



# Lowell City Council

## *Economic/Downtown Dev. SC*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** March 22, 2021  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** Zoom / Remote Participation

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Drinkwater and C. Chau. Also present Manager Donoghue, C. Nuon and City Solicitor O'Connor

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

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Elliott noted that meeting was result of motion from C. Drinkwater. C. Drinkwater outlined the reason for motion to ensure Amazon was aware of expectations of the City regarding large projects that effect their way of life before plans move too far along. Such items include labor standards/practices and traffic interference. C. Chau noted the importance of the role of the Manager regarding economic development and did not want to interfere with that role. C. Chau noted companies must keep working families in mind. C. Elliott noted that several projects have involved neighborhood groups regarding traffic and that a balance needs to be struck regarding economic development. C. Elliott questioned timing and type of process envisioned. C. Drinkwater noted that such a meeting would not be required before formal process but concern would be an awareness of needs of neighborhoods and workers before project gets too far along. Manager Donoghue noted that there are some details needed to be addressed regarding proposed resolution and governing. Solicitor O'Connor noted the need for her review to come from different angle regarding legal matters and compliance with Plan E form of government which exists in the City. Solicitor O'Connor noted possible conflicts with confidentiality agreements which often are an integral part of these projects. Solicitor O'Connor noted that existing zoning ordinances cover community standards and that such standards may differ from each geographical area. Solicitor O'Connor noted that they must be aware not to interfere with contracts and companies would have difficulty with legal measures of the resolution as well as enforcement standards that could be established. Solicitor O'Connor noted that standards would have to be applicable to all business in the City. Manager



Donoghue touched on the confidentiality agreements and noted that often times the City has leverage on some entities if they are in search of financial assistance from the City. Manager Donoghue noted that language could be drafted to avoid confusion, attain goals and allow input from the Council. C. Drinkwater noted he was in favor of shifting language to achieve the goals stated. **Motion** by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Chau to request Law Department propose edits to the resolution regarding discussion per governing compliance and return to City Council for further review. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Chau "To Recess to April 13, 2021 @ 6:00 PM". So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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**PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Drinkwater and C. Chau. Also present C. Mercier and City Solicitor O'Connor

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order and noted the meeting was continued from March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Elliott noted that the resolution was sent to Law Department after last meeting for further review and draft. C. Drinkwater noted he had not received any revisions from Law Department and that a review is needed by the Law Department to move forward. Solicitor O'Connor



commented that the department needed additional time to review and that matter would be brought forward then.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by C. Chau, seconded by C. Drinkwater "To Adjourn". So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM.

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