



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: January 26, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: 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 Not Participate In-Person And May View The Meeting Via LTC.ORG (On-Line; Live Streaming Or Local Cable Channel 99) And Zoom.

1. ROLL CALL

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote / Zoom Participation:

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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)

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Special Meeting (Evaluations) January 12th; City Council Regular Meeting January 12th; City Council Regular Meeting (Executive Session) January 19th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2021 JANUARY 12 CC SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 JANUARY 12 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 JANUARY 19 CC MEEITNG MINUTES \(EX SESSION\).PDF](#)

4. AUDITOR BUSINESS

4.1. Communication - FY21 Year To Date Budget (First 2 Quarters).

Documents:

[2021 JANUARY 26 YTD 2021 BUDGET FIRST 2 QUARTERS.PDF](#)

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. National Grid / Verizon NE - Request Installation Of (1) JO Pole And Relocate (6) JO Poles Along Andover Street.

Documents:

[2021 JANUARY 12 NATIONAL GRID INSTALL 1 JO POLE AND RELOCATE 6 JO POLES ANDOVER ST.PDF](#)

- 5.2. Crown Castle NG East, LLC - Request Installation Of 55 Feet Of 4 Inch Fiber Conduit To Existing Customer At 650 Suffolk Street.

Documents:

[011221 CROWN CASTLE NG EAST LLC TO TRENCH AND INSTALL 55FT OF 4 INCH CONDUIT FROM EXISTING UTILITY POLE ON SUFFOLK ST.PDF](#)

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Economic Activity Downtown
- B) Motion Response - Public Art and Mural Policy
- C) Motion Response - Surveillance Registry
- D) Motion Response - Grants for Security Cameras
- E) Motion Response - Crisis Support Resources
- F) Motion Response - COVID Vaccine Distribution
- G) Motion Response - Assessor Video on Abatements and Exemptions
- H) Motion Response - Election System Changes
- I) Motion Response - River Meadow Brook Trash Issues

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - ECONOMIC ACTIVITY DOWNTOWN.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - PUBLIC ART AND MURAL POLICY.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - SURVEILLANCE REGISTRY.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - GRANTS FOR SECURITY CAMERAS.PDF](#)
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - CRISIS SUPPORT RESOURCES.PDF](#)
[F\) MOTION RESPONSE - COVID VACCINE DISTRIBUTION.PDF](#)
[G\) MOTION RESPONSE - ASSESSOR VIDEO ON ABATEMENTS AND EXEMPTIONS.PDF](#)
[H\) MOTION RESPONSE - ELECTION SYSTEM CHANGES.PDF](#)
[I\) MOTION RESPONSE - RIVER MEADOW BROOK TRASH ISSUES.PDF](#)

6.2. Informational Reports

- J) Informational - Central Street Bridge TIGER Project
- K) Informational - FY2020 Financial Review

Documents:

[J\) INFORMATIONAL - CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE TIGER PROJECT.PDF](#)

K) INFORMATIONAL - FY2020 FINANCIAL REVIEW.PDF

6.3. Communication-Appoint Mony Var-Lowell Housing Authority

Documents:

[APPOINT MONY VAR-LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

6.4. Communication-Appoint Syed Hasan And Katy Aronoff To Pollard Memorial Library

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION-APPOINT SYED HASAN AND KATY ARONOFF TO POLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY.PDF](#)

6.5. Communication-Reappoint Joanne Keegan And Dr. Galvin To Board Of Health

Documents:

[REAPPT JOANNE KEEGAN AND DR. GALVIN TO BOARD OF HEALTH.PDF](#)

6.6. Communication-Reappoint Robert Malavich To Planning Board

Documents:

[REAPPOINT ROBERT MALAVICH TO PLANNING BOARD.PDF](#)

6.7. Communication-Reappoint Weston C. Standish-Conservation Commission

Documents:

[REAPPOINT WESTON C. STANDISH-CONSERVATION COMM.PDF](#)

6.8. Communication-Resignation Of Amy Pessia From Council On Aging

Documents:

[RESIGNATION OF AMY PESSIA FROM COUNCIL ON AGING.PDF](#)

6.9. Communication-Resignation Of Paul Ratha Yem-Election

Documents:

[RESIGNATION OF PAUL RATHA YEM-ELECTION.PDF](#)

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote-Accept 150.00 From Martha Iarrapino And No Name Book Club To Pollard Memorial Library

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT 150.00 FROM MARTHA IARRAPINO AND NO NAME BOOK CLUB TO POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote-Accept Gift Of 7,500.00 From Digital Federal Credit Union

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT GIFT OF 7,500.00 FROM DIGITAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.PDF](#)

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Ordinance-Extend UMF Zoning District To Include 4 Wiggin And 153 Willie Streets

Documents:

[ORDINANCE-EXTEND UMF ZONING DISTRICT TO INCLUDE 4 WIGGIN AND 153 WILLIE STREETS.PDF](#)

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1. Resolution-Support Democracy And Condemn President Trumps Words And Actions

Documents:

[RESOLUTION-SUPPORT DEMOCRACY.PDF](#)

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

10.1. Economic/Downtown Development SC January 26, 2021.

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Claims - (4) Property Damage.

11.2. Verizon - Request Permission To Install 12 Four Inch PVC Telephone Conduit On Middlesex Street From Thorndike Street To Canal Street.

Documents:

[2021 JANUARY 26 VERIZON INSTALL 12 NEW FOUR INCH PVC CONDUITS MIDDLESEX ST FROM THORNDIKE ST TO CANAL ST.PDF](#)

12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

12.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report And Update Containing A Plan On Fire Station Closings With An Objective To Reduced Closures In Furtherance Of Public Safety.

12.2. C. Elliott - Req. City Council Vote To File Home Rule Petition To Adopt A Means-Tested Senior Citizens Property Tax Exemption.

12.3. C. Elliott - Req. City Council Discuss Using Cares Act Funding To Waive Permit And License Fees For Small Businesses Affected By Pandemic Restrictions.

12.4. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Contact DCAM Regarding Reuse Of Juvenile Court Building.

12.5. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Reach Out To State Officials Regarding Designating Lowell As A Vaccination Center.

12.6. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have LPD Look Into The Viability Of Placing Cameras At The Christian Hill Reservoir.

- 12.7. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have LFD Chief Provide An Update Regarding Brownouts In The City.
- 12.8. C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Provide Information As To The Status Of The State's Plan To Provide Vaccinations To The Identified Groups Of Lowell Citizens; In Addition, Provide Information As To The Possibility Of The State Establishing Lowell As A Center For The Distribution Of Vaccinations.
- 12.9. C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have City Assessor Provide A Report And Recommendation For Increasing The Annual Senior Property Tax Exemption Up To \$1,000 In Order To Assist Our Eligible Elderly Residents.
- 12.10.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate Upgrading The Intersection Of Puffer Street And Winthrop Avenue From A 2-Way Stop Sign To A 4-Way Stop Sign.
- 12.11.C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The Status Of The Riverwalk Improvement Projects.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

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