



# Lowell City Council

## *Public Safety SC Meeting Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 14, 2023  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber / Zoom

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were C. Rourke, C. Nuon and C. Scott. Also present Maura Fitzgerald (Homeless Coordinator); Lisa Golden (HHS); Chief Charron (LFD); Supt. Golner (LPD); Terry Ryan (Parking); Sean Machado (Asst. City Mgr.); C. Gitschier; M. Chau; and C. Yem.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rourke called the meeting to order noting agenda items.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Rourke introduced first item being crisis management team discussion. Chief Charron outlined crisis plan noting available resources and a bunker style setup similar to the State. Chief Charron noted last major update was done in 2019 and that there is a need for added information. Chief Charron noted current staffing and that additions to staff would be part of this crisis team. C. Rourke questioned available staff and what are expected hires. C. Nuon noted the current plan and stated that information from recent flooding could assist in updating that plan. C. Nuon questioned meetings held by the team. Chief Charron outlined how future operations will work and that all of City Hall departments are involved along with State and private partners. Chief Charron noted meetings are held monthly. Supt. Golner noted police partners with teams and that a full time team is necessary.

C. Rourke introduced second item consisting of amending ordinance regarding commercial vehicle parking. C. Gitschier noted request to increase fines to deter violators as it is a public safety protection. C. Rourke noted need to deter for public safety purposes. C. Rourke questioned enforcement of the ordinance. Supt. Golner noted LPD would be during night. C. Scott noted increased fines will deter violations which helps safety and protection of the infrastructure. Supt. Golner note ordinances are drafted by the Law Department. C. Scott noted provisions should be added to the ordinance and not taken away. C. Rourke noted there will be a public hearing on ordinance. Supt. Golner noted ticket books would need to be



upgraded. C. Gitschier noted need to track to fine second offenders. **Motion** by C. Scott, seconded by C. Nuon to request Law Department prepare commercial parking ordinance with fines beginning at \$250.00 and bring back to Council for first reading. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn meeting by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Scott. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk