



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: March 23, 2021

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 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)

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Regular Meeting March 9th; Cannabis Control SC March 15th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2021 MARCH 9 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 MARCH 15 CANNABIS CONTROL SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. Ordinance-Amend Ch 242 Street Seats In Public Space.

Documents:

[ORDINANCE-AMEND CH 242 STREET SEATS IN PUBLIC SPACE.PDF](#)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Vaccine Appointment Scheduling Assistance
- B) Motion Response - Four Way Stop Sign at Puffer St and Winthrop Ave
- C) Motion Response - Handicap Parking Sign 7th St
- D) Motion Response - Master Plan Update Presentation
- E) Motion Response - Marijuana HCAs, Revenue, and Delivery Update

Documents:

- [A\) MOTION RESPONSE - VACCINE APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING ASSISTANCE.PDF](#)
- [B\) MOTION RESPONSE - FOUR WAY STOP SIGN AT PUFFER ST AND WINTHROP AVE.PDF](#)
- [C\) MOTION RESPONSE - HANDICAP PARKING SIGN 7TH ST.PDF](#)
- [D\) MOTION RESPONSE - MASTER PLAN UPDATE PRESENTATION.PDF](#)
- [E\) MOTION RESPONSE - MARIJUANA HCAS, REVENUE, AND DELIVERY UPDATE.PDF](#)

5.2. Informational Reports

- F) Informational - Housing Availability Report
- G) Informational - Housing Choice Legislation

Documents:

- [F\) INFORMATIONAL - HOUSING AVAILABILITY REPORT.PDF](#)
- [G\) INFORMATIONAL - HOUSING CHOICE LEGISLATION.PDF](#)

5.3. Communication - Aurora Erickson

Documents:

- [COMMUNICATION - AURORAERICKSON.PDF](#)

5.4. Communication - John Descoteaux

Documents:

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5.5. Communication - Joseph I. Donahue

Documents:

- [COMMUNICATION - JOSEPH I. DONAHUE.PDF](#)

5.6. Communication - Terrence J. McCarthy

Documents:

- [COMMUNICATION - TERRENCE J. MCCARTHY.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote- Accept.Expend Grant Center For Tech And Civic Life

Documents:

[VOTE- ACCEPT.EXPEND GRANT CENTER FOR TECH AND CIVIC LIFE.PDF](#)

6.2. Vote-Apply.Accept.Expend 90,000 From DHCD

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY.ACCEPT.EXPEND 90,000 FROM DHCD.PDF](#)

7. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Order - Abandon Portion Of Canal St

Documents:

[ORDER - ABANDON PORTION OF CANAL ST.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8.1. Subcommittee Reports:

- 1) Cannabis Control SC March 15, 2021;
- 2) Economic/Downtown Development SC March 22, 2021;
- 3) Finance SC March 23, 2021;

9. PETITIONS

9.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - Lowell Culinary Collaborative (Elizabeth Falk) Request Installation Of Two (2) Overhanging Signs Located At 160 Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2021 MARCH 23 LOWELL CULINARY COLLABORATIVE ELIZABETH FALK REQ OVERHANGING SIGN AT 160 MERRIMACK ST.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

10.1. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Explore Utilizing A Portion Of The City's 50 Million Dollar Stimulus Money Towards Real Estate Payments For Home Owners That Were Laid Off Due To The Pandemic And Have Fallen Behind On Their Real Estate Tax Payments.

10.2. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Have Inspectional Services Provide A Report Regarding Building Permit At 36 Delaware Avenue.

10.3. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. And Supt. Of Schools Meet Regarding Utilizing The Former St. Louis School For The Lowell Public School Special Education Program In An Effort To Reduce Out Of District Costs And Improve Educational Opportunities; And Refer Report To Joint School/City Council Facilities Subcommittees.

10.4. C. Elliott/C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Prepare Vote For The City To Place On Permanent Loan To St. Patrick's Church The Holbrook Bell That Once Hung In The Steeple Of The Original Church In 1841.

- 10.5. C. Elliott/C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding The Attorney General's Abandon Housing Initiative (2018) Which Targeted 14 Homes In Centralville For Improvement.
- 10.6. C. Samaras - Req. City Council Create An Award Entitled "Honorary Citizen Of Lowell" To Be Presented To John Power For Providing A Safe And Convenient Site For The Distribution Of The Covid Vaccine In Partnership With Lowell General Hospital.
- 10.7. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With Report Outlining Spending Plans Of Additional Funding Received From The Federal Covid-19 Relief Package.
- 10.8. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council With A Report Regarding The Various Benefits The City Has Received From The Cannabis (Cultivation, Manufacturing, Recreational) Industry; Said Report Should Include Information On Revenues And Number Of Employees Hired By Companies In Lowell, As Well As How Many Of Said Employees Reside In The City.
- 10.9. C. Nuon - Req. City Council Pass A Resolution Affirming The Values Of Inclusion, Respect And Justice For All Its Community Members; Notably Including Its Asian-American Community Members.
- 10.10.C. Nuon -Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Review Council And School Committee Vacancy And Succession Rules Considering The New Voting Systems.
- 10.11.C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report As To Any Statistics Or Numbers Showing Hate Crimes; Specifically Targeting Asians Specific To Lowell.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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