



# Lowell City Council

## *Zoning SC Meeting Minutes*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** March 3, 2020  
**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber  
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott and C. Nuon. One absent (C. Chau). Also present was Eric Slagle (Inspectional Services).

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

Chairman Elliott called the meeting commenting on zoning issues.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Elliott commented on the inspection process. Mr. Slagle provided an update regarding inspections and noted that a report was being prepared with the data that has been collected. Mr. Slagle commented on the inspection process and the exemptions contained in the ordinance. Mr. Slagle reviewed data regarding inspections done in 2019. C. Elliott noted that not all property owners have been compliant with the application process and that the use of a registry might increase inspection efficiency as well as compel owners to comply with the ordinance. Mr. Slagle noted that fines are levied for noncompliance. C. Nuon questioned the number of units in the City. Mr. Slagle noted prior discussions concerning changing from a three to a five year inspection cycle. Mr. Slagle commented on inspections concerning violations and the additional use of resources to cover them. C. Nuon noted that there could be several inspections surrounding one violation. Mr. Slagle commented on inspections concerning illegal dumping in the City as well as permit violations. C. Elliott questioned if third party vendor would be able to inspect. C. Elliott noted resources needed to increase inspections and enforcement. Mr. Slagle commented on increased use of technology to promote efficiency. C. Elliott noted that for next meeting there should be a discussion regarding set up of a registry system and requested a report regarding worst properties in the City.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:29 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk