



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: August 23, 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. 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. Introductions:

- 1) Elizabeth Oltman (Transportation Engineer)

- 2) Allison Carter (Director of Economic Development)

2.3. Citations:

- 1) Christine McCall

- 2) Kowith Kret

3. CITY CLERK

- 3.1. Minutes Of Cannabis Control SC August 9th; City Council Regular Meeting August 9th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 9 CANNABIS CONTROL SC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2022 AUGUST 9 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 4.1. Ordinance - Create Lowell Youth Commission.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20746?
FILEID=44164](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20746?FILEID=44164)

- 4.2. Ordinance - Create Position - COA Bookkeeper.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20747?
FILEID=44165](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20747?FILEID=44165)

5. **UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING**

- 5.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of 65 Feet Of Conduit In Sidewalk To Service 173 East Merrimack Street.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20676?
FILEID=43926](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20676?FILEID=43926)

- 5.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of Fifty Feet Of Concrete Duct To Service 10 Technology Drive.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20677?
FILEID=43927](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20677?FILEID=43927)

- 5.3. National Grid - Request Installation Of (2) JO Poles On Varnum Avenue Across From Boulevard Street.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20678?
FILEID=43928](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20678?FILEID=43928)

- 5.4. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Gas Mains On Tenth, Grandview And Mt. Pleasant Streets.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20679?
FILEID=43929](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20679?FILEID=43929)

6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

- 6.1. Communications From The City Manager
Motion Responses

- A. Motion Response - Gage Field Basketball Court and Park Improvements

- B. Motion Response - 15 Minute Parking Updates & Parking Study Attachment
- C. Motion Response - North Common Bathroom and Concession Stand Improvements
- D. Motion Response - Fletcher Street Line Striping
- E. Motion Response - Various Traffic Calming Initiatives
- F. Motion Response - Historical Electricity Cost
- G. Motion Response - Municipal Solar Production Update
- H. Motion Response - McPherson Park Art Installation
 - I. Motion Response - North Common Art Installation
- J. Motion Response - Student Artwork along the River Walk
- K. Motion Response - Tax Exempt Properties Report
- L. Motion Response - Vehicle Inventory with Attachment
- M. Motion Response - School Driveway Improvements by DPW
- N. Motion Response - South Common JAMS Project
- O. Motion Response - Pollard Memorial Library Elevator Repairs
- P. Motion Response - Lighting Upgrades on Jewett Street and Central Street
- Q. Motion Response - Lowell Police Response to Loud Parties in the Acre Neighborhood
- R. Motion Response - Update on Abandoned Building on Cross Street
- S. Motion Response - Update on Crosswalk Painting at School Bus Stops

Documents:

- (A) MOTION RESPONSE - GAGE FIELD BASKETBALL COURT AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS.PDF
- (B) MOTION RESPONSE - 15 MINUTE PARKING UPDATES AND PARKING STUDY ATTACHMENT.PDF
- (C) MOTION RESPONSE - NORTH COMMON BATHROOM AND CONCESSION STAND IMPROVEMENTS.PDF
- (D) MOTION RESPONSE - FLETCHER STREET LINE STRIPING.PDF
- (E) MOTION RESPONSE - VARIOUS TRAFFIC CALMING INITIATIVES.PDF
- (F) MOTION RESPONSE - HISTORICAL ELECTRICITY COST.PDF

(G) MOTION RESPONSE - MUNICIPAL SOLAR PRODUCTION UPDATE.PDF
(H) MOTION RESPONSE - MCPHERSON PARK ART INSTALLATION.PDF
(I) MOTION RESPONSE - NORTH COMMON ART INSTALLATION.PDF
(J) MOTION RESPONSE - STUDENT ARTWORK ALONG THE RIVER WALK.PDF
(K) MOTION RESPONSE - TAX EXEMPT PROPERTIES REPORT.PDF
(L) MOTION RESPONSE - VEHICLE INVENTORY WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
(M) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL DRIVEWAY IMPROVEMENTS BY DPW.PDF
(N) MOTION RESPONSE - SOUTH COMMON JAMS PROJECT.PDF
(O) MOTION RESPONSE - POLLARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY ELEVATOR REPAIRS.PDF
(P) MOTION RESPONSE - LIGHTING UPGRADES ON JEWETT STREET AND CENTRAL STREET.PDF
(Q) MOTION RESPONSE - LOWELL POLICE RESPONSE TO LOUD PARTIES IN THE ACRE NEIGHBORHOOD.PDF
(R) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON ABANDONED BUILDING ON CROSS STREET.PDF
(S) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON CROSSWALK PAINTING AT SCHOOL BUS STOPS.PDF

6.1.1. Informational Reports

Informational Reports:

Informational - DEI Education and Training - Partnership with Middlesex Community College

Informational - Lowell High School Project Update from Project Team

Documents:

INFORMATIONAL - DEI EDUCATION AND TRAINING - PARTNERSHIP WITH MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE.PDF
INFORMATIONAL - LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE FROM PROJECT TEAM.PDF

6.2. Communication - Appointment Of Fatima Al-Munafik And Meghan Rourke To Lowell Cultural Council

Documents:

COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF FATIMA AL-MUNTAFIK AND MEGHAN ROURKE TO LOWELL CULTURAL COUNCIL.PDF

6.3. Communication - Appointment Of Alison Keegan To Board Of Health

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF ALISON KEEGAN TO BOARD OF HEALTH.PDF](#)

6.4. Communication - Resignation Of Gary Perrin From Zoning Board Of Appeals

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF GARY PERRIN FROM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.PDF](#)

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Accept Proposal Of Mill City Properties (\$210,100) 93 Mammoth Rd

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT PROPOSAL OF MILL CITY PROPERTIES \(210,100\) 93 MAMMOTH RD.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote - Accept/Expend \$1,844 Car Seat Distribution Program

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 1,844 CAR SEAT DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - Accept/Expend \$100,000 Green Communities Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 100,000 GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - Accept/Expend \$133,000 MCOA Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 133,000 MCOA GRANT.PDF](#)

7.5. Vote - Accept/Expend \$2,100,000 SSI Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 2,100,000 SSI GRANT.PDF](#)

7.6. Vote - Accept/Expend \$3,500 UML Sub Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 3,500 UML SUB GRANT.PDF](#)

7.7. Vote - Accept/Expend \$38,063 FY22 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 38,063 FY22 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT.PDF](#)

7.8. Vote - Accept/Expend \$40,000 MA Dept. Of Mental Health Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 40,000 MA DEPT OF MENTAL HEALTH GRANT.PDF](#)

7.9. Vote - Accept/Expend \$47,687 GAP III Funding

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 47,687 GAP III FUNDING.PDF](#)

7.10. Vote - Accept/Expend \$5,000,000 Concord River Greenway Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 5,000,000 CONCORD RIVER GREENWAY GRANT.PDF](#)

7.11. Vote - Accept/Expend \$50,000 Shared Streets

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 50,000 SHARED STREETS.PDF](#)

7.12. Vote - Accept/Expend \$57,183 MA Dept. Of Mental Health Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 57,183 MA DEPT OF MENTAL HEALTH GRANT.PDF](#)

7.13. Vote - Accept/Expend \$93,000 MVP Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 93,000 MVP GRANT.PDF](#)

7.14. Vote - Accept/Expend \$95,000 Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

Documents:

VOTE - ACCEPT EXPEND 95,000 PROJECT SAFE
NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT.PDF

- 7.15. Vote - Authorize CM Confirm A Conveyance To Broadway Street Real Estate Development Corp.

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM CONFIRM A CONVEYANCE TO
BROADWAY STREET REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT CORP..PDF

- 7.16. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. License Agreement With House Of Hope For Leo Roy Parking Facility

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH HOUSE
OF HOPE FOR LEO ROY PARKING FACILITY.PDF

- 7.17. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. License And Temporary Access Agreement With Beyond Walls, Inc.

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LICENSE AND TEMPORARY ACCESS
AGREEMENT WITH BEYOND WALLS, INC..PDF

- 7.18. Vote - Transfer Funds \$75,000 CASE

Documents:

VOTE - TRANSFER FUNDS 75,000 CASE.PDF

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

- 8.1. Ordinance - Amend Ch.20 S.58 CASE

Documents:

ORDINANCE - AMEND CH.20 S.58 CASE.PDF

- 8.2. Ordinance - Amend Utility Engineer Position - LRWWU

Documents:

ORDINANCE - AMEND UTILITY ENGINEER POSITION -
LRWWU.PDF

- 8.3. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Ext LI Zone - 128 Maple Street

Documents:

ORDINANCE - AMEND ZONING EXT LI ZONE - 128 MAPLE

[STREET.PDF](#)

8.4. Ordinance - Create Position CASE Assistant Director For Communications And Marketing

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE POSITION CASE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING.PDF](#)

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

9.1. Non-Profit Organization SC August 23, 2022.

9.2. Wire Inspector Reports:

- 1) Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Scada Box And Vent Pole On Boston Road At Spencer Street; And
- 2) National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Conduit At Varnum Avenue And Boulevard Street.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 NAT GRID REGULATOR BOSTON RD CONDUIT VARNRUM AVE.PDF](#)

10. **PETITIONS**

10.1. Claims - (6) Property Damage.

10.2. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of A Gas Regulator Station On Chelmsford Street At Baltimore Avenue.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 BOSTON GAS GAS REGULATOR STATION ON CHELMSFORD AGENDA.PDF](#)

10.3. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Gas Main Replacement On Armand, Jean, Christman And Delmont Avenues; As Well As Bernier And Lowell Streets.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 NATIONAL GRID EXISTING GAS MAIN CHRISTMAN BERNIER JEAN ARMAND DELMONT LOWELL AGENDA.PDF](#)

10.4. National Grid - Request Installation Of Conduit To Feed Transformer At 572 Lakeview Avenue.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 NATIONAL GRID INSTALL CONDUIT LAKEVIEW](#)

AVE TO FEED SERV UPGRADE AGENDA.PDF

- 10.5. University Of Massachusetts Lowell (UML) - Request Installation Of Duct Bank At Broadway Street And Solomont Way.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 UMASS LOWELL INSTALL DUCTBANK BROADWAY AGENDA.PDF](#)

- 10.6. Misc. - Norma Von Fricken Request Permission To Address City Council Regarding Rynne Beach.

Documents:

[2022 AUGUST 23 NORMA VONFRICKEN REGARDING RYNNE BEACH.PDF](#)

11. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 11.1. C. Mercier - Req. Neighborhoods SC Have Traveling Subcommittee Meetings Within Each Section Of The City To Discuss Issues Of Concern; Starting In The Highland Section.
- 11.2. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On Programs Funded With Various Federal Block Grants (CDBG, HOME, ESG, Etc.) For The Last 3 Fiscal Years And Evaluate Alternative Funding/Allocation Strategies To More Equitably Disburse Funding Amongst Lowell Non-Profit Partners In The 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan.
- 11.3. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Report On Efforts And Future Plans To Ensure Fairness, Transparency And Equity Are Included In The Selection Process And Criteria For Any Prospective Recreational Marijuana Dispensaries Or Delivery Services And Association Host Community Agreements ("HCA").
- 11.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Work With The School Administration On Drawing Districts To Include Equitability And Diversification In Order To Provide Neighborhood Schooling.
- 11.5. C. Jenness/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Invite The Construction Team To Update The Council On The Progress Of The Lowell High School Project.
- 11.6. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Begin A Pilot Program Of Dog Waste Dispensers In Areas Where Pet Waste Has Become A Persistent Problem.
- 11.7. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Provide The Council With An Update On The Parking Study From 2020 And Progress On The Implementation Of The Recommendations.
- 11.8. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Evaluate Adding Crossing Lights At The Shattuck/Merrimack Intersection Across Merrimack; Similar To The Lights On East Merrimack By Middlesex College Or On Broadway Near Market Basket.

- 11.9. C. Jenness/C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore Beginning And Open Streets Program In The Downtown Area Similar To What Other Cities Have Done.
- 11.10.C. Jenness/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Traffic Calming Measures And Safety Improvements For The Dutton/Broadway Intersection.
- 11.11.C. Scott/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide A Legal Opinion On The Possibility Of Terminating The Waste Contract For Non-Performance; In Addition Provide The Council With All Documentation Of Fines That Have Been Issued For Non-Performance To Date.
- 11.12.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Work To Update The Bus Huts Around The City.
- 11.13.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Work To Add A Crosswalk On Woburn Street By Easton Street Or In The Vicinity.
- 11.14.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Speed Tables Installed As A Trial Basis On Hollis Street.
- 11.15.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Look At The Feasibility Of Installing Safety Bollards Along Dutton Street To Protect Resident Homes And Pedestrians From Accidents.
- 11.16.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide An Update On Installing Flashing Crosswalk Lights At The Ducharme Playground As Required In The Home Depot Distribution Center Approval.
- 11.17.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look At Updating Crosswalk And Lighting At Hovey Park Along Aiken Avenue Side.
- 11.18.C. Robinson/C. Drinkwater - Req. City Mgr. Reach Out To The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission In An Effort To Get A Representative To Attend A Cannabis Control SC For Information Around Social Equity/Economic Empowerment Applicants And The State's Cannabis Consumption Lounge Pilot Program.
- 11.19.C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide The City Council A Copy Of All Legal Notices For Employment And Public Hearings.
- 11.20M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate Grant Opportunities To Repair Steps, Handicap Accessible Ramp And Other Needed Repairs At The Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

12. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 12.1. Executive Session - To Consider And Discuss Ongoing Negotiations Relative To The Former Lowell District Court Building Pursuant To The Provisions Of Mass. Gen. Laws C. 30A Sect. 21(6)(For The "Possible Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property;") Public Discussions Of Which May Have Detrimental Effect On The Negotiating Position Of The City; And Further, To Discuss Matters Of Litigation (Doctors Park Trust; Eminent Domain), Public Discussion Of Which May Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

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