



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: February 8, 2022

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 99). 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@LOWELLMMA.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)

3. **CITY CLERK**

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Meeting February 1st, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 FEBRUARY 1 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

4.1. Motion Responses

A) Motion Response - Lowell High School Project Update

B) Motion Response - Lowell High School Project VE and Procurement

- C) Motion Response - School Building Committee
- D) Motion Response - Parking Within 20 Feet of Intersections
- E) Motion Response - School St Retaining Wall
- F) Motion Response - Park Barrel Schedule
- G) Motion Response - McPherson Wall
- H) Motion Response - Splashpads and Pools

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT VE AND PROCUREMENT.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - PARKING WITHIN 20 FEET OF INTERSECTIONS.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL ST RETAINING WALL.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - PARK BARREL SCHEDULE.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - MCPHERSON WALL.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - SPLASHPADS AND POOLS.PDF

4.2. Communication - Appointments To The Veterans Commission

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENTS TO THE VETERANS COMMISSION.PDF

4.3. Communication - Reappointments To The Veterans Commission

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VETERANS COMMISSION.PDF

4.4. Communication - Resignation Of Matthew Elkins From Veterans Commission

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF MATTHEW ELKINS FROM VETERANS COMMISSION.PDF

4.5. Communication - Reappointment Of Kathleen Cullen-Lutter To Board Of Health

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN CULLEN-LUTTER TO BOARD OF HEALTH.PDF

4.6. Communication - Reappointment Of Matthew Marr To Lowell Housing Authority

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW MARR TO LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

5. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

5.1. Vote-Authorize City Manager To Accept.Expend ReachLoWELL Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND REACHLOWELL GRANT.PDF](#)

6. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

6.1. Auditor/Clerk Oversight And Personnel SC February 8, 2022.

6.2. Wire Insp. - Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Replacement Of Low Pressure Gas Main Along Twelfth, Wachusett And July Streets.

Documents:

[2022 FEBRUARY 8 GAS MAIN WACHUSETTS.PDF](#)

7. PETITIONS

7.1. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of New 2 Inch Gas Main From 73 Beech St. To 6th Street.

Documents:

[2022 FEBRUARY 8 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL A NEW 2 INCH PLASTIC GAS MAIN FROM BEECH ST TO THE TIE IN MAIN 6TH ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

8. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

8.1. C. Leahy - Req. City Auditor Report To City Council Regarding Lowell Public Schools Bottled Water Purchasing Issue; Including All Date And Timelines Applicable To Purchase Orders.

8.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide The City Council With A Report On How Many Plow Contractors The City Hires During Snow Storms; The Type Of Equipment That Is Contracted; Is Equipment Inspected Prior To The Season; The Experience Of The Contracted Staff; Any Training Provided To The Contractors By The City On Plowing City Streets; And Expectations For Completion Of The Plowing Areas.

8.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On Hiring A Permanent Executive Director Of The Water Utility.

- 8.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Applicant Tracking System For Human Resources.
- 8.5. C. Yem/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The City Solicitor Provide The City Council With The Annual Report As Outlined In The City Of Lowell's Code Of Ordinance 50-7(3) - City Solicitor.
- 8.6. C. Scott/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide Recommendations To Provide For More Parking Options For Residents Across All Districts During Parking Bans.
- 8.7. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Consider Including A Bid Option For A Limited Number Of Bulky Item Pick-Ups For Residents In The Next RFP For Solid Waste And/Or A Drop Off Option For Bulky Items.
- 8.8. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Detailing The Number Of Sidewalk Clearing Violations That Were Issued After The Recent Storm; Also Explore Cost To Provide A Supplemental Sidewalk Clearing Program On Main Roadways During Storms Over Four Inches.
- 8.9. C. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department To Update Council On Status Of Vacant/Abandoned Properties That Have Been Identified Citywide.
- 8.10. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Our Recreation Department And Report On Feasibility Of Opening School Gyms During The Day For February School Vacation Week.
- 8.11. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department To Look Into Traffic Calming Measures In The Area Of June And 13th Streets In Centralville.
- 8.12. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Departments To Look Into Utilizing Public Park And/Or School Parking Lots For Parking Ban Locations In Neighborhoods Not Near Municipal Parking Garages.
- 8.13. C. Robinson/C. Jenness - Req. A Joint Subcommittee Of Public Safety And Neighborhoods Meet With The LPD, Back Central Neighborhood Group Leaders, Residents And Business Owners Of The Gorham Street Area For Updates On Issues Affecting The Quality Of People's Lives In Their Neighborhood And Development Of Strategies Going Forward To Improve The Area.
- 8.14. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Consider Evaluating The Implementation Of A Centralized Problem Reporting Platform That Includes A Mobile App And/Or Text Based Functionality.
- 8.15. C. Mercier - Req. City Council Work With City Mgr. To Accept Envigado, Colombia As A Sister City With Lowell Ma., And If Accepted Refer To Law Department To Be Brought Back For The Proper Vote.
- 8.16. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Replace Light On Pole At The Corner Of Princeton Blvd. And Chester Street.
- 8.17. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Review The Necessity Of Having Zoom Continue As An Option And Send This Motion Of Zoom To The Rules SC To Establish

Guide Lines Of When Zoom Should Be Used.

- 8.18. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Direct Collaboration Between Parks & Recreation And Lowell Public Schools To Open Schools Throughout The City After Hours For Youth Activities.
- 8.19. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Supt. Of Schools Update Council On Current Status Of Restorative Justice Program And Explore Opportunity To Partner With Other Agencies To Expand The Program.
- 8.20. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have The Supt. Of Police Report On A Plan To Proactively Address Officer Retirements And Staffing Issues.
- 8.21. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Departments, Service Providers And Volunteer Organizations To Formulate A Plan For Regular Trash Removal From Active Homeless Encampments, And For The Clean-Up Of Abandoned Encampments.

9. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 9.1. Executive Session - Regarding Litigation Update, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.
- 9.2. Executive Session - To Conduct Strategy Session Regarding Nonunion (City Manager) Contract, Public Discussion Of Which May Have A Detrimental On The Position Of The Public Body.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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