HAND RAIL BE PUT UP IN CITY HALL NEAR AUDITING.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.1. Executive Session - To Consider And Discuss The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property (The Senior Center, 276 Broadway Street), Public Discussion Of Which May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Negotiating Position Of The City.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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