



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: February 17, 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 - Roberto Clemente Baseball League- Maria Claudio.

2.3. Citation

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Regular Meeting February 10th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2026 FEBRUARY 10 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS (Scheduled For 7PM)

4.1. Vote – Accept MGL C.40 S.71 - School Bus Violation Detection Monitoring.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/33795?FILEID=89266](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/33795?fileid=89266)

4.2. Ordinance - Amend Chap 222.24 - School Bus Violation.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/33793?FILEID=89264](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/33793?fileid=89264)

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING (Scheduled For 7PM)

- 5.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of (1) SO Pole At 242 Church Street.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/33839?FILEID=89277>

6. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 6.1. C. Liang - Req. City Mgr. Have The HR Department Provide A Summary Of A Demographic Report, Including City Staff Residency (Lowellians Vs. Non-Lowellians) By Leadership Level; Additionally, Include The Percentage Of Respondents Who Answered "YES" To The Question: Pursuant To M.G.L. Chapter 268A, Please Indicate If You Have Any Family Members Employed By The City Of Lowell In The City Of Lowell's Employment Application Form.
- 6.2. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Invite An Appropriate Personnel Member From The National Grid To Come To The Council Chamber To Make A Presentation On Double Pole/The Process For Adding/Removing Poles.
- 6.3. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Require That National Grid Appear In-Person For Approval Of Future Request Of Installations Of Poles.
- 6.4. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update From National Grid On Gas Modernization Projects.
- 6.5. C. Descoteaux - Req. An Update From Skanska/ Suffolk On The Progress Of Coburn Hall Renovation.
- 6.6. C. McDonough - Req. The City Mgr. Work With The Appropriate Department To Ensure Property Owners In Mixed Use And Commercial Areas Are Aware Of Ordinances Regulating The Storage Of Dumpsters, Trash Bins, And Other Items On City Sidewalks; To Take Appropriate Action To Ensure Compliance With These Requirements.
- 6.7. C. Juran - Req. City Mgr. To Work With Appropriate Departments To Consider Opportunities To Enhance Safety For Sledding At Shedd Park, Including By Removing Any Tree Stumps And Considering Installing A Snow Fence Or Similar Barrier Along Parking Lot.
- 6.8. C. Juran/C. Liang - Req. City Mgr. To Have Appropriate Personnel Answer Questions About National Grid Work Authorization Process, Perhaps At A Technology And Utilities SC Meeting.
- 6.9. M. Gitschier - Req. The City Mgr. Send A Formal Letter To The Joint Committee On Environment And Natural Resources Chair Christine Barber Reiterating The Critical Importance Of House Bill H.965 And H.4266 The Deadline For Action On These Rodenticide Bills Are March 18, 2026.
- 6.10. M. Gitschier - Req. The City Mgr. Reach Out To The Inspector General's Office In Regards To Having Them Perform A Forensic Audit Of The Lowell High School Project.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 7.1. Motion Responses

A) Motion Response - Traffic Calming

- B) Motion Response - Snow and Ice
- C) Motion Response - Pedestrian Safety
- D) Motion Response - FY26 YTD Budget Update - FY27 Budget Outlook and Forecast

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - TRAFFIC CALMING.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - SNOW AND ICE.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - PEDESTRIAN SAFETY.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - FY26 YTD BUDGET UPDATE - FY27 BUDGET OUTLOOK AND FORECAST.PDF

7.2. Informational Reports

- Informational Report - SS4A
- Informational Report - City Hall GoLowell
- Informational Report - REFUSE
- Informational Report - Letter - School Funding for FY2027
- Informational Report - FY27 Budget Instructions
- Informational Report - FY25 Free Cash Certification and Explanation

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - SS4A.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - CITY HALL GOLOWELL.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - REFUSE.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - LETTER - SCHOOL FUNDING FOR FY2027.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - FY27 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - FY25 FREE CASH CERTIFICATION AND EXPLANATION.PDF

7.3. Communication - Reappointment Of Members To Historic Board

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO HISTORIC BOARD.PDF

7.4. Communication - Reappointments Of Members To Board Of Health

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENTS OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF HEALTH.PDF

8. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Vote - Establish School Bus Violation Stabilization Fund.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLM.A.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/33797?FILEID=89268](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/33797?fileid=89268)

8.2. Vote - Accept/Expend \$250k FY26 Earmarked Funds - Hall Street Bridge

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 250K FY26 EARMARKED FUNDS - HALL STREET BRIDGE.PDF](#)

8.3. Vote - Accept/Expend \$56,250 Hazard Mitigation Grant - Fire

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 56,250 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT - FIRE.PDF](#)

8.4. Vote - Apply/Accept/Expend \$250k MA Office Of Disability Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - APPLYACCEPTEXPEND 250K MA OFFICE OF DISABILITY GRANT.PDF](#)

8.5. Vote - FY26 Free Cash Certification And Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - FY26 FREE CASH CERTIFICATION AND RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1. Resolution - Adopt Vision Zero Policy

Documents:

[RESOLUTION - ADOPT VISION ZERO POLICY.PDF](#)

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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