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# Lowell City Council

## Regular Meeting Agenda

**Date:** August 9, 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. Citation - Veteran Of The Month (John MacDonald).

2.3. Proclamation - National Health Week.

### 3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Housing/Zoning Joint SC July 26th; City Council Regular Meeting July 26th; Election Laws And Redistricting SC July 27th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 HOUSING JOINT ZONING SC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 JULY 26 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 JULY 27 ELECTIONS LAW SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

#### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Create Position - Deputy Commissioner-Facilities.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20631?  
FILEID=43910](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20631?FILEID=43910)

#### 5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Scada Box And Vent Pole On Boston Road At Spencer Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20585?  
FILEID=43889](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20585?FILEID=43889)

- 5.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Conduit At Varnum Avenue And Boulevard Street.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20586?  
FILEID=43890](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20586?FILEID=43890)

#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Centralized Reporting Platform
- B) Motion Response - Baker Commodities Odor Complaints
- C) Motion Response - Water Testing Notifications
- D) Motion Response - Increase Patrol on Lower Gorham Street
- E) Motion Response - Traffic Calming Measures For Andrews Street
- F) Motion Response - Beautify The Streets And Roadways
- G) Motion Response - Castle Road Light On Pole
- H) Motion Response - Dutton St. - LHS Improvement Plan
- I) Motion Response - Illegal Dumping in Public Receptacles
- J) Motion Response - Palin City Plaza
- K) Motion Response - Welcome to Lowell Landscaping
- L) Motion Response - John-Merrimack Streets Bus Stop
- M) Motion Response - Llewelyn St. - CPA
- N) Motion Response - Lord Overpass Final
- O) Motion Response - No Parking Ludlam Street
- P) Motion Response - Rodents
- Q) Motion Response - 133 Roadwork
- R) Motion Response - Depreciation Schedules - Capital Assets with Attachments-Links
- S) Motion Response - Vehicle Inventory with Attachment

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - CENTRALIZED REPORTING PLATFORM.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - BAKER COMMODITIES ODOR COMPLAINTS.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - WATER TESTING NOTIFICATIONS.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - INCREASE PATROL ON LOWER

GORHAM STREET.PDF  
E) MOTION RESPONSE - TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES FOR ANDREWS STREET.PDF  
F) MOTION RESPONSE - BEAUTIFY THE STREETS AND ROADWAYS.PDF  
G) MOTION RESPONSE - CASTLE ROAD LIGHT ON POLE.PDF  
H) MOTION RESPONSE - DUTTON ST. - LHS IMPROVEMENT PLAN.PDF  
I) MOTION RESPONSE - ILLEGAL DUMPLING IN PUBLIC RECEPTACLES.PDF  
J) MOTION RESPONSE - PALIN CITY PLAZA.PDF  
K) MOTION RESPONSE - WELCOME TO LOWELL LANDSCAPING.PDF  
L) MOTION RESPONSE - JOHN-MERRIMACK STREETS BUS STOP.PDF  
M) MOTION RESPONSE - LLEWELYN ST. - CPA.PDF  
N) MOTION RESPONSE - LORD OVERPASS FINAL.PDF  
O) MOTION RESPONSE - NO PARKING LUDLAM STREET.PDF  
P) MOTION RESPONSE - RODENTS.PDF  
Q) MOTION RESPONSE - 133 ROADWORK.PDF  
R) MOTION RESPONSE - DEPRECIATION SCHEDULES - CAPITAL ASSETS WITH ATTACHMENTS-LINKS.PDF  
S) MOTION RESPONSE - VEHICLE INVENTORY WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF

## 6.2. Informational Reports

Informational - Bond Sale and Capital Improvements and Attachment  
Informational - Marijuana Delivery with Attachment  
Informational - DMU Zoning with Attachment  
Informational - Gallagher Station TOD Draft Overlay District with Attachment

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INFORMATIONAL - BOND SALE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ATTACHMENT.PDF  
INFORMATIONAL - MARIJUANA DELIVERY WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF  
INFORMATIONAL - DMU ZONING WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF  
INFORMATIONAL - GALLAGHER STATION TOD DRAFT OVERLAY DISTRICT WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF

## 7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

### 7.1. Vote - Accept/Expend \$467,422 FR-CARA Grant

Documents:

VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 467,422 FR-CARA GRANT.PDF

### 7.2. Vote - Authorize Manager Execute Annual Action Plan FY22-23

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE MANAGER EXECUTE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
FY22-23.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - Transfer Funds For Legal Professional Costs - Law

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER FUNDS FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONAL COSTS -  
LAW.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - Transfer Funds For Poll Worker Pay - Elections

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER FUNDS FOR POLL WORKER PAY -  
ELECTIONS.PDF](#)

**8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

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

**9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

9.1. Ordinance - Create Lowell Youth Commission

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE LOWELL YOUTH COMMISSION.PDF](#)

9.2. Ordinance - Create Position - COA Bookkeeper

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE POSITION - COA BOOKKEEPER.PDF](#)

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

10.1. Election Laws/Redistricting SC July 27, 2022.

10.2. Cannabis Control SC August 9, 2022.

**11. PETITIONS**

11.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of 65 Feet Of Conduit In Sidewalk To  
Service 173 East Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 9 NATIONAL GRID 65FT OF CONDUIT 173 EAST](#)

## MERRIMACK AGENDA.PDF

- 11.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of Fifty Feet Of Concrete Duct To Service 10 Technology Drive.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 9 NATIONAL GRID DUCT TO PROVIDE SERVICE FOR 10 TECHNOLOGY DR AGENDA.PDF](#)

- 11.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of (2) JO Poles On Varnum Avenue Across From Boulevard Street.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 9 NATIONAL GRID 2 JO POLES VARNUM AVE AGENDA.PDF](#)

- 11.4. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Gas Mains On Tenth, Grandview And Mt. Pleasant Streets.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 9 BOSTON GAS DBA NATIONAL GRID GAS MAIN 10TH ST MT PLEASANT ST GRANDVIEW ST AGENDA.PDF](#)

## 12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 12.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Entity Light Up The John Cox Bridge In Purple In Recognition Of "Overdose Awareness Month—August" During The Week Of August 24th To The 31st.
- 12.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Provide Support From DPW I.e.; Trash Pickup And Plastic Bags, To Adopt The JAMS (Jackson, Appleton, Middlesex And Summer Streets) Project For The South Common To Empower Individuals To Invest In Their Environment/Community.
- 12.3. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Find Ways And Means To Provide A Memorial Space For Family And Loved Ones Who Experienced A Tragic Loss Due To Any Type Of Violence.
- 12.4. C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Report To The City Council As To The Status Of Fire Trucks In The Lowell Fire Department.
- 12.5. C. Leahy/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The DPW Look At School Driveways And Make Necessary Repairs If Warranted.
- 12.6. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Maintenance Plan For The Aiken Street Bridge.
- 12.7. C. Scott/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Apparatus Replacement And Equipment Closures Of The Gorham Street Firehouse.
- 12.8. C. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An

Update On Progress To Mitigate Odor From Duck Island As Well As Any Recommendations On Best Practices To Further These Efforts.

- 12.9. C. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On What Measures Has Human Resources Taken To Improve The Hiring Process In The City.
- 12.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Installation Of A Four Way Stop Sign At The Intersection Of West And West 6th Streets.
- 12.11.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore Involving Local Students Enrolled In Art Programs To Assist In Riverwalk Art Program.
- 12.12.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Installing Or Upgrading Lighting In Areas Of 66 Jewett Street, As Well As, 431 Central Street.
- 12.13.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An Update On Repairs On Dugout Roofs At McPherson Park, As Well As, Progress On Forming A Partnership With YouthBuild Carpentry Students For Similar Projects.
- 12.14.C. Rourke/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Look Into Outreach To Eligible Residents Who Qualify For The Federal Affordable Connectivity Program.
- 12.15.C. Rourke/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Update Council Regarding Updating Of Crosswalks At All School Bus Stop Locations Within The City.
- 12.16.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Improve Signage At The Secure Dropbox At The City Hall Plaza Entrance.
- 12.17.C. Nuon/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Update The Council On The Status Of The Use Of Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).
- 12.18.C. Nuon/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Quell The Rowdy Parties By The UMass-Lowell Students Around The Varney, Mt. Vernon, Cross And School Streets Area.
- 12.19.C. Drinkwater/C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding Planned Traffic Calming Measures And Pedestrian Improvements On Andover Street, As Well As, Line Striping Throughout The City.
- 12.20M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Improvements To The Sidewalks On Prescott Street.
- 12.21M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Repairs And Improvements To The Public Roadway And Sidewalks On Smith Avenue.
- 12.22M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Repairs And Improvements To The Sidewalk On Central Street, In The Front Of The Dollar Center, Water Leaking Into The Building.
- 12.23M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate The Condition Of All USA Flags Currently Flown Around The City And Replace As Needed.
- 12.24M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Traffic Calming Measures At The Intersection Of Foster Street And Princeton Boulevard.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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