



# Lowell City Council

## *Transportation/Public Safety SC Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** July 14, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00 PM  
**Location:** Zoom/Remote Participation

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott and C. Conway, 1 absent (C. Samaras) (Transportation SC). Chairman Chau, C. Drinkwater and C. Rourke (Public Safety SC). Also present Natasha Vance (Transportation Engineer), Manager Donoghue, Conor Baldwin (CFO), Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services), C. Mercier and Supt. Richardson (LPD).

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

C. Elliott called the meeting to order noting the joint agenda.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Manager Donoghue began discussion with noise issues in the Fowler Street area. Mr. Slagle noted that there many complaints over a long period of time regarding hours of operations and that complaints have never lessened over this period of time. Mr. Slagle noted noise is present during business hours as well as outside of business hours and that his office continues to work on issues to ease burden in the neighborhood. The following speakers addressed the body: Deb Forgione; Erin Quealy; and Richard Snyder. C. Elliott noted the need to develop action steps to resolve noise issues. Mr. Slagle stated that there have been meetings and those meetings continue with owners of property and businesses. **Motion** by C. Elliott, seconded by C. Conway to have Inspectional Services produce a report regarding enforcement of the noise ordinance and what violations are present. So voted. C. Elliott noted further meeting once report is produced. C. Elliott introduced discussion of excessive noise by vehicles in the neighborhoods. Supt. Richardson commented on the challenges in policing this issue noting they have a committed strategy in dealing with it. C. Elliott noted tickets are being issued and video is being used to identify violators. C. Chau questioned if it were legal to alter vehicles to emit louder noise. C. Elliott commented on last agenda item of fireworks in the City. Supt. Richardson noted it was a State wide issue and that there was a current investigation regarding the sale of



them from in state and out of state. C. Rourke indicated that police check every call regarding fireworks. Supt. Richardson concurred with that so that any potential gunfire would be eliminated.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn by C. Chau, seconded by C. Rourke. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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