



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: March 1, 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@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. Communication - Regarding Lowell Memorial Auditorium 100th Anniversary.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Executive Session February 8th; City Council Regular Meeting February 15th; Auditor/Clerk Oversight & Personnel SC February 22nd; Youth Services SC February 24th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 FEBRUARY 15 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2022 FEBRUARY 22 AUDITOR CLERK SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2022 FEBRUARY 24 YOUTH SERVICES SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. Loan Order - Historic Preservation Bonds.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/18780?FILEID=40917>

4.2. Loan Order - Open Space And Recreation Bonds.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/18781?FILEID=40919>

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

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

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/18715?FILEID=40856>

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - City Facility Mask Policy
- B) Motion Response - Equity and Inclusion Stabilization Fund
- C) Motion Response - ARPA Parks Improvements and Business Assistance
- D) Motion Response - Tax Billing Communication
- E) Motion Response - Chapter 90 Funding
- F) Motion Response - Open Gym Activities
- G) Motion Response - Miscellaneous Sidewalk Repair
- H) Motion Response - Light Request at Cupples Square Parking Lot
- I) Motion Response - Light Request at Burrell Place
- J) Motion Response - Bulky Pick-Up Items
- K) Motion Response - Pothole Rapid Response
- L) Motion Response - Muldoon Park Kayak Launch
- M) Motion Response - Veterans Park
- N) Motion Response - Youth Programming Information on Website
- O) Motion Response - Election Polling Locations and Supplies
- P) Motion Response - Changing Voting System to Elect Mayor

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - CITY FACILITY MASK POLICY.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - EQUITY AND INCLUSION STABILIZATION FUND.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - ARPA PARKS IMPROVEMENTS AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - TAX BILLING COMMUNICATION.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - CHAPTER 90 FUNDING.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - OPEN GYM ACTIVITIES.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - MISCELLANEOUS SIDEWALK REPAIR.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - LIGHT REQUEST AT CUPPLES SQUARE PARKING LOT.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - LIGHT REQUEST AT BURRELL PLACE.PDF
- J) MOTION RESPONSE - BULKY PICK-UP ITEMS.PDF
- K) MOTION RESPONSE - POTHOLE RAPID RESPONSE.PDF
- L) MOTION RESPONSE - MULDOON PARK KAYAK LAUNCH.PDF
- M) MOTION RESPONSE - VETERANS PARK.PDF
- N) MOTION RESPONSE - YOUTH PROGRAMMING INFORMATION ON WEBSITE.PDF
- O) MOTION RESPONSE - ELECTION POLLING LOCATIONS AND SUPPLIES.PDF
- P) MOTION RESPONSE - CHANGING VOTING SYSTEM TO ELECT MAYOR.PDF

6.2. Informational Reports

- Q) Informational - ARPA Budget Plan

Documents:

Q) INFORMATIONAL - ARPA BUDGET PLAN.PDF

6.3. Communication - Appointment Of Judith Davidson To Library Board Of Trustees

Documents:

COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF JUDITH DAVIDSON TO LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES.PDF

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Merrimack St_375 CPC Funding Recommendation.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/18775?FILEID=40911](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/18775?fileid=40911)

7.2. Vote - Varnum Ave_1413 1415 CPC Funding Recommendation.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/18778?FILEID=40914](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/18778?fileid=40914)

7.3. Vote- Auth City Manager Accept Expend MA Elder Affairs Formula Funding

Documents:

[VOTE- AUTH CITY MANAGER ACCEPT EXPEND MA ELDER AFFAIRS FORMULA FUNDING.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote-Accept.Expend 40,000 MA Dept Of Mental Health Grant_03.01.22

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND 40,000 MA DEPT OF MENTAL HEALTH GRANT_03.01.22.PDF](#)

7.5. Vote-Auth City Manager Exec First Amendment To Building And Rooftop Lease Agr

Documents:

[VOTE-AUTH MGR EXEC FIRST AMENDMENT TO BUILDING AND ROOFTOP LEASE AGR.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8.1. Subcommittee Reports:

Auditor/Clerk Oversight & Personnel SC February 22nd;

Youth Services SC February 24th; and

Rules SC March 1st.

9. PETITIONS

9.1. Claims - (19) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - Maria Keratsopoulos Request Removal Of Handi-Cap Sign From In Front Of House At 63 Mt. Vernon Street.

Documents:

[2022 MARCH 1 MARIA KERATSOPOULOS REMOVE HP SIGN 63 MT VERNON.PDF](#)

9.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of 4 Inch Gas Main From 114 South Whipple To Sidney Street.

Documents:

[2022 MARCH 1 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 4 INCH PLASTIC GAS MAIN FROM EXISTING GAS MAIN SOUTH WHIPPLE TO 2 INCH MAIN REPLACEMENT SYDNEY ST.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 10.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Report Revenues Derived From Meals Tax To The City; Specifically In Business Such As Popeye's Chicken At Drum Hill.
- 10.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Prepare A Report That Will Give An Update On The Progress And Strategies Of The Monthly Meetings Between The City And School Finance Department.
- 10.3. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Create A Pothole Hotline.
- 10.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Auditor Provide The City Council With The Current Policy For Wire Transfers For Paying Invoices.
- 10.5. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Outline The Upcoming Plans For Spring Fields To Be Ready For Sports.
- 10.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Update The Council On The Current Cross Connection/Back-Flow Survey Underway.
- 10.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Take A Look At The Current Overhead Traffic Light Situation At The Intersection Of Andover And High Street.
- 10.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Look At Mt. Pleasant Street As It Is Beginning To Be Used As A High Speed Cut-Through For Afternoon Commuters.
- 10.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide Council With An Update From Coordinated Outreach And Engagement Team (COET) On Homeless Crisis.
- 10.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On Total Number Of Reported Weather Related Accidents On Saturday, February 19, 2022 From 2:00pm - 12:00am.
- 10.11.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide Report On Status Of Smith Baker Building And Any Potential Future Owner Or Occupant And What Happens Without That Potential.
- 10.12.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Present Rapid Recover Plan And Convene A Stakeholder Meeting To Discuss Implementation With An Emphasis On Incentivizing Downtown Building Owners To Renovate And Lease Upper Floors As Residential Units. .
- 10.13.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Staff To Ensure That All Communications From The City Intended For Public Reading Be Presented In English, Khmer And Spanish.

11. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 11.1. Executive Session - Regarding Litigation Update, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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