



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: April 26, 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:

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2.2. Citation - Mary Taurus (Lowell Votes).

2.3. Citation - Elliott Veloso (Law/Elections).

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Municipal Facilities Joint With Lowell School Committee Facilities SC April 12th; City Council Regular Meeting April 12th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 APRIL 12 MUNICIPAL FAC SC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2022 APIL 12 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Eliminate And Amend Position Of Director Of Homelessness Initiatives.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19397?FILEID=41614>

- 4.2. Ordinance - Temporary Outdoor Seating & Other Initiatives To Support Small Businesses.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19398?FILEID=41615>

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

5.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Update on Decibel Meters
- B) Motion Response - Water Main Break Repairs by Contractors
- C) Motion Response - Marijuana Revenue Update
- D) Motion Response - Maintenance of Effort
- E) Motion Response - Meals Tax
- F) Motion Response - Purchase of Ladder Truck
- G) Motion Response - Rodent Issues Update
- H) Motion Response - Dutton And Broadway Streets
- I) Motion Response - Clemente Park Update
- J) Motion Response - Status of LTLC
- K) Motion Response - Stedman and Westford Intersection

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- C) MOTION RESPONSE - MARIJUANA REVENUE UPDATE.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - MEALS TAX.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - PURCHASE OF LADDER TRUCK.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - RODENT ISSUES UPDATE.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - DUTTON AND BROADWAY STREETS.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - CLEMENTE PARK UPDATE.PDF
- J) MOTION RESPONSE - STATUS OF LTLC.PDF
- K) MOTION RESPONSE - STEDMAN AND WESTFORD INTERSECTION.PDF

5.2. Informational Reports

- L) Informational - ARPA Public Listening Flyer
- M) Informational - GFOA Budget Award

Documents:

[L\) INFORMATIONAL - ARPA PUBLIC LISTENING FLYER.PDF](#)
[M\) INFORMATIONAL - GFOA BUDGET AWARD.PDF](#)

6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

6.1. Vote - Authorize City Manager Enter Into License Agreement With LaLa Books

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CITY MANAGER ENTER INTO LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LALA BOOKS.PDF](#)

6.2. Vote - Authorize CM Become Member Of Sister Cities International

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM BECOME MEMBER OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL.PDF](#)

7. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Order - Abandon Portion Second Street

Documents:

[ORDER - ABANDON PORTION SECOND STREET.PDF](#)

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Ext TTF Zone - 89 Agawam

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND ZONING EXT TTF ZONE - 89 AGAWAM.PDF](#)

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1. Resolution - Establish Sister City With Envigado, Colombia

Documents:

[RESOLUTION - ESTABLISH SISTER CITY WITH ENVIGADO, COLOMBIA.PDF](#)

9.2. Resolution - Establish Sister City With Kalamata, Greece

Documents:

[RESOLUTION - ESTABLISH SISTER CITY WITH KALAMATA, GREECE.PDF](#)

10. **REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)**

10.1. Finance SC Joint With School Finance SC April 26, 2022.

11. **PETITIONS**

11.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

11.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of (1) JO Pole (17-50) On Market Street.

Documents:

[2022 APRIL 26 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 1 JO POLE 17 50 ON MARKET ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

11.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of 4 New 4 Inch Underground Electric Conduit To Property At 555 Middlesex Street.

Documents:

[2022 APRIL 26 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL CONDUIT 555 MERRIMACK ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

11.4. National Grid - Request Installation Of 50 Feet Of Underground Electric Conduit From Market Street To Service Property At 630 And 650 Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2022 APRIL 26 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL CONDUIT ACROSS MARKET ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

11.5. National Grid - Request Installation Of Manhole, Hand Holes And (2) Underground Conduits On French And Kirk Street To Upgrade Lowell High School East Electric Service.

Documents:

[2022 APRIL 26 NATIONAL GRID REQ TO INSTALL 1 MANHOLE 2 HANDHOLES ON KIRK ST AND 2 4INCH CONDUITS FRENCH ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

12. **CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

12.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Repair The Brick Sidewalk Outside Tre-Monte On The Palmer Street Side For The Outside Seating Area.

12.2. C. Gitschier/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Set Up A Tour Of LeLacheur Park And The National Park For The City Council.

12.3. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Install A Stop Sign At The Intersection Of Christian Avenue And Methuen Street.

12.4. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look At Installing A 4-

Way Stop At Read Street And 5th Street Intersection.

- 12.5. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Changing Traffic Pattern For Side Streets Off Of Bridge Street From 2-Way To 1-Way.
- 12.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Installation Of Additional Lighting Along 1st Street.
- 12.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Plan To Remove "Widow Makers", Dead Wood Along 1st Street.
- 12.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Report On What Services Our Animal Control Department Provide; Including, How Stray Animals Are Handled And If The Department Head Feels As If They Are Adequately Staffed.
- 12.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Solicitor Work With The Council To Change DEI Officer Position To Report To City Council Directly.
- 12.10.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Install A Stop Sign At The Intersection Of Columbia And Wright Streets.
- 12.11.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Investigate The Possibility Of Renovating The Lowell District Court For The Lowell Police Department.
- 12.12.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding Hiring Of The Director Of Elections Department.
- 12.13.C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding The Hiring Of Traffic Engineer.
- 12.14.C. Rourke/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The DPD Present The Council With An RFP For The Lease And/Or Sale Of LeLacheur Park
- 12.15.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Provide A Report About The Parking Placard Policy For Residents' Homes; The Report Should Include What Is Needed To Apply For One, Where They Are Allowed In The City, Instructions For Their Placement And How They Are Enforced.
- 12.16.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Report On Pedestrian And Traffic Improvements To Be Implemented In Conjunction With The Pending Opening Of The New Home Depot Distribution Center On Woburn Street In Tewksbury.
- 12.17.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Develop A Plan To Post Dates And Approximate Times On The City Website Of Any Blasting Activities That Will Happen Within Any Neighborhoods.
- 12.18.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Installing A Stop Sign At The Exit From The VA Clinic At The Corner Of Cunningham And Marshall Roads.
- 12.19.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Remove The Small Pedestrian Bridge On The Pond On Park Avenue Near The Pyne Arts School.
- 12.20.C. Scott/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Report On The Feasibility Of Developing

And RFI For A Municipal Marketing Program; The RFI Should Include The Goal Of Identifying City Owned Assets Available For Sponsorship And Advertising To Bring In New City Revenues Using A Private/Public Partnership Model.

12.21.C. Mercier - Req. City Council Negotiate The Manager's Contract.

12.22.C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Police Patrol The Area Surrounding Gorham, Central And Charles Streets; Especially In The Area Of Jerry's Food Store And The Portuguese American Monument.

12.23.C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Report On Status Of Filling Potholes Around The City Of Lowell.

12.24.C. Leahy/C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have DPW Look Into Sidewalk Condition On Palmer Street, In Front Of Tre-Monte Restaurant, And Come Back With Plan To Fix And Repair The Sidewalk.

12.25.C. Leahy/M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department For Major Clean-Up Throughout The City.

13. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

13.1. Executive Session - To Conduct Contract Negotiations Regarding Nonunion Personnel (City Manager), Public Discussion Of Which May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Position Of The Body.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

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