



# Lowell City Council

## Regular Meeting Agenda

**Date:** February 21, 2023

**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:

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#### 2.2. Citation - Black History Month - Lura Smith.

### 3. CITY CLERK

#### 3.1. Minutes Of Public Safety SC February 14th; City Council Regular Meeting February 14th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2023 FEBRUARY 14 PUBLIC SAFETY SC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2023 FEBRUARY 14 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 4.1. Ordinance - Amend Chapter 9 By Creating Sister City Committee.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22776?  
FILEID=46607](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22776?FILEID=46607)

## **5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5.1. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of 12 Inch Plastic Gas Main On Chelmsford Street To Gas Regulator Station At 83 Doane Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22772?  
FILEID=46604](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22772?FILEID=46604)

- 5.2. National Grid - Request Revision Of Previously Approved Petition For Added Installation Of 75 Feet Of Underground Electric Conduit Along Boulevard Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22773?  
FILEID=46605](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/22773?FILEID=46605)

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Making it Public
- B) Motion Response - Shaughnessy School with Attachment
- C) Motion Response - Behind the Meter Solar
- D) Motion Response - Smart City
- E) Motion Response - Fire Academy
- F) Motion Response - MSBA Funding LHS with Attachment

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - MAKING IT PUBLIC.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - SHAUGHNESSY SCHOOL WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - BEHIND THE METER SOLAR.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - SMART CITY.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - FIRE ACADEMY.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - MSBA FUNDING LHS WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF

- 6.2. Communication - Appointments And Reappointments To The Pollard Memorial Library Board Of Trustees

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.PDF

## **7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- 7.1. Vote - Accept/Expend \$30,000 REACH LoWELL Grant

Documents:

- VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 30,000 REACH LOWELL GRANT.PDF

7.2. Vote - Authorize CM Enter Into License Agreement With Savin Foods USA, Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM ENTER INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SAVIN FOODS USA, INC..PDF](#)

**8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

[ORDER - 60 DAY TRIAL.PDF](#)

**9. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)**

9.1. Finance SC Joint With Technology And Utilities SC February 21, 2023.

**10. PETITIONS**

10.1. Claims - (4) Property Damage.

**11. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

11.1. C. Drinkwater/C. Yem - Req. Joint Zoning/Housing Subcommittees Meet To Resume Discussion On Accessory Dwelling Units.

11.2. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Work With Various Veteran Organizations And Business To Come Up With A Plan For A Parade On Memorial Day In Lowell To Honor Our Veterans.

11.3. C. Yem/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Update The City Council On The Status Of The Youth Commission.

11.4. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Meet With The Superintendent Of Schools To See How We Can Provide Support And Partnership For The LPS "Full Service Community Schools" Program.

11.5. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department To See What Can Be Done To Correct The Muddy Corner At Intersection Of Bridge Street Ad The VFW Highway In Front Of CVS.

11.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department, MassDOT, Lowell Litter Krewe And Residents Of Centralville To Organize A Series Of Beautification Projects On VFW Highway With Implementation Of Wild Flowers.

11.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Career Center And Local Businesses To Explore The Feasibility Of Creating A Partnership To Help Provide Professional Attire For Employment Interviews/Opportunities.

11.8. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With An Update On All Fully Funded Positions That Are Currently Vacant In The FY23 Budget; Including Length Of Time They Have Been Vacant.

- 11.9. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Add Sayles Street To The Re-Paving List.
- 11.10.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Create Proclamation Stating That The City Council And The City Of Lowell Officially Recognize The Month Of May As AAPI, Asian American And Pacific Islander Heritage Month.
- 11.11.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Assess Staffing Shortages In The Law Department And Create A Plan To Fill Vacancies.
- 11.12.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Report On The Status Of The Property On Race Street That Was Damaged In The November 2022 Water Main Break Incident And Whose Resident's Insurance Has Denied Coverage; Homeowner And Family Remain In Temporary Housing.
- 11.13.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Direct The LFD To Produce Fire Prevention Materials, In Printed And Video Formats And In Multiple Relevant Languages; Printed Material To Be Distributed To Residents And Video To Be Aired On LTC And Perhaps Maybe Available On City Website.
- 11.14.C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Report On Feasibility Of Issuing Two Separate Tax Bills; One For City Operations And School Operations.
- 11.15M. Chau/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Repair Collapsed Wall On The School Street Side Of The School Street Cemetery.

**12. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 12.1. Executive Session - To Discuss Matters Of Pending Litigation, Public Discussion Of Which May Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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