



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: April 13, 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 Finance SC March 23rd; City Council Regular Meeting March 23rd; Transportation SC March 30th; Zoning SC Joint With Housing SC March 30th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2021 MARCH 23 FIN SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 MARCH 23 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 MARCH 30 TRANS SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 MARCH 30 ZONING JOINT HOUSING SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. Order - Abandon Portion Of Canal St.

Documents:

[ORDER - ABANDON PORTION OF CANAL ST.PDF](#)
[2021 APRIL 13 LEGAL DESC PART DISCONTINUE CANAL ST.PDF](#)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - City Hall Incident Report
- B) Motion Response - Hate Crimes Targeting Asian Americans
- C) Motion Response - New Election System Information
- D) Motion Response - Marijuana Hiring Update
- E) Motion Response - Attorney General Abandoned Property Pilot
- F) Motion Response - Safety Along Branch Street Business Corridor

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - CITY HALL INCIDENT REPORT.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - HATE CRIMES TARGETING ASIAN AMERICANS.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - NEW ELECTION SYSTEM INFORMATION.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - MARIJUANA HIRING UPDATE.PDF](#)
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - ATTORNEY GENERAL ABANDONED PROPERTY PILOT.PDF](#)
[F\) MOTION RESPONSE - SAFETY ALONG BRANCH STREET BUSINESS CORRIDOR.PDF](#)

5.2. Informational Reports

- G) Informational - Greening the Gateway
- H) Informational - FY2022 Budget Update and School Spending Compliance
- I) Informational - FY2020 Audit and Management Representation Letter

Documents:

[G\) INFORMATIONAL - GREENING THE GATEWAY.PDF](#)
[H\) INFORMATIONAL - FY2022 BUDGET UPDATE AND SCHOOL SPENDING COMPLIANCE.PDF](#)
[I\) INFORMATIONAL - FY2020 AUDIT AND MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER.PDF](#)

5.3. Communication-Appoint Thavy Hout And Stacey L. Thompson To Lowell Telecomm. Board

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION-APPOINT THAVY HOUT AND STACEY L. THOMPSON TO LOWELL TELECOMM. BOARD.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote On Ballot Question Mayor Election

Documents:

[VOTE ON BALLOT QUESTION MAYOR ELECTION.PDF](#)

6.2. Vote-Accept.Expend 17,846.67 FY21 First Responder Naloxone Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND 17,846.67 FY21 FIRST RESPONDER NALOXONE GRANT.PDF](#)

6.3. Vote-Accept.Expend 17,846.67 FY21 First Responder Naloxone Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND 32K SAFETY EQUIPMENT.PDF](#)

6.4. Vote-Accept.expend 245,185 Vaccine Capacity And Confidence

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND 245,185 VACCINE CAPACITY AND CONFIDENCE.PDF](#)

6.5. Vote-Accept.expend 59,241 Grant From Commonwealth Amend Emergency Covid 19 Response

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT.EXPEND 59,241 GRANT FROM COMMONWEALTH AMEND EMERGENCY COVID 19 RESPONSE.PDF](#)

6.6. Vote-Apply Accept Expend Fire SAFE Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY ACCEPT EXPEND FIRE SAFE GRANT.PDF](#)

6.7. Vote-License Agreement 370 Jackson St-Lowell Antenna Roof Top 10 Yr Non Cost

Documents:

[VOTE-LICENSE AGREEMENT 370 JACKSON ST-LOWELL ANTENNA ROOF TOP 10 YR NON COST.PDF](#)

6.8. Vote-Special Act Number Of Sign. Of Qualified Voters Required By Candidates Of Local Elective Office

Documents:

[VOTE-SPECIAL ACT NUMBER OF SIGN. OF QUALIFIED VOTERS REQUIRED BY CANDIDATES OF LOCAL ELECTIVE OFFICE.PDF](#)

7. CONSTABLE BONDS

7.1. Communication - City Mgr. Request Approval Of Constable Bonds For Emma Amaro, Ronald Bertheim, John Brouillette, Steven Brouillette, Raymond Lamy, Juan Jerez And Kevin Whippen.

Documents:

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8.1. Subcommittee Reports:

- 1) Transportation SC March 30th;
- 2) Zoning SC Joint With Housing SC March 30th;
- 3) Arts And Culture SC April 13th; and
- 4) Economic/Downtown Development SC April 13th.

9. PETITIONS

9.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - Sonia Vasquez Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign At 375 Pawtucket Street.

Documents:

[2021 APRIL 13 SONIA VAZQUEZ REQ FOR HP 375 PAWTUCKET ST.PDF](#)

9.3. National Grid - Request Reconstruction Of Gas Pressure Regulator Station And Add A SCADA System At The Intersection Of Highland Street And Thorndike Street.

Documents:

[2021 APRIL 13 NATIONAL GRID REPLACE GAS PRESSURE REGULATOR NORTH EAST CORNER OF HIGHLAND ST AND THORNDIKE ST.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 10.1. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding Status Of The Roundabout At The Intersection Of Old Ferry Road And Varnum Avenue; As Well As An Update On The Six Month Traffic Analysis And Impact Report On West Meadow Road.
- 10.2. C. Elliott - Req. City Council Vote To Make John Chemly And Gary Sepe Honorary Citizens Of Lowell.
- 10.3. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Status Of Tri-Annual Inspection Of Rental Units/Renewal Certificates Per City Ordinance.
- 10.4. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr./DPD Provide A Report Regarding Re-Establishing The Two/Three Family Owner Occupied Incentive Program Using CDBG Funds. (Two For Lowell)
- 10.5. C. Elliott/C. Mercier - Req. City Council Set Up Interview Process To Hire City Auditor.
- 10.6. C. Elliott/C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Number Of Complaints/Citations On Illegal Housing Units In The City.
- 10.7. C. Conway - Req. Law Department Prepare Special Legislation To Reduce The Number Of Required Voter Signatures For District Candidates From 150 To 50.
- 10.8. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Explore Utilizing A Portion Of The City's Sixty (60) Million Dollar Stimulus Money Towards Installing Lights At The Clemente Baseball Field At The Bartlett Middle School.

- 10.9. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Departments To Discuss Possible Options For Reporting Hate Crimes In The City.
- 10.10.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Director Of Parks To Explore The Installation Of Basketball Rims And Nets At City Parks.
- 10.11.C. Nuon - Req. Mayor Leahy Recognize The Month Of April As Victims' Rights Month.
- 10.12.C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Contact State Regarding The Issues At The End Of The Lowell Connector And Gorham Street.
- 10.13.C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Assess The Condition Of The City Parking Kiosks And To Prepare A Plan For Proper Maintenance.
- 10.14.C. Mercier - Req. Report Entitled "Zoning For More Housing In Lowell", As Discussed In The Zoning/Housing SC, Be Referred To The Neighborhoods SC As Well So That The Report Could Be Available To All Neighborhood Group Leaders.
- 10.15.C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan And The Feasibility Of Submitting A Proposal For The Current Round Of Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grants To Help The City Of Lowell Become More Climate Resilient Through Climate Change Adaptation Projects.
- 10.16.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Notify The Lowell Delegation Regarding The Support Of The City Council For SD. 1323 And HD. 1986, Raising The Penalty For Shooting Into A Dwelling From A Misdemeanor To A Felony, And Urging Their Success In Becoming Law.
- 10.17.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Join With Lowell Parks And Recreation And Mass. Dept. Of Conservation To Enhance The Green Landscape At Armory Park In The Lower Highlands With Tree Plantings This Summer.
- 10.18.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Contact MassDOT Regarding Remedial Actions Needed To Enhance The Safety At The End Of The Lowell Connector At Gorham Street.
- 10.19.M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Implement A "Keep Lowell Clean Campaign" To Beautify The City.
- 10.20.M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Send Letter To Hannaford Requesting That They Keep Their Rogers Street Pharmacy Department Open And Operating.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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