



# Lowell City Council

## *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** June 14, 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:

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](mailto: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. Recognition/Citation/Presentation:

1. Citation - LHS JR. ROTC;
2. Presentation - Juneteenth Event;
3. Citation - Robert Boehm;
4. Recognition - Monk Traditional Council (Fru Nkimheng)

### 3. CITY CLERK

- 3.1. Minutes Of City Council Meeting May 31st, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 MAY 31 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

#### **4. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING**

- 4.1. National Grid - Request Replacement Of 4-Inch Regulator Station On Lakeview Avenue.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20056?FILEID=43459](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/20056?fileid=43459)

- 4.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of 7 Feet Of Gas Main Along Dalton Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20057?FILEID=43460](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/20057?fileid=43460)

#### **5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- 5.1. Motion Responses

(A) Motion Response - COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance

(B) Motion Response - Minimum Wage

(C) Motion Response - Executive Director of Water

(D) Motion Response - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Map and Locations

(E) Motion Response - Suffolk and Broadway Street

(F) Motion Response - Traffic on Concord Street from Church Street to Rogers Street

(G) Motion Response - Crosswalks on Rogers Street

(H) Motion Response - Traffic study High-East Merrimack

(I) Motion Response - June Street No Parking on One Side

(J) Motion Response - Lowell Area Gas Modernization Program - LAGMP

(K) Motion Response - Overhead Traffic Light Situation Intersection Andover and High Street

(L) Motion Response - Adopting Island In Cambodian Town

(M) Motion Response - Community Outreach and Education Completed Around Littering and Future Plans

(N) Motion Response - Inspections and Maintenance for Metal Sidewalks Over Vaults

(O) Motion Response - All Hands On Deck Task Force To Update Schools and Facilities Over Summer Break

(P) Motion Response - City Ball Field Maintenance

(Q) Motion Response - Report On Maintenance of the Riverwalk Area

(R) Motion Response - Update on Wall Repairs to McPherson Park

(S) Motion Response - Brush and Overgrowth - Gorham Street

Documents:

- (A) MOTION RESPONSE - COVID-19 WASTEWATER SURVEILLANCE.PDF
- (B) MOTION RESPONSE - MINIMUM WAGE.PDF
- (C) MOTION RESPONSE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WATER.PDF
- (D) MOTION RESPONSE - ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS MAP AND LOCATIONS.PDF
- (E) MOTION RESPONSE - SUFFOLK AND BROADWAY STREET.PDF
- (F) MOTION RESPONSE - TRAFFIC ON CONCORD STREET FROM CHURCH STREET TO ROGERS STREET.PDF
- (G) MOTION RESPONSE - CROSSWALKS ON ROGERS STREET.PDF
- (H) MOTION RESPONSE - TRAFFIC STUDY HIGH-EAST MERRIMACK.PDF
- (I) MOTION RESPONSE - JUNE STREET NO PARKING ON ONE SIDE.PDF
- (J) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL AREA GAS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM - LAGMP.PDF
- (K) MOTION RESPONSE - OVERHEAD TRAFFIC LIGHT SITUATION INTERSECTION ANDOVER AND HIGH STREET.PDF
- (L) MOTION RESPONSE - ADOPTING ISLAND IN CAMBODIAN TOWN.PDF
- (M) MOTION RESPONSE - COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION COMPLETED AROUND LITTERING AND FUTURE PLANS.PDF
- (N) MOTION RESPONSE - INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE FOR METAL SIDEWALKS OVER VAULTS.PDF
- (O) MOTION RESPONSE - ALL HANDS ON DECK TASK FORCE TO UPDATE SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES OVER SUMMER BREAK.PDF
- (P) MOTION RESPONSE - CITY BALL FIELD MAINTENANCE.PDF
- (Q) MOTION RESPONSE - REPORT ON MAINTENANCE OF THE RIVERWALK AREA.PDF
- (R) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON WALL REPAIRS TO MCPHERSON PARK.PDF
- (S) MOTION RESPONSE - BRUSH AND OVERGROWTH - GORHAM STREET.PDF

5.2. Communication - Resignation Of Mark Paton From Election Commission

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF MARK PATON FROM ELECTION COMMISSION.PDF

5.3. Communication - Resignation Of Weston Standish From Conservation Commission

Documents:

COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF WESTON STANDISH FROM  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF

**6. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

6.1. Vote - Approve The 2023 Community Preservation Fund Budget

Documents:

VOTE - APPROVE THE 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND  
BUDGET.PDF

6.2. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. Lease Agreement With Portuguese American Youth  
Center, Inc

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LEASE AGREEMENT WITH  
PORTUGUESE AMERICAN YOUTH CENTER, INC.PDF

6.3. Vote – Authorize CM Ex. License Agr With Lowell Fire Fighters Assoc -  
Sidewalk Seating

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LICENSE AGR WITH LOWELL FIRE  
FIGHTERS ASSOC - SIDEWALK SEATING.PDF

6.4. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. Temporary Access Agreement With Lowell Litter  
Krewe - Gold Star Park

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENT  
WITH LOWELL LITTER KREWE - GOLD STAR PARK.PDF

6.5. Vote - Authorize CM. Ex. License Agreement With UnWrapped, Inc. - 294  
School St.

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM. EX. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH  
UNWRAPPED, INC. - 294 SCHOOL ST..PDF

6.6. Vote - Authorize School Dept. Ex. Lease Agreement With Bon Marche Trust

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DEPT. EX. LEASE AGREEMENT  
WITH BON MARCHE TRUST.PDF

6.7. Vote - FY2023 Appropriation Order

Documents:

[VOTE - FY2023 APPROPRIATION ORDER.PDF](#)

6.8. Vote - Transfer Funds For Law - Workers Comp

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER FUNDS FOR LAW - WORKERS COMP.PDF](#)

**7. RESOLUTIONS**

7.1. Resolution - Gun Violence Awareness Day

Documents:

[RESOLUTION - GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY.PDF](#)

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

**9. PETITIONS**

9.1. Claims - (3) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - Gerry Emond Request City Council Abandon Castle Road Ext. (Paper Street).

Documents:

[2022 JUNE 14 GERRY EMOND REQ THAT THE PAPER STREET CASTLE ROAD EXT BE ABANDONED.PDF](#)

**10. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

10.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Look Into Opening The Cawley Stadium Track For Walking During The Hours Of 7 Am To Noontime, Monday Through Friday, With Closings On Holidays.

10.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide City Council On The Enforcement Of Purchasing Municipal Vehicles That Meet The Green Communities Initiative.

10.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide The City Council With Electricity Cost Increases By Department Over The Last Two Fiscal Years.

10.4. C. Robinson/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Look Into Feasibility Of Utilizing CPA Funds To Acquire And Preserve The Apple Orchard Near Llewelyn Street.

10.5. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With School Superintendent To Review And Update Current Facility Safety Status And Protocol.

10.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Departments To Identify Key Corridors To The Districts And Look Into Feasibility Of A Flag Program That Can Help Identify Cultures And Identities Of Each District.

10.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Look Into Reducing Parking Fees In Garages For

Business Owners And Their Employees.

- 10.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Potential Traffic Calming Measures At Cumberland And Ludlum Streets, An Area That Cars Frequently Run The Existing Stop Sign.
- 10.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Address The Collapsed Sewer Cover At 90 Lincoln Street.
- 10.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Potential Traffic Calming Measures At Hildreth And Ludlum Streets, An Area That Cars Frequently Run The Existing Stop Sign And Use This Stretch As A Race-Track.
- 10.11.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. And City Council Begin Exploring The Feasibility Of Implementing Local Government Metric Software Similar To The City Of Boston.
- 10.12.C. Robinson/C. Mercier- Req. City Council Declare "Racism Leads To Crisis" And Make Commitments Into Some Key Areas.
- 10.13.C. Robinson/C. Drinkwater - Req. City Council Begin Conversations Around Zoning And ADU's With Focus On Potential Increase In Housing Stock.
- 10.14.C. Scott/C. Rourke/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The DPD Look Into Ordinance To Increase Cap For Marijuana Dispensaries.
- 10.15.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Of The Energy Output That Has Been Generated From Each Of The City's Solar Sites And Whether They Are All Performing Above Expectations.
- 10.16.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report That Contains A List Of The City-Owned Properties That Are Available To Be Sold Or Leased.
- 10.17.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Tax Title Sales Auctions That Have Been Implemented Or Will Be Implemented This Year.
- 10.18.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Recommendation From The Appropriate Department On Implementing A Vacancy Tax On Both Residential And Commercial Properties.
- 10.19.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A List Of Recommendations On Fee Increases That Should Be Implemented Across The City.
- 10.20.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Feasibility Report On Implementing A Sludge Plant Or Regional Sludge Plant In Lowell.
- 10.21.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Investigate The Feasibility Of Creating An Enterprise Fund For Trash/Recycling.
- 10.22.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Develop A Dashboard To Share The Expenditure Of ARPA Funds.
- 10.23.C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Find Ways And Means To Repair The Cement Walkway Around The Entrances To The Lowell Memorial Auditorium; Especially The Handicap Walkway Entrance Which Is In Dire Need Of Repairs.
- 10.24.C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Locate The Indian Maiden Statute Donated To The

City By L.C. Howell By A Council Vote Dated February 9, 2021 Through A Revocable Trust, To Be Placed At The Corner Of Varnum Avenue And Pawtucket Boulevard And Schedule A Dedication.

- 10.25C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have The DPD And The LPD Look Into Feasibility Of A City Wide 25 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit.
- 10.26C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Set A New School Building Committee.
- 10.27C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Update The Council On The Parking Kiosks And Parking Enforcement.
- 10.28M. Chau/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Potential Traffic Calming Measures For Traffic Travelling On Foster Street Between Princeton Blvd. And Middlesex Street.
- 10.29M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Explore Installation Of A Security Camera In Cambodia Town.
- 10.30M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Look To Increase Community Policing In Cambodia Town And Cupples Square.
- 10.31M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Improving The Park/Playground Next To The Greenhalge School.
- 10.32M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Runoff Water On Boulevard Street That Has Damaged The Road.
- 10.33M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Review And Consider Applying For The US Department Of Transportation Safe Streets And Roads For All (SS4A) Grants Which Can Be Used To Support Planning, Infrastructure, Behavioral And Operational Initiatives To Prevent Death And Serious Injury On Roads And Streets Involving All Roadway Users And Has A Per Award Ceiling Of \$50,000,000.00 For 2022.

## 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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