



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: August 8, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

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@LOWELLMMA.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. Proclamation - National Health Center Week.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3.1. Order - Abandon Portion Of Pratt Avenue.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24544?FILEID=49967](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/24544?fileid=49967)

3.2. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

3.2.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning - Accessory Dwelling Units. (Cont. From 7/11/23)

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24066?FILEID=49172](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/24066?fileid=49172)

Documents:

[2023 AUGUST 8 PROPOSED AMENDED ADU ORDINANCE. .PDF](#)

3.2.2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

3.2.2.1 Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Cyber-Security Incident
- B) Motion Response - Speeding Christian, Mt. Pleasant, Reservoir
- C) Motion Response - Foot and Car Patrols Back Central, St. Johns, Mobile Command
- D) Motion Response - Hadley Street Repaving Request
- E) Motion Response - FY24 Crack Seal and Fog Seal List
- F) Motion Response - Welcome to Centralville Sign
- G) Motion Response - Sidewalk Repairs
- H) Motion Response - Hydroelectricity
- I) Motion Response - Regional Homeless Summit
- J) Motion Response - Mt Vernon and Cross Street
- K) Motion Response - 25 MPH Update
- L) Motion Response - Lowell Street
- M) Motion Response - Elmwood Ave
- N) Motion Response - West 6th and Coburn
- O) Motion Response - Right of First Refusal
- P) Motion Response- Neighborhood Walks
- R) Motion Response - Boston Capital Invite
- S) Motion Response - Affordable Housing Trust Fund
- T) Motion Response - Farmers Market
- U) Motion Response - LRTA Bus Hub
- V) Motion Response - Marijuana

Documents:

- [A\) MOTION RESPONSE - CYBER-SECURITY INCIDENT.PDF](#)
- [B\) MOTION RESPONSE - SPEEDING CHRISTIAN, MT. PLEASANT, RESERVOIR.PDF](#)
- [C\) MOTION RESPONSE - FOOT AND CAR PATROLS BACK CENTRAL, ST. JOHNS, MOBILE COMMAND.PDF](#)
- [D\) MOTION RESPONSE - HADLEY STREET REPAVING REQUEST.PDF](#)

- E) MOTION RESPONSE - FY24 CRACK SEAL AND FOG SEAL LIST.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - WELCOME TO CENTRALVILLE SIGN.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - SIDEWALK REPAIRS.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - HYDROELECTRICITY.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - REGIONAL HOMELESS SUMMIT.PDF
- J) MOTION RESPONSE - MT VERNON AND CROSS STREET.PDF
- K) MOTION RESPONSE - 25 MPH UPDATE.PDF
- L) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL STREET.PDF
- M) MOTION RESPONSE - ELMWOOD AVE.PDF
- N) MOTION RESPONSE - WEST 6TH AND COBURN.PDF
- O) MOTION RESPONSE - RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.PDF
- P) MOTION RESPONSE - NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS.PDF
- Q) MOTION RESPONSE - LRTA BUS HUB.PDF
- R) MOTION RESPONSE - BOSTON CAPITAL INVITE.PDF
- S) MOTION RESPONSE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND.PDF
- T) MOTION RESPONSE - FARMERS MARKET.PDF
- U) MOTION RESPONSE - MARIJUANA.PDF

3.2.2.2 Informational Report

- Informational Report - HRC Policy Changes to HR New Hire Packet
- Informational Report - ARPA Cultural Festival Grants
- Informational Report - Cable Franchise License Ascertainment Hearing Notice
- Informational Report - ARPA Ad-Hoc Grant Round One

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - HRC POLICY CHANGES TO HR NEW HIRE PACKET.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - ARPA CULTURAL FESTIVAL GRANTS.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - CABLE FRANCHISE LICENSE ASCERTAINMENT HEARING NOTICE.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - ARPA AD-HOC GRANT ROUND ONE.PDF

3.2.2.3 Communication - Planning Board Recommendation To Proposed Zoning Code Amendment Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.

Documents:

- 2023 JULY 28 PB RECOMMENDATION ADU.PDF

3.2.3. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

3.2.3.1 Vote - Accept/Expend FY24 Affordable Housing Earmark

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND FY24 AFFORDABLE HOUSING EARMARK.PDF](#)

3.2.3.2/ote - Accept/Expend FY24 Earmarked Funds - Shedd Park

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND FY24 EARMARKED FUNDS - SHEDD PARK.PDF](#)

3.2.3.3/ote - Amend/Apply/Accept/Expend \$3,670,000 One Stop For Growth Grants

Documents:

[VOTE - AMENDAPPLYACCEPTEXPEND 3,670,000 ONE STOP FOR GROWTH GRANTS.PDF](#)

3.2.3.4/ote - Amending Prior Order Approving CPC Recommendation To Fund A Place To Live

Documents:

[VOTE - AMENDING PRIOR ORDER APPROVING CPC RECOMMENDATION TO FUND A PLACE TO LIVE.PDF](#)

3.2.3.5/ote - Amending Prior Order Approving CPC Recommendation To Fund Acre Crossing Project

Documents:

[VOTE - AMENDING PRIOR ORDER APPROVING CPC RECOMMENDATION TO FUND ACRE CROSSING PROJECT.PDF](#)

3.2.3.6/ote - Authorize Change Of Voting Machines

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CHANGE OF VOTING MACHINES.PDF](#)

3.2.3.7/ote - Authorize CM Ex. Contract With NextUp, LLC

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. CONTRACT WITH NEXTUP, LLC.PDF](#)

3.2.3.8/ote - Endorse The Edge Affordable Housing Project

Documents:

[VOTE - ENDORSE THE EDGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT.PDF](#)

3.2.4. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

3.2.4.1 Loan Order - Refunding Bonds

Documents:

[LOAN ORDER - REFUNDING BONDS.PDF](#)

3.2.4.2 Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

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

3.2.5. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

3.2.5.1 Ordinance - MBTA Communities Zoning Amendments

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - MBTA COMMUNITIES ZONING AMENDMENTS.PDF](#)

3.2.6. RESOLUTIONS

3.2.6.1 Resolution - Support H.3012 And S.2027 - Project Labor Agreements

Documents:

[RESOLUTION - SUPPORT H.3012 AND S.2027 - PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.PDF](#)

3.2.7. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

3.2.7.1 Wire Insp. - National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of Additional Pole On Varnum Avenue, Near Fowler Road.

Documents:

[2023 JULY 25 WIRE REPORT NATL GRID POLE VARNUM FOWLER.PDF](#)

3.2.7.2 Wire Insp. - National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of Additional Pole On Varnum Avenue, Near Riverside Avenue.

Documents:

[2023 JULY 25 WIRE INP NATL GRID VARNUM RIVERVIEW.PDF](#)

3.2.8. PETITIONS

3.2.8.1 Claims - (3) Property Damage.

3.2.8.2 Tanya Kenney - Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sign At 800 Broadway Street (Unit 6).

Documents:

[2023 JULY 25 HANDICAP KENNEY BROADWAY.PDF](#)

3.2.9. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 3.2.9. ~~C~~, Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Update The Council On The Status Of The Use Of Wireless Emergency Alerts.
- 3.2.9. ~~D~~. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Look Into Joining The Massachusetts Broadband Coalition And To Apply For Funding The State Receives Through The National Broadband Equity, Access And Deployment Program To Extend High-Speed Internet Throughout The City.
- 3.2.9. ~~E~~. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Transportation Engineer Look At Improvements That Can Be Made To Increase Safety At The Intersection Of Moore And Lawrence Streets.
- 3.2.9. ~~F~~. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Implement A Plan To Enforce All Requirements Of Chapter 176-2 Of The City Housing Standards.
- 3.2.9. ~~G~~. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide Update Regarding Book Mobile Launch Into The Neighborhoods.
- 3.2.9. ~~H~~. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Policy Regarding Mayoral Portraits.
- 3.2.9. ~~I~~. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Create A Public Facing, Permitted Public Usage Schedule On The City's Website.
- 3.2.9. ~~J~~. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding Releasing Of All Executive Session Minutes That No Longer Warrants Confidentiality.
- 3.2.9. ~~K~~. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide The City Council With A List Of Fines Issued To The Owner Of The Property Located At 62-64 Branch Street, Who The Owner Of The Property Is, The Date Of The Fines, The Amount Paid And The Amount Outstanding, If Any.
- 3.2.9. ~~L~~. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Installation Of Solar Panels On The High School.
- 3.2.9. ~~M~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Ensure That All Water And Gas/Electric Manholes Are Covered With Manhole Covers.
- 3.2.9. ~~N~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Identify Who Is Responsible For Sidewalk Maintenance Along Princeton Boulevard; The Sidewalk Is Currently So Overgrown The Pavement Can Not Be Seen.
- 3.2.9. ~~O~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Instituting A 25-Mile-Per-Hour Speed Limit Citywide.
- 3.2.9. ~~P~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Plans To Repair Potholes In The City, Especially In The Highlands Neighborhood.
- 3.2.9. ~~Q~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The 311 System; How It Will Function And What Will The Online Component Look Like.

3.2.9. ~~16~~. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Law Department To Provide The City Council With A Report On Costs Incurred By The City Through Court Judgements And Settlements; Include Break Down By Department Associated With Settlements.

3.2.9. ~~17~~. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Instruct Contractors To Address Drainage Issue On Havilah Street Due To Street Damage By Heavy Construction Equipment.

3.2.9. ~~18~~. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore And Implement Speed Calming Measures On Stevens Street.

3.2.9. ~~19~~. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Investigate Repairs And Improvements To The Public Way On E Street.

4. **VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

4.1. Vote - Accept/Expend \$250 Aftermath K9 Grant - LPD

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT.EXPEND 250 AFTERMATH K9 GRANT - LPD.PDF](#)

4.2. Vote - Accept/Expend \$42,781 FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT.EXPEND 42,781 FY23 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT.PDF](#)

5. **ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

5.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

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

6. **CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

6.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Start The Process Sooner To Alleviate The Flooding On The Windward Street Area Of The City, As It Is Expanding To More Homes.

6.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Put The Table Of Organization From All City Departments On The City's Website With The Names Of All Present Department Heads So That Residents Will Know Who To Contact.

6.3. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide The Legal Requirements For Succession When Filling A Vacant Elected Office.

6.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Invite The House Of Hope To Present Information To The City Council With Respect To Services Provided Within The City Of

Lowell.

- 6.5. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The City Solicitor Provide The City Council With A Ruling On Substantive Changes To The ADU Ordinance During Hearing And Whether Or Not The ADU Ordinance Should Be Re-Advertise Based On The Changes.
- 6.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Securing And Installing "Dog Waste Stations" Throughout Appropriate City Greenspace Locations.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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