



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: April 25, 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. Citation - Jim Haley (2023 Irish Person Of The Year).

2.3. Presentations:

- 1) Sophie Mortimer - Arbor Day;
- 2) Sushil Motwani - LASA Medical Camp; and
- 3) Chris Porter - The Town and The City Festival.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Finance SC April 11th; City Council Regular Meeting April 11th; Neighborhoods SC April 19th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 11 FIN SC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2023 APRIL 11 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2023 APRIL 19 NEIGHBORHOODS SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Extend Outdoor Seating To November 1, 2023.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23655?FILEID=48783](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23655?fileid=48783)
- 4.2. Ordinance - Quarterly Traffic - April 2023.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23656?FILEID=48784](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23656?fileid=48784)

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 5.1. Motion Responses
- A) Motion Response - Covid Pandemic Recognition
 - B) Motion Response - Public Art Maintenance Account
 - C) Motion Response - VFW and Varnum MassDOT
 - D) Motion Response - Rt 38 and Fairmount
 - E) Motion Response - Street Line and Crosswalk Striping
 - F) Motion Response - Commercial Vehicle Signage
 - G) Motion Response - South Common Maintenance and Improvements
 - H) Motion Response - Report on City Funds
 - I) Motion Response - Programs and Metrics
 - J) Motion Response - Waived Fees
 - K) Motion Response - Knowledge Bowl
 - L) Motion Response - Parking Garage Budget with Attachments
 - M) Motion Response - School Tax Bill Feasibility with Attachment
 - N) Motion Response - Maintenance and Cleaning Schedule of Garages
 - O) Motion Response - Affordable Housing and Residential Taxes with Attachments
 - P) Motion Response - Accrued Benefit Payout Report with Attachment

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - COVID PANDEMIC RECOGNITION.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - VFW AND VARNUM MASSDOT.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - RT 38 AND FAIRMOUNT.PDF](#)

- E) MOTION RESPONSE - STREET LINE AND CROSSWALK STRIPING.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SIGNAGE.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - SOUTH COMMON MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - REPORT ON CITY FUNDS.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - PROGRAMS AND METRICS.PDF
- J) MOTION RESPONSE - WAIVED FEES.PDF
- K) MOTION RESPONSE - KNOWLEDGE BOWL.PDF
- L) MOTION RESPONSE - PARKING GARAGE BUDGET WITH ATTACHMENTS.PDF
- M) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL TAX BILL FEASIBILITY WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- N) MOTION RESPONSE - MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING SCHEDULE OF GARAGES.PDF
- O) MOTION RESPONSE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL TAXES WITH ATTACHMENTS.PDF
- P) MOTION RESPONSE - ACCRUED BENEFIT PAYOUT REPORT WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF

5.2. Informational Reports

- Informational Report - The Town and The City Festival
- Informational Report - FY24 Budget School Funding

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - THE TOWN AND THE CITY FESTIVAL.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - FY24 BUDGET SCHOOL FUNDING.PDF

5.3. Communication - Resignation Of Members From Various Boards And Commissions

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.PDF

5.4. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (1) DPD And (1) LPD.

Documents:

- 2023 APRIL 25 OST 1 DPD 1 LPD.PDF

6. **VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

- 6.1. Vote - Apply/Accept/Expend \$123,400 MCC Grant For LMA - Gaming Mitigation

Documents:

[VOTE - APPLYACCEPTEXPEND 123,400 MCC GRANT FOR LMA - GAMING MITIGATION.PDF](#)

- 6.2. Vote - Authorize CM Or Treasurer Proceed Under MGL 30B For Banking Services 5-Year Term

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM OR TREASURER PROCEED UNDER MGL 30B FOR BANKING SERVICES 5-YEAR TERM.PDF](#)

- 6.3. Vote - Authorize Payment Of Bills Incurred In Excess Of Appropriations - Schools

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS INCURRED IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS - SCHOOLS.PDF](#)

- 6.4. Vote - Establish Bicentennial Fund

Documents:

[VOTE - ESTABLISH BICENTENNIAL FUND.PDF](#)

- 6.5. Vote - Transfer \$100,000 - Bicentennial

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 100,000 - BICENTENNIAL.PDF](#)

7. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- 7.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

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

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- 8.1. Ordinance - Amend S.272-73B1 Compliance With Pretreatment Standards

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND S.272-73B1 COMPLIANCE WITH PRETREATMENT STANDARDS.PDF](#)

9. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

- 9.1. Finance SC April 11, 2023.

10. **PETITIONS**

10.1. Claims - (6) Property Damage

10.2. Misc. - Emile Kaufman Request To Address Council Regarding Improving The Optics Of Lowell.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 25 EMILE KAUFMAN REQ TO ADDRESS CC RE IMPROVING THE OPTICS OF LOWELL.PDF](#)

10.3. Misc. - James/Susan Koumpouras Request To Address Council Regarding Use Of Residential Properties As A Space For Automotive Work.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 25 JAMES AND SUSAN KOUMOURAS REQ TO ADDRESS CC REGARDING AUTOMOTIVE WORK IN RESIDENTIAL PROP.PDF](#)

11. **CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

11.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Law Department Prepare A Vote To Place An Non-Binding Referendum Ballot Question Regarding Zoning For Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) For Upcoming Election.

11.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Add All Non-Union Contracts To The City Website.

11.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide The City Council With A Report On The Number Of "Reserved Parking Space For Residents Of Dwelling Only" Signs That Are Located At Multi-Family Homes, Along With Their Locations, That Are Not Owner Occupied.

11.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Report On The Geese Situation And What Is Being Done To Combat The Issue On Playing Fields Throughout The City; Such As Edwards Field Hadley Field, Etc.

11.5. C. Jenness/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The HR Department Present Before The Auditor/Clerk Oversight And Personnel SC Generalized Trends And Themes Gathered From Exit Interviews Of Former Employees Conducted Since October 2022; Said Presentation To Include The City's Employment Recruitment And Retention Strategy Base On General Exit Interview Findings.

11.6. C. Jenness/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Send A Letter On Behalf Of The Council To Our Statehouse Delegation And The MSBA Urging An Update To All MSBA Programs To Include And Prioritize Non-Fossil Fuel Options To Help And Encourage Municipalities To Reduce Their Reliance On Fossil Fuels.

11.7. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Report On Plan To Replace Bicycle Racks Downtown That Will Be Removed As Part Of The New Kiosk Installation Project.

11.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Provide A Detailed

Report On Feasibility Of Implementing A No Overnight Camping, Sleeping Or Loitering Ordinance In Our Business Districts, As Well As, In The Summer Street, Gallagher Terminal And South Common Area.

11.9. M. Chau/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Provide A Report Regarding The Establishment Of A Sister-City Agreement Between The City Of Lowell And Phnom Penh, Cambodia; Referencing An MOU Signed January 14, 2015.

11.10M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. And/Or Appropriate Department Begin The Process To Establish A Sister-City Agreement Between Lowell And Battambang, Cambodia.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT

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