



# Lowell City Council

## *Economic/Downtown Dev. SC*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 11, 2020  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber  
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott, C. Chau, and C. Drinkwater. Also present C. Mercier, C. Conway, Manager Donoghue, Diane Tradd (DPD), Joe Giniewicz (DPD), Claire Ricker (DPD), Maria Dickinson (DPD) and Natasha Vance (Transportation Engineer)

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

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Manager Donoghue commented on presentation regarding Hamilton Canal Innovation District (HCID). Ms. Tradd made note of planning team present. Ms. Ricker began presentation entitled "Hamilton Canal Innovation District Update" commenting on the history, layout and different projects in the district. C. Elliott noted progress being made and questioned who developers are recruited to the site. Manager Donoghue commented on developer interest. C. Elliott questioned available parcels at the site. C. Chau questioned development criteria regarding commercial versus residential. Ms. Tradd noted development was a health mix. C. Drinkwater questioned latest on parcel under review by Sal Lupoli. C. Mercier commented on the completion of the infrastructure. Ms. Ricker provided status of current infrastructure in the entire district. C. Elliott questioned procedure used by developers. Manager Donoghue noted it was an ongoing process. Mr. Giniewicz commented on construction of parking garage, justice center and Winn Development. C. Elliott questioned parking plan during construction of projects. Manager Donoghue noted that City must provide three hundred spaces. Ms. Tradd reviewed parking plan. C. Chau commented on justice center and the parking plan. Manager Donoghue commented on tenants who will occupy the justice center. C. Elliott questioned the storage of construction material. C. Mercier questioned the number of spaces available in the new garage. Ms. Vance commented on Lord Overpass project and traffic mitigation plan. C. Elliott commented on recent closing of the Pawtucket Street Bridge and the importance of opening it as soon as possible. Ms. Vance noted the need for added information and then they



would develop mitigation plan. Ms. Dickinson commented on the many incentives available for developers which include State and Federal programs allowing for tax credit and savings. C. Chau commented on the need for the district to link with downtown. Ms. Dickinson commented on the many grants and loans available for small business downtown. C. Drinkwater noted the need to engage downtown with the HCID. **Motion** by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Chau request City Manager develop economic plan to provide link of HCID to business downtown. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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