



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: April 11, 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:

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. Citations:

- 1) DYI Chili and Stew Contest Winner - CTI Youthbuild Culinary Program (Professional); and
- 2) William Lee Doby (Posthumous)

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Neighborhoods SC April 3rd; Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC April 4th; City Council Regular Meeting April 4th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 3 NEIGHBORHOODS SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

3.2. Vote - Cancel Council Meeting 04.18.23

Documents:

[VOTE - CANCEL COUNCIL MEETING 04.18.23.PDF](#)

4. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

4.1. Comcast Southern NE - Request Installation Of 4 Inch Underground Conduit For 600 Lakeview Avenue.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23447?
FILEID=48389](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23447?fileid=48389)

4.2. Comcast Southern NE - Request Installation Of 4 Inch Underground Conduit From Kirk Street To Merrimack Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23449?
FILEID=48391](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23449?fileid=48391)

4.3. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Moving Existing Gas Line To Accommodate Water Work By The City Of Lowell.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23452?
FILEID=48394](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23452?fileid=48394)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - CLA HR Recommendations
- B) Motion Response - LOWELL Art
- C) Motion Response - Bicentennial Committee
- D) Motion Response - Hellenic Academy
- E) Motion Response - AED

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - CLA HR RECOMMENDATIONS.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL ART.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - HELLENIC ACADEMY.PDF](#)
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - AED.PDF](#)

5.2. Informational Reports

Informational Report - Geothermal

Informational Report - ARPA Award Fire Apparatus

Documents:

[INFORMATIONAL REPORT - GEOTHERMAL.PDF](#)
[INFORMATIONAL REPORT - ARPA AWARD FIRE APPARATUS.PDF](#)

5.3. Petition Response

Petition Response - HC Parking on Market Street

Documents:

[PETITION RESPONSE - HC PARKING ON MARKET STREET.PDF](#)

5.4. Communication - Appointment Of John Nickerson, Jr. To ZBA

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF JOHN NICKERSON, JR. TO ZBA.PDF](#)

5.5. Communication - Appointment Of Marie Burns And Garrett Beaulieu To Conservation Commission

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF MARIE BURNS AND GARRETT BEAULIEU TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF](#)

5.6. Communication - Appointment Of Wendy Seigal-Botti To Lowell Cultural Council

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF WENDY SEIGAL-BOTTI TO LOWELL CULTURAL COUNCIL.PDF](#)

5.7. Communication - Reappointment Of Richard Lockhart To Historic Board

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF RICHARD LOCKHART TO HISTORIC BOARD.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote - Accept/Expend \$3,300 Scholarship From NACCHO

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 3,300 SCHOLARSHIP FROM NACCHO.PDF](#)

6.2. Vote - Accept/Expend \$51,113 FY22 EMPG Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 51,113 FY22 EMPG GRANT.PDF](#)

6.3. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. Agreements With Nexamp And Vanguard For 20 Years

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. AGREEMENTS WITH NEXAMP AND VANGUARD FOR 20 YEARS.PDF](#)

7. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Ordinance - Extend Outdoor Seating To November 1, 2023

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - EXTEND OUTDOOR SEATING TO NOVEMBER 1, 2023.PDF](#)

7.2. Ordinance - Quarterly Traffic - April 2023

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - QUARTERLY TRAFFIC - APRIL 2023.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - Transfer \$125,000 - DPW

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 125,000 - DPW.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8.1. Finance SC April 11, 2023.

9. PETITIONS

9.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - Blanca Cotto Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign At 38 W 3rd Street.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 11 BLANCA COTTO REQ HP SIGN AT 38 W 3RD ST.PDF](#)

9.3. Misc. - Paola Sanchez (Imperial Multiservice) Request Installation Of Overhanging Sign At 1 East Meadow Road.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 11 PAOLA SANCHEZ REQ. PLACE SIGN 1 EAST MEADOW RD..PDF](#)

- 9.4. Misc. - Joseph Boyle - Citizens' Requested Changes To Lowell Unhoused Persons Liaison Protocol.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 11 JOSEPH BOYLE CITIZENS REQ CHANGES TO LOWELL UNHOUSED PROTOCOL.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 10.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Review All Executive Session Minutes Since January 2022, And Recommend Voting To Release Any Minutes That No Longer Meet The Guidelines To Be Held Confidential.
- 10.2. C. Gitschier/C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide An Update On The Water Main Under The Beaver Street Bridge.
- 10.3. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Create "Lowell Beautification Program" To Recognize Home And Business Owners Who Make Lowell An Even Nicer Place To Live By Creating And Maintaining Beautiful Landscaping.
- 10.4. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Create Lowell Neighborhood Bicycle And Walking Maps Both In Print And Digital Form.
- 10.5. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Work With Lowell Latino Community And Stakeholders To Identify And Recognize A Certain Section In The Acre As Latin/Latino Town Or Any Other Names The Communities Deem Appropriate.
- 10.6. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On The Status Of Tri-Annual Inspection Of Rental Properties As Adopted In 2012.
- 10.7. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Status Of The Redevelopment Of The Hildreth Building At 45 Merrimack Street.
- 10.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Detailed Report On Scope And Timeframe Of Open Space Improvement/Art Installation Projects For Centralville In 2023 Calendar Year.
- 10.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Report On The Feasibility Of Utilizing Riverwalk Area As An Outdoor Art/Craft Exhibit Function Space.
- 10.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide An Update On Lowell High School Elevator Near ROTC.
- 10.11.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Report On How Many Employees Are Trained To Maintain And Install Soccer, Lacrosse, Field Hockey, Baseball And Softball Fields; Including Replacement Of Home Plates, Pitchers' Mounds, Foul Marker Pegs, As Well As Scratching

Fields And Line Striping; Who Is Providing The Training; What Is The Weekly Assignment Of Maintaining Athletic Fields; And How Many Employees Are Tasked With The Routine Maintenance.

- 10.12.C. Mercier - Req. Neighborhoods SC Meet To Discuss ADUs And Get Residents Views About The Subject Of Having Them Throughout Their Neighborhoods.

11. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 11.1. Executive Session – To Consider And Discuss The City's Potential Participation In The Attorney General's Opioid Settlements, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position; And Further, To Discuss Strategy And Contract Negotiations On The Collective Bargaining Agreement With Union Personnel, Public Discussion Of Which Would Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Bargaining Position.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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