



Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: April 4, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA /Zoom (Hybrid)

1. **ROLL CALL**

2. **MAYOR'S BUSINESS**

2.1. Communication Remote / Zoom Participation:

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2.2. Citations:

1) John Long - Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year;

2) Chili and Stew Contest Winners: Professional - CTI Youthbuild Culinary Program; and Amateur - Douglas Bergeron.

2.3. Proclamation - National Public Health Week.

3. **CITY CLERK**

3.1. Minutes Of City Council Regular Meeting March 21st/25th; Transportation SC March 28th; City Council Regular Meeting March 28th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2023 MARCH 21 25 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2023 MARCH 28 TRANS SC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2023 MARCH 28 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1. Vote - Authorize Payment Of Bills Incurred In Excess Of Appropriations - Schools.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLM.A.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23450?FILEID=48392](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23450?fileid=48392)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5.1. Loan Order - MSBA Accelerated Repair To Various School Buildings. (\$21,108,052)

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLM.A.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/23318?FILEID=48298](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/23318?fileid=48298)

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Line Striping Schedule for Parking Lots in Schools Complete
- B) Motion Response - Police Calls on Main Number Not Answered By Live Dispatcher
- C) Motion Response - Senior Work Off Property
- D) Motion Response - Union Contracts HR
- E) Motion Response - All Paid Invoices
- F) Motion Response - Outdoor Dining Regulations
- G) Motion Response - Field Improvements
- H) Motion Response - Archdiocese Property
- I) Motion Response - Petition Reserve Dwelling Ordinance With Attachment
- J) Motion Response - Subdividing HCID Properties
- K) Motion Response - School Street Cemetery Wall Repair
- L) Motion Response - Fort Hill Ave Sidewalk Request

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - LINE STRIPING SCHEDULE FOR PARKING LOTS IN SCHOOLS COMPLETE.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - POLICE CALLS ON MAIN NUMBER NOT ANSWERED BY LIVE DISPATCHER.PDF](#)

C) MOTION RESPONSE - SENIOR WORK OFF PROPERTY.PDF
D) MOTION RESPONSE - UNION CONTRACTS HR.PDF
E) MOTION RESPONSE - ALL PAID INVOICES.PDF
F) MOTION RESPONSE - OUTDOOR DINING REGULATIONS.PDF
G) MOTION RESPONSE - FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.PDF
H) MOTION RESPONSE - ARCHDIOCESE PROPERTY.PDF
I) MOTION RESPONSE - PETITION RESERVE DWELLING
ORDINANCE WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
J) MOTION RESPONSE - SUBDIVIDING HCID PROPERTIES.PDF
K) MOTION RESPONSE -SCHOOL STREET CEMETERY WALL
REPAIR.PDF
L) MOTION RESPONSE - FORT HILL AVE SIDEWALK
REQUEST.PDF

6.2. Informational Reports

Informational Report - Impact Task Force

Documents:

[INFORMATIONAL REPORT - IMPACT TASK FORCE.PDF](#)

6.3. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (1) LPD And (1) MassHire.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 4 OST 1 LPD 1 MASSHIRE.PDF](#)

7. **VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

7.1. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. PFA With MSBA

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. PFA WITH MSBA.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote - Transfer \$20,000 - DPD

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 20,000 - DPD.PDF](#)

8. **ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

[ORDER - 60 DAY TRIAL.PDF](#)

9. **ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

9.1. Ordinance - Amend Chap 266 Vehicles And Traffic - Commercial Parking

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND CHAP 266 VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC - COMMERCIAL PARKING.PDF](#)

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

10.1. Neighborhoods SC April 3, 2023.

10.2. Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC April 4, 2023.

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Claims - (3) Property Damage.

11.2. Misc. - 8th Grade Students (Room #129) From Dr. An Wang Middle School Request Permission To Address Council Regarding Addition Of Bike Lanes In The City Of Lowell.

Documents:

[2023 APRIL 4 DR AN WANG MIDDLE SCHOOL 8TH GRADE STUDENTS BIKE LANES.PDF](#)

12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

12.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide The City Council With A List Of The Number Of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) The City Owns (Excluding Police And Fire), And The Locations In Municipal Buildings.

12.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Report On Which Department Is Responsible For Identifying Damage Caused By Equipment Contractor After The Winter Season Is Over.

12.3. C. Jenness/C. Gitschier/C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On The Current Status Of Recommendations From The 2019 Clifton Larson HR Audit; Including What Has Been Implemented To Date And The Current Status Of Other Suggested Improvements.

12.4. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Ensure That Noise Amplification Is Not Used In A Way That Negatively Impacts Community During The Spring Weather.

12.5. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Transportation Engineer Conduct A Traffic Study At The Intersection Of Varnum Avenue And The VFW Highway.

12.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Report If Any Further Steps Are Necessary To Streamline "Streeteries" Process.

12.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Detailed Update On The Store 38 And Fairmount Street Intersection.

12.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On What Percentage Of Our Employees Are Currently In Compliance With The State Mandated, Computerized Ethics Training.

- 12.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Report On Why We Removed The LRTA Bus Hub From Downtown And Explore If It Would Be Feasible To Bring A Central Bus Hub Back.
- 12.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An Update On The Traffic Lights On Varnum Avenue And University Avenue Intersections.
- 12.11.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Detailed Timeline; Including Scope Of Work For Clean-Up Of All City Green Space, As Well As, A Report With Correction Timeline On Damage Caused From Winter Operations.
- 12.12.C. Robinson/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Create A Focus Group Tasked With The Creation Of, Management Of, Maintenance Of, And Marketing Of The Lowell Experience; Including Utilizing Capital Resources.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14. ADJOURNMENT

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