



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: May 11, 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)

2.2. Recognition - Month Of May As The Asian And Pacific Islander Month.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Neighborhoods SC April 27th; City Council Regular Meeting April 27th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2021 APRIL 27 NEIGHBORHOODS SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

[2021 APRIL 27 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. Order - Abandon Portion Of Canal St.

Documents:

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of 975 Feet Of 12 Inch Plastic Gas Main Along Jackson, Marston, Middlesex, South And Summer Streets.

Documents:

2021 APRIL 27 NATIONAL GRID TO INSTALL APPROX 975 FT OF 12 INCH PLASTIC GAS MAIN ALONG MARSTON MIDDLESEX AND SOUTH STS.PDF

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - MVP Action Grant Update
- B) Motion Response - Parking Kiosk Maintenance
- C) Motion Response - Illegal Housing Complaints
- D) Motion Response - Rental Permits
- E) Motion Response - 39 Jewett Street
- F) Motion Response - MassDOT and Lowell Connector
- G) Motion Response - Trees at Armory Park
- H) Motion Response - Senior Property Tax Exemption
- I) Motion Response - Gunfire Directed at Dwellings Legislation
- J) Motion Response - Hannaford Pharmacy Letter

Documents:

A) MOTION RESPONSE - MVP ACTION GRANT UPDATE.PDF
B) MOTION RESPONSE - PARKING KIOSK MAINTENANCE.PDF
C) MOTION RESPONSE - ILLEGAL HOUSING COMPLAINTS.PDF
D) MOTION RESPONSE - RENTAL PERMITS.PDF
E) MOTION RESPONSE - 39 JEWETT STREET.PDF
F) MOTION RESPONSE - MASSDOT AND LOWELL CONNECTOR.PDF
G) MOTION RESPONSE - TREES AT ARMORY PARK.PDF
H) MOTION RESPONSE - SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION.PDF
I) MOTION RESPONSE - GUNFIRE DIRECTED AT DWELLINGS LEGISLATION.PDF
J) MOTION RESPONSE - HANNAFORD PHARMACY LETTER.PDF

- 6.2. Informational Reports

- K) Informational - Boathouse Proposal

Documents:

K) INFORMATIONAL - BOATHOUSE PROPOSAL.PDF

- 6.3. Communication-Appoint Judith Huber And Molyka Tieng To Council On Aging

Documents:

COMMUNICATION-APPOINT JUDITH HUBER AND MOLYKA TIENG TO COUNCIL ON AGING.PDF

- 6.4. Communication-Appoint Susie S. Chhoun To LTC As Council Appointee 2021

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION-APPOINT SUSIE S. CHHOUN TO LTC AS COUNCIL APPOINTEE 2021.PDF](#)

6.5. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (5) LPD.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 OST 5 LPD.PDF](#)

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Approve Amended TIF Agreement Legacy Hotel LLC

Documents:

[VOTE - APPROVE AMENDED TIF AGREEMENT LEGACY HOTEL LLC.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote-Accept And Expend 50,000 FY21 Earmarked Funds Veterans Plaza

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT AND EXPEND 50,000 FY21 EARMARKED FUNDS VETERANS PLAZA.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote-Accept And Expend 75,000 FY21 Earmarked Funds For Parks.playgrounds In Highlands

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT AND EXPEND 75,000 FY21 EARMARKED FUNDS FOR PARKS.PLAYGROUNDS IN HIGHLANDS.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote-Accept And Expend FY21 Grant From Regional Pilot Project.

Documents:

[VOTE-ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY21 GRANT FROM REGIONAL PILOT PROJECT..PDF](#)

7.5. Vote-Adopt The Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020

Documents:

[VOTE-ADOPT THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2020.PDF](#)

7.6. Vote-Apply Accept Expend Municipal Vulnerability Grant 108,750

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY ACCEPT EXPEND MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY GRANT 108,750.PDF](#)

7.7. Vote-Transfer 175,000 Certified 7.1.20 Parking Fund

Documents:

[VOTE-TRANSFER 175,000 CERTIFIED 7.1.20 PARKING FUND.PDF](#)

7.8. Vote-Transfer 7.1.20 Free Cash To Various Accts 3,656,221.53

Documents:

[VOTE-TRANSFER 7.1.20 FREE CASH TO VARIOUS ACCTS
3,656,221.53.PDF](#)

8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Order-60 Day Trial (Various)

Documents:

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

9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

9.1. Ordinance-Create New Ch. 222-1 Entitled Murals

Documents:

[ORDINANCE-CREATE NEW CH. 222-1 ENTITLED MURALS.PDF](#)

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

10.1. Wire Insp. - 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 MAY 11 NATL GRID GAS REG HIGHLAND THORNDIKE.PDF](#)

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

11.2. Misc. - Mary Jo El Kareh Request Installation Of A Plaque On The Corner Of Hanover And Merrimack Streets In Memory Of Her Parents, Joseph And Mary El Kareh.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 EL KAREH PLACQUE ON CORNER HANOVER AND
MERRIMACK STS.PDF](#)

11.3. Misc. - Dean Sarris Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign In Front Of 48 Mammoth Road.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 SARRIS REAL ESTATE INC REQ HP SIGN IN FRONT OF 48](#)

MAMMOTH RD LOWELL.PDF

- 11.4. Misc. - Chanveasna Pech Request Installation Of A Handicap Parking Sign In Front Of 7 Sheldon Street.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 CHANVEASNA PECH REQ HANDICAP PARKING SIGN AT 7 SHELDON ST..PDF](#)

- 11.5. National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Relocation Of (1) JO Pole At 61-69 Rock Street.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON NE TO RELOCATE 1 POLE 6 ON ROCK ST.PDF](#)

12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 12.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Pay Close Attention To The Information Pertaining To A Bidder On The Lowell High School Project.
- 12.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Allow The John "Scott" Keenan Square Sign Be Moved From The Corner Of Stevens And Chelmsford Streets To The Corner Of Stevens And Viola Streets.
- 12.3. C. Elliott/C. Nuon/C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Spearhead A Working Group Of The Appropriate Individuals, Including Members Of The Police And School Department, To Initiate Action With Regard To The Recent Mass. Dept. Of Children And Families Report On Suspected Child Abuse In Lowell.
- 12.4. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. And Her Team Develop A Program And Strategies That Will Help Identify And Mitigate Scams/Frauds That Affect Our Citizens, Especially Our Seniors; Further Engage The Appropriate Organizations, Partnerships And Departments Who Will Assist With This Plan Of Action; Including, But Not Limited To, Police Department, Senior Center, District Attorney's Office, Health Department, Chamber Of Commerce, Banking Businesses, Law Department And Others.
- 12.5. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Install 4-Way Stop Signs At The Intersection Of Rockingham Avenue And Westmoreland Street And At The Intersection Of Mariposa Avenue And Westmoreland Street.
- 12.6. C. Drinkwater/C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Lowell Fire Department To Provide A Report On The Condition Of Fire Stations In The City; Including Priority Repairs For Each Station And An Update On Repairs Made Since The Last Report Provided To The Council.
- 12.7. C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Investigate Ways To Calm Vehicle Speed And Improve Pedestrian Safety At Crosswalks On West Sixth Street At Eagle Park.
- 12.8. C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Conduct A Traffic Study On Route 38 And Andover Street, Including A Study Of The Streets Used As Cut Throughs Ie.; Douglas Road, Clark Road And Wentworth Avenue.
- 12.9. C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have DPW Conduct A Condition Inspection And Report Prepared For All Culverts Supporting Marbles Brook From Campbell Field To Merrimack River; Including Clay Pit.

- 12.10.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Draft A Resolution Recognizing Asian And Pacific Islander Month (May); And Also Acknowledging The Strong Role Of Our Asian First Responders Within The City During The Covid Pandemic.
- 12.11.C. Chau/M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report To The Council Regarding The Process And Costs For Trash Cleaning And Waste Barrel Disposal At The Public Parks And Public Recreation Areas Within The City.
- 12.12.M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have DPW Ensure All Fire Houses Have Adequate Hot Water To Run Extractor Washers.
- 12.13.M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Explore Feasibility Of Placing Cameras On Top Of City Hall For Public/Private Enterprise.

13. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13.1. Executive Session - Regarding Matter Of Litigation, Namely Huot Et Al V. City Of Lowell, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

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