



## Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

**Date:** May 9, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 PM

**Location:** City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

### 1. ROLL CALL

### 2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

#### 2.1. Communication Remote / Zoom Participation:

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[HTTPS://SUPPORT.ZOOM.US/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/201362193-JOINING-A-MEETING](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting)

### 3. CITY CLERK

#### 3.1. Minutes Of City Council Regular Meeting Of April 25th And Continued To May 2nd, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[CC 4 25 5 2 MINUTES.PDF](#)

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

#### 4.1. Motion Responses

A) Motion Response - Upgrades to City Baseball and Softball Fields

B) Motion Response - Hunger Homeless Commission

- C) Motion Response - Kiosk Instructions
- D) Motion Response - Bike Racks
- E) Motion Response - Letter to MSBA
- F) Motion Response - 48 Kinsman Street and Vacant Properties
- G) Motion Response - Cure for Muddy Area At Corner of Bridge St. and VFW Highway
- H) Motion Response - Legal Opinion on Public Comment
- I) Motion Response - Interpretation Services
- J) Motion Response - DEI Officer
- K) Motion Response - Walking and Biking Maps (and Petition Response - Wang School Students)
- L) Motion Response - Noise Amplification with Attachment
- M) Motion Response - Digital Equity Grant
- N) Motion Response - MVHP Housing

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - UPGRADES TO CITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - HUNGER HOMELESS COMMISSION.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - KIOSK INSTRUCTIONS.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - BIKE RACKS.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - LETTER TO MSBA.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - 48 KINSMAN STREET AND VACANT PROPERTIES.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - CURE FOR MUDDY AREA AT CORNER OF BRIDGE ST. AND VFW HIGHWAY.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - LEGAL OPINION ON PUBLIC COMMENT.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - INTERPRETATION SERVICES.PDF
- J) MOTION RESPONSE - DEI OFFICER.PDF
- K) MOTION RESPONSE - WALKING AND BIKING MAPS (AND PETITION RESPONSE - WANG SCHOOL STUDENTS).PDF
- L) MOTION RESPONSE - NOISE AMPLIFICATION WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- M) MOTION RESPONSE - DIGITAL EQUITY GRANT.PDF
- N) MOTION RESPONSE - MVHP HOUSING.PDF

4.2. Informational Reports

Informational Report - LeLacheur Park Sale

Informational Report - Substance Abuse Prevention Forum

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - LELACHEUR PARK SALE.PDF

INFORMATIONAL REPORT - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
FORUM.PDF

4.3. Communication - Appointment Of New Members To Various Boards And  
Commissions

Documents:

[HANNAH.PDF](#)

4.4. Communication - Reappointment Of Members From Various Boards And  
Commissions

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS FROM  
VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.PDF](#)

4.5. Communication - Resignation Of Members From Various Boards And  
Commissions

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS FROM  
VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.PDF](#)

4.6. Communication - City Manager Request (1) Out Of State Travel LPD.

Documents:

[OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REQUEST - J. NOONE.PDF](#)

**5. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

5.1. Order - 60 Day Trial

Documents:

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

**6. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)**

**7. PETITIONS**

7.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

7.2. Misc. - Christine Florence/Maggie O'Rourke Request Permission To Discuss  
Donation Of LifeVac Choking Rescue Devices To The City.

Documents:

[LIFE VAC \(1\) \(4\) \(1\).PDF](#)

7.3. Misc. - Meng KIt Request Permission To Address City Council Regarding Business Permit Parking On University Avenue.

## 8. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

8.1. C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Look Into Removing The Double Poles Along Moore Street.

8.2. C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have Parks Department Explore Installing Pickle Ball Courts Throughout The City.

8.3. C. Leahy/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore The Feasibility Of Placing Micro Dog Parks In Around Neighborhood District Parks.

8.4. C. Gitschier/C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have Superintendent Of Police Update The City Council As To What Measures Are Being Taken To Combat The Up-Tick In Gun Violence.

8.5. C. Scott/C. Gitschier - Req. Mayor Request Our State Delegation File Legislation That Would Bring Into Question The Dover Amendment (M,G.L. Ch. 40A, Section 3), That Was Originally Adopted In 1950.

8.6. C. Jenness/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate The Department Of Labor's Building Pathways To Infrastructure Job Grant Program And Provide A Report To The Council On Potential Benefit To The City Of Lowell.

8.7. C. Jenness/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore The Feasibility Of Creating Outdoor Co-Working Spaces Similar To What Montreal Has Done In Order To Increase The Vibrancy Of Our Business' Districts Downtown And In Neighborhoods Across The City.

8.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Detailed Report On The Impact Of The Behavioral Health Unit Police Collaborative In Lowell.

8.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Detailed Report Updating Any Potential Plans To Implement A Pedestrian Only Food, Drink, Small Business Area Pilot In Calendar Year 2023.

8.10. C. Jenness/C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Report On Collaboration Strategies, Such As Joint Patrols That Could Be Employed To Maintain Quality Of Life In The Neighborhoods Surrounding The University.

8.11. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The Feasibility Of 4th Of July Baseball/Fireworks Program At LeLacheur.

8.12. C. Jenness/C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Public Update On The Recent Cybersecurity Incident; Including Timeline For Restoration Of All Impacted City Services.

8.13. C. Nuon - City Auditor Provide An Update Regarding Bi-Weekly Payroll.

8.14. C. Nuon - Req. City Auditor Provide City Council With A Report Concerning The Feasibility Of Auditing Overtime Expenditures Throughout The City.

- 8.15. C. Nuon - Req. City Council Celebrate The Role Of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians And Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Have Played In Shaping Lowell's History And The Work Our Communities Continue To Do Today To Address Inequities To Make Lowell A Better Place For All.
- 8.16. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Superintendent Of Schools And Police Superintendent To Ensure Plans Are In Place To Deal With "Swatting" Calls, Which Are Phone Calls Made Regarding Fake School Shootings.
- 8.17. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Accept And Arrange An Invitation From The Lowell CO-OP Team To All City Council Members To Participate In A Narcan Training Session Together, At Their Best Available Time.
- 8.18. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Place Hadley Street On The Re-Paving List.
- 8.19. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Update The Council On The Hometown Heroes Banners, As To When They Will Be Ready And Where To Hang Them; Along With The City's Plan To Celebrate Memorial Day 2023.
- 8.20. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The MVP Grant Project For An Urban Forest Master Plan And Master Plan For Urban Heat Island Assessment.
- 8.21. C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. And The Mayor Draft A Letter Urging Massachusetts Senators And Congresswoman Lori Trahan To Support H.R. 8197 "Veterans Equal Access Act" On Behalf Of The Entire City Council.
- 8.22. C. Rourke/C. Robinson/C. Scott/C. Yem - Req. City Of Lowell Declare Homelessness A Public Health Crisis.

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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