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Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: February 9, 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)

2.2. Communication - City Council Chamber Will Be Closed For Renovations From February 9, 2021 Until March 15, 2021.

2.3. Vote - Appoint Interim City Auditor-Sheryl Wright

Documents:

[VOTE - APPOINT INTERIM CITY AUDITOR-SHERYL WRIGHT.PDF](#)

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Economic / Downtown Development SC January 26th; City Council Regular Meeting January 26th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

4. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 4.1. 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

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Non-Profit Partners
- B) Motion Response - Fire Department Brownouts
- C) Motion Response - Workforce Demographics
- D) Motion Response - CARES Act Funding
- E) Motion Response - COVID-19 Vaccination Sites
- F) Motion Response - Blue Lights for Snow Emergencies
- G) Motion Response - CARES Act Funding to Offset Business Fees
- H) Motion Response - Lord Overpass Final
- I) Motion Response - Christian Hill Reservoir

Documents:

A) MOTION RESPONSE - NON-PROFIT PARTNERS.PDF
B) MOTION RESPONSE - FIRE DEPARTMENT BROWNOUTS.PDF
C) MOTION RESPONSE - WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHICS.PDF
D) MOTION RESPONSE - CARES ACT FUNDING.PDF
E) MOTION RESPONSE - COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES.PDF
F) MOTION RESPONSE - BLUE LIGHTS FOR SNOW EMERGENCIES.PDF
G) MOTION RESPONSE - CARES ACT FUNDING TO OFFSET BUSINESS
FEES.PDF
H) MOTION RESPONSE - LORD OVERPASS FINAL.PDF
I) MOTION RESPONSE - CHRISTIAN HILL RESERVOIR.PDF

- 5.2. Informational Reports

- J) Informational - Transportation Motions
- K) Informational - Council Chamber Update

Documents:

J) INFORMATIONAL - TRANSPORTATION MOTIONS.PDF
K) INFORMATIONAL - COUNCIL CHAMBER UPDATE.PDF

- 5.3. Communication-Appt Michael Desroches To Disability Commission

Documents:

COMMUNICATION-APPT MICHAEL DESROCHES TO DISABILITY
COMMISSION.PDF

- 5.4. Communication-Reappt. Richard Lockhart To Historic Board As Planning Board

Member

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION-REAPPT. RICHARD LOCKHART TO HISTORIC BOARD AS PLANNING BOARD MEMBER.PDF](#)

5.5. Communication-Jo-Ann Keegan Request For Leave Of Absence

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION-JO-ANN KEEGAN REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote-Accept Gift Of 2 Small Indian Maiden Sculptures In Honor Of Terry O'Connor

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT GIFT OF 2 SMALL INDIAN MAIDEN SCULPTURES IN HONOR OF TERRY OCONNOR.PDF](#)

6.2. Vote-Accept.Expend State 911 Grant-Emergency Medical Dispatch

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND STATE 911 GRANT-EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH.PDF](#)

6.3. Vote-Accept.Expend Sub Grant From UML For 5,000.00

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND SUB GRANT FROM UML FOR 5,000.00.PDF](#)

6.4. Vote-License Agreement-Merrimack St-555 Overhanging Bay Window And Cornices

Documents:

[VOTE-LICENSE AGREEMENT-MERRIMACK ST-555 OVERHANGING BAY WINDOW AND CORNICES.PDF](#)

7. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

7.1. Finance SC February 9, 2021.

8. PETITIONS

8.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.

8.2. Misc. - Deborah Agrella (For Benefit Of George Agrella) Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign At 192 Lawrence Street.

Documents:

[2021 FEBRUARY 9 DEBORHA AGRELLA FOR GEORGE AGRELLA REQ](#)

HP SIGN AT 192 LAWRENCE ST.PDF

- 8.3. TC Systems Inc. (AT&T) (Giomare Group) - Request Installation Of Underground Conduit For Small Cell Antenna On Pole #5 On Abbott Street.

Documents:

[2021 FEBRUARY 9 TC SYSTEMS AT T INSTALL 1 - 4 INCH CONDUIT SO AT T CAN INSTALL A SMALL CELL ANTENNA ON POLE 5.PDF](#)

9. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 9.1. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Election Department To Provide Informational Report For Candidates And Voters Regarding Upcoming Election.
- 9.2. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department To Host Informational Neighborhood Sessions Or Otherwise Educate Voters On How The New Voting System Will Work; Where To Vote, Etc.
- 9.3. C. Nuon/C. Chau - Req, City Mgr. Direct The DPD To Create A Plan And Timeline To Update The Comprehensive Master Plan And Use The Planning Process To Develop A City-Wide Zoning Amendment(S) To Allow For More Affordable Housing.
- 9.4. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. And Appropriate Departments Explore Partnerships With Organizations Serving Medically Vulnerable And Underserved Populations To Conduct Outreach And Coordinate Access To The COVID-19 Vaccine; Partnering Organizations May Include But Not Be Limited To The Lowell Housing Authority, Elder Service Programs, Community Organizations And Religious Congregations.
- 9.5. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Meet With LTC And Appropriate Medical Organizations To Develop A Video That Gives A Step-By-Step Tutorial Of How To Navigate Through The COVID-19 State Website To Secure An Appointment To Receive The COVID Vaccine On LTC, City Of Lowell Website And Other Local Outlets.
- 9.6. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Explore The Feasibility Of Creating Partnerships With MCC, UML And Lowell Public Schools To Have Students Assist Lowell Residents Who Have Difficulty Navigating The COVID-19 State Website In Order To Secure Appointments To Receive The Vaccine; This Assistance Would Help Seniors, Non-English Speaking Citizens And Other "Tech" Challenged Populations.
- 9.7. C. Elliott/C. Conway - Req. City Council Discuss Setting Up Process To Expedite Hiring Of City Auditor.
- 9.8. C. Elliott/C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Prepare Vote To Place Ballot Question To Allow Residents To Vote For Mayor.
- 9.9. C. Elliott/M. Leahy - Req. City Council Vote To Support Letter To Governor And Provide School Committee Vote To Move Teachers Up In The Vaccination Process Following Vaccinations Of Front Line Providers And Senior Citizens.
- 9.10. M. Leahy - Req. City Council Begin Discussion Regarding Hiring Of New City Auditor.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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