



# Lowell City Council

## Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** November 29, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom(Hybrid)

### PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Housing SC – C. Yem, C. Drinkwater, C. Nuon (Absent); Zoning SC – C. Drinkwater, C. Leahy, C. Yem. Also present were C. Gitschier, Francesca Cigliano (Insp. Services), Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD), Manager Golden, Jr., C. Jenness and M. Chau.

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Drinkwater called the meeting to order noting attendance and topic of meeting being encouraging development.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Ms. Cigliano provided presentation entitled “Proposed Zoning Changes: Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) Zoning District”. Ms. Cigliano noted changes to parking requirements to streamline development. Ms. Cigliano noted changes are in line with City goals to combat vacancies, adhere to Sustainable Lowell 2025 and respond to Council motion requests. Ms. Cigliano noted purpose of changes was to accommodate future development and that changes would be to parking requirements, special permitting and zoning use table/definitions. C. Yem made note of the parking requirements. C. Jenness noted excitement with changes which would unlock development as City moves to different style of living. Ms. Cigliano noted need to expand downtown population to encourage increased business in the area. C. Drinkwater noted area will do better with increased population and changes would have positive impact.

C. Drinkwater opened meeting to public. No response. **Motion** by C. Yem, seconded by C. Leahy to recommend to full Council support of noted changes in the presentation. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted. C. Yem commented on other downtown neighborhoods in different cities.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn and continue by C. Yem, seconded by C. Leahy. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk