



# Lowell City Council

## Regular Meeting Agenda

**Date:** May 25, 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 City Council Regular Meeting May 11th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 11 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### 4.1. Ordinance-Create New Ch. 222-1 Entitled Murals.

Documents:

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

## **5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING**

### 5.1. 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](#)

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

### 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Old Ferry-Varnum Roundabout
- B) Motion Response - Construction Plans Online
- C) Motion Response - Crosswalks at Eagle Park
- D) Motion Response - Reporting Hate Crimes
- E) Motion Response - LHS Project Sub-Bidder

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - OLD FERRY-VARNUM ROUNDABOUT.PDF](#)  
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - CONSTRUCTION PLANS ONLINE.PDF](#)  
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - CROSSWALKS AT EAGLE PARK.PDF](#)  
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - REPORTING HATE CRIMES.PDF](#)  
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - LHS PROJECT SUB-BIDDER.PDF](#)

### 6.2. Informational Reports

- F) Informational - FY2022 Budget Presentation

Documents:

[F\) INFORMATIONAL - FY2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

### 6.3. Communication To Appointment Joseph P. Pyne To Monument Committee

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION TO APPOINTMENT JOSEPH P. PYNE.PDF](#)

### 6.4. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (2) LPD.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 25 2 OST LPD.PDF](#)

## **7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### 7.1. Vote - Appoint Interim City Auditor-Sheryl Wright

Documents:

[VOTE - APPOINT INTERIM CITY AUDITOR-SHERYL WRIGHT.PDF](#)

### 7.2. Vote - Accept Timely Receipt Of Budget FY22

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT TIMELY RECEIPT OF BUDGET FY22.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - Approve And Submit Letter To US Economic Dev Admin

Documents:

[VOTE - APPROVE AND SUBMIT LETTER TO US ECONOMIC DEV ADMIN.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - Approve The FY22 Community Preservation Fund Budget

Documents:

[VOTE - APPROVE THE FY22 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET.PDF](#)

7.5. Vote - Endorse 5 Year Capital Plan

Documents:

[VOTE - ENDORSE 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN.PDF](#)

7.6. Vote - FY22 Appropriation Order

Documents:

[VOTE - FY22 APPROPRIATION ORDER.PDF](#)

7.7. Vote- Adopt Dept Of Revenue Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE- ADOPT DEPT OF REVENUE RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.8. Vote- Apply.Accept.Expend 7,000,000 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant

Documents:

[VOTE- APPLY.ACCEPT.EXPEND 7,000,000 MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT.PDF](#)

7.9. Vote-Apply.Accept.Expend 2,500,000 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY.ACCEPT.EXPEND 2,500,000 MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT.PDF](#)

7.10. Vote-Apply.Accept.Expend 250,000 Housing Choice Program Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY.ACCEPT.EXPEND 250,000 HOUSING CHOICE PROGRAM GRANT.PDF](#)

7.11. Vote-Apply.Accept.Expend 75,000 Community Planning Program Grant

Documents:

[VOTE-APPLY.ACCEPT.EXPEND 75,000 COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM GRANT.PDF](#)

7.12. Vote-Authorize Manager Execute Annual Action Plan FY21-22

Documents:

[VOTE-AUTHORIZE MANAGER EXECUTE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY21-22.PDF](#)

7.13. Vote-Special Act To Fill Vacancy On School Committee

Documents:

[VOTE-SPECIAL ACT TO FILL VACANCY ON SCHOOL COMMITTEE.PDF](#)

## **8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Loan Order - Capital Plan Loan Order FY22

Documents:

[LOAN ORDER - CAPITAL PLAN LOAN ORDER FY22.PDF](#)

## **9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

9.1. Ordinance- Create Cyber Security Administrator Position In MIS Position And Salary

Documents:

[ORDINANCE- CREATE CYBER SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION IN MIS POSITION AND SALARY.PDF](#)

9.2. Ordinance- Create Grant Writer Position In Fire And Establish Salary

Documents:

[ORDINANCE- CREATE GRANT WRITER POSITION IN FIRE AND ESTABLISH SALARY.PDF](#)

9.3. Ordinance- Create Utility Engineer Position In Water And Establish Salary

Documents:

[ORDINANCE- CREATE UTILITY ENGINEER POSITION IN WATER AND ESTABLISH SALARY.PDF](#)

## **10. RESOLUTIONS**

10.1. Resolution-May As Asian And Pacific Islander Month

Documents:

**11. CONSTABLE BONDS**

- 11.1. Communication - City Mgr. Request Approval Of Constable Bonds For Juan Garcia.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 25 CONST BOND GARCIA.PDF](#)

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

- 12.1. Subcommittee Reports:

- 1) Economic Downtown Development SC May 25, 2021; and
- 2) Zoning SC Joint With Housing SC May 25, 2021.

**13. PETITIONS**

- 13.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

- 13.2. Misc. - Maurice Mason, Jr. Request Installation Of Overhanging Sign At 147 East Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 25 MAURCE MASON JR REQUEST INSTALLATION OF OVERHANGING SIGN AT 147 EAST MERRIMACK STREET.PDF](#)

- 13.3. Misc. - Dagabavto Nieves - Request City Council Review And Upgrade Safety Measures At Crosswalks Throughout The City.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 25 DAGOBERTO NIEVES REQ CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND UPGRADE SAFETY MEASURES AT CROSSWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.PDF](#)

- 13.4. Comcast - Request Installation Of Communications Conduit To Provide Service From 138 To 160 Middlesex Street.

Documents:

[2021 MAY 25 COMCAST CONDUIT LOCATIONS 138-160 MIDDLESEX ST.PDF](#)

**14. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

- 14.1. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Obtain And Provide A Financial Report On Expenditures/Contracts And Work Authorized As Well As A Report Regarding Progress To Date On Phase Four Of The Housing Project At Rivers Edge.
- 14.2. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding The Status Of The Last Phase Of The Housing Development By First Residential Development Corporation.
- 14.3. C. Elliott - Req. Zoning SC Meet Regarding Changing Zones That Have No Set Back Requirements That Allow Construction To Directly Abut Sidewalks.
- 14.4. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Find Ways And Means To Install

4-Way Stop Signs At The Intersections Of 6th Avenue And Mt. Hope Street And At 7th Avenue And Mt. Hope Street In Order To Reduce Speeding In That Area.

- 14.5. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Inform City Council As To Policy Regarding Juneteenth Holiday In Terms Of City's Recognition Of The Legal Holiday Which Would Include Paid Time Off As With Other Legal Holidays.
- 14.6. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate And Report To City Council The Situation On Maple Street Concerning A Masonry Company's Sifting Of Dirt And Excessive Noise.
- 14.7. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. Evaluate The Feasibility Of Returning To Weekly Yard Waste Pick-Up During The Growing Season (July And August).
- 14.8. C. Conway - Req. City Mgr. And The DPW Commissioner Provide An Updated Report Regarding The Plan To Increase Surveillance In The Shedd Park Pollywog Pond Area; Plan To Address Illegal Dumping In Area And Plan To Preserve The Wildlife In Its Natural Environment.
- 14.9. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Ask The Lowell Housing Authority For An Update Regarding The Zoning Change For Rivers Edge Development; Including Final Plans And Timelines.
- 14.10.C. Samaras/C. Noun - Req. Non-Profit Organizations SC Meet To Enable Local Non-Profits To Provide Input Regarding Distribution Of Funds Provided By The American Rescue Plan.
- 14.11.C. Samaras/C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Instruct Proper Department To Draft A Resolution In Support Of Senate Bill 2246 - An Act To Rebuild The Commonwealth's Cultural Future.
- 14.12.C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On What Steps Are Being Taken To Ensure That All Groups In The City Understand The Importance Of Receiving Vaccinations.
- 14.13.C. Samaras - Req. City Mgr. Provide Information Regarding How The Funds Provided By The American Rescue Plan Can Be Distributed; Ie. Regulations/Limitations.
- 14.14.C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr., Human Resource Department And Council Have Discussion Concerning The Traffic Engineer Position As Well As The Consulting Firm Currently Attending To Traffic Matters Within The City.
- 14.15.C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate Placing A "No Parking Here To Corner" Sign On Middlesex Street At The Corner Of Canton Street.
- 14.16.C. Chau - Req. Non-Profit Organizations SC Meet To Discuss And Review The Allowable Usage Guidance And Opportunities Utilizing Funds To Be Received By The City From The American Rescue Plan Act.
- 14.17.C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Install A Four-Way Stop Sign At The Intersection Of Havilah And Remington Streets.
- 14.18.M. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have Director Of Elections Attend A City Council Meeting To Present (1) Requirements For Running For Lowell City Council And/Or School Committee; (2) Requirement For Sitting On An Appointed City Board; And (3) Making Suggestions On How To Make Sure These Requirements Are Compiled Going Forward.

## 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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