



## Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

**Date:** May 24, 2022

**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:

Meetings Will Be Held In Council Chamber With Public Welcome And By Using Remote Participation As Follows: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC.Org (On-Line; Live Streaming; Or Local Cable Channel 99). Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To City Clerk Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Issued Zoom Link To The Meeting. Email Address Is [MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV](mailto:MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV). If No Access To Email You May Contact City Clerk At 978-674-4161. All Request Must Be Done Before 4:00 PM On The Day Of Meeting. For Zoom - [HTTPS://SUPPORT.ZOOM.US/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/201362193-JOINING-A-MEETING](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting)

#### 2.2. Presentation - Juneteenth Events.

### 3. CITY CLERK

#### 3.1. Minutes Of Neighborhoods SC Joint With Public Safety SC May 17th; City Council Regular Meeting May 17th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 MAY 17 NEIGHBORHOODS SC WITH PUBLIC SAFETY SC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 MAY 17 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Ext TTF Zone - 89 Agawam.  
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19594?  
FILEID=42416](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19594?FILEID=42416)
- 4.2. Ordinance - Amend Fee Schedule - Custodial Fee.  
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19772?  
FILEID=43220](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19772?FILEID=43220)
- 4.3. Ordinance - Create Position And Salary For Cadet - LPD.  
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19771?  
FILEID=43219](HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/19771?FILEID=43219)

**5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Robinson School Dismissal
- B) Motion Response - School Street Retaining Wall
- C) Motion Response - EV Infrastructure Bill Funding
- D) Motion Response - Underground Railroad History Signage
- E) Motion Response - Dog Parks
- F) Motion Response - Cambodia Town Flags
- G) Motion Response - Four Way Stop Sign at 5th and Read
- H) Motion Response - Palmer Street Sidewalk Brick Repair
- I) Motion Response - Traffic Lights at Varnum Ave and VFW
- J) Motion Response - Cemetery Work Garage Facility
- K) Motion Response - Citywide Pothole Repair
- L) Motion Response - First Street Lighting
- M) Motion Response - Oakland Firehouse Repair
- N) Motion Response - Bulky Item Disposal
- O) Motion Response - Solid Waste Pick-Up Update
- P) Motion Response - Yard Waste Collection
- Q) Motion Response - Highland Ave and Powell Street Paving
- R) Motion Response - Beaver Street Bridge

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - ROBINSON SCHOOL DISMISSAL.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL STREET RETAINING WALL.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - EV INFRASTRUCTURE BILL FUNDING.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY

[SIGNAGE.PDF](#)  
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - DOG PARKS.PDF](#)  
[F\) MOTION RESPONSE - CAMBODIA TOWN FLAGS.PDF](#)  
[G\) MOTION RESPONSE - FOUR WAY STOP SIGN AT 5TH AND READ.PDF](#)  
[H\) MOTION RESPONSE - PALMER STREET SIDEWALK BRICK REPAIR.PDF](#)  
[I\) MOTION RESPONSE - TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT VARNUM AVE AND VFW.PDF](#)  
[J\) MOTION RESPONSE - CEMETERY WORK GARAGE FACILITY.PDF](#)  
[K\) MOTION RESPONSE - CITYWIDE POTHOLE REPAIR.PDF](#)  
[L\) MOTION RESPONSE - FIRST STREET LIGHTING.PDF](#)  
[M\) MOTION RESPONSE - OAKLAND FIREHOUSE REPAIR.PDF](#)  
[N\) MOTION RESPONSE - BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL.PDF](#)  
[O\) MOTION RESPONSE - SOLID WASTE PICK-UP UPDATE.PDF](#)  
[P\) MOTION RESPONSE - YARD WASTE COLLECTION.PDF](#)  
[Q\) MOTION RESPONSE - HIGHLAND AVE AND POWELL STREET PAVING.PDF](#)  
[R\) MOTION RESPONSE - BEAVER STREET BRIDGE.PDF](#)

## 6.2. Informational Reports

S) Informational - FY2023 Budget Presentation

Documents:

[S\) INFORMATIONAL - FY2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION.PDF](#)

## 6.3. Communication - Planning Board Recommendation On Proposed Zoning Amendment To Rezone Parcels At 89 Agawam Street From TSF To TTF Zoning District.

Documents:

[2022 MAY 24 PB REC AGAWAM ST ZONING CHANGE.PDF](#)

## 6.4. Communication - Resignation Of Anne-Marie (Sreypov) Porter From Council On Aging

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF ANNE-MARIE \(SREYPOV\) PORTER FROM COUNCIL ON AGING.PDF](#)

## 7. **VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

### 7.1. Vote - Accept Timely Submission Of The Budget

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT TIMELY SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET.PDF](#)

- 7.2. Vote - Accept/Expend 200,000 MassDevelopment Cultural Facilities Fund (CCF) Capital Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 200,000 MASSDEVELOPMENT CULTURAL FACILITIES FUND \(CCF\) CAPITAL GRANT.PDF](#)

- 7.3. Vote - Accept/Expend FY23 Earmarked Funds - 200,000 Cambodia Town Archway

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND FY23 EARMARKED FUNDS - 200,000 CAMBODIA TOWN ARCHWAY.PDF](#)

- 7.4. Vote - Accept/Expend FY23 Earmarked Funds - 25,000 Downtown Lowell

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND FY23 EARMARKED FUNDS - 25,000 DOWNTOWN LOWELL.PDF](#)

- 7.5. Vote - Accept/Expend FY23 Earmarked Funds - 700,000 Centralville & Pawtucketville

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND FY23 EARMARKED FUNDS - 700,000 CENTRALVILLE AND PAWTUCKETVILLE.PDF](#)

- 7.6. Vote - Endorse The 5 Year Capital Plan

Documents:

[VOTE - ENDORSE THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN.PDF](#)

- 7.7. Vote - FY23 Appropriation Order

Documents:

[VOTE - FY23 APPROPRIATION ORDER.PDF](#)

- 7.8. Vote - Parking Passcard Agreement - ONE Riverfront LLC

Documents:

[VOTE - PARKING PASSCARD AGREEMENT - ONE RIVERFRONT LLC.PDF](#)

## **8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Loan Order - Capital Plan Loan Order

Documents:

[LOAN ORDER - CAPITAL PLAN LOAN ORDER.PDF](#)

8.2. Loan Order - Grand Manor Judgment

Documents:

[LOAN ORDER - GRAND MANOR JUDGMENT.PDF](#)

**9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

9.1. Ordinance - Amend Sewer Rate FY23

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND SEWER RATE FY23.PDF](#)

9.2. Ordinance - Amend Water Rate FY23

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND WATER RATE FY23.PDF](#)

9.3. Ordinance - Create New Position (DPD - Energy Advocate)

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE NEW POSITION \(DPD - ENERGY ADVOCATE\).PDF](#)

9.4. Ordinance - Create New Position (DPW - Facilities & Infrastructure Project Manager)

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE NEW POSITION \(DPW - FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT MANAGER\).PDF](#)

9.5. Ordinance - Create New Position (Fire - Assistant Chief)

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE NEW POSITION \(FIRE - ASSISTANT CHIEF\).PDF](#)

9.6. Ordinance - Create New Position (HR - HR Generalist)

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - CREATE NEW POSITION \(HR - HR](#)

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

10.1. Economic/Downtown Development SC May 24, 2022.

**11. PETITIONS**

11.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.

11.2. Misc. - Charles Kafasis Request Installation Of "No Parking From Here To Corner" Sign At Corner Of Mt. Vernon And Varney Street.

Documents:

[2022 MAY 24 CHARLES KAFASIS REQ NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER AT MT VERNON AND VARNEY ST.PDF](#)

11.3. Misc. - Pineapple Realty Trust, LLC (Atty. John Cox) Request Extending Light Industry Zone Into Residential Zone At 128 Maple Street.

Documents:

[2022 MAY 24 ATTY JOHN F. COX FOR PINEAPPLE REALTY TRUST LLC REQ ZONING CHANGE LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE BE EXTENDED TO THE CENTER LINE QUEBEC ST.PDF](#)

**12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

12.1. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Update The City Council On The Timeframe Of Replacement Of The Gas Line At The End Of Marshall Avenue Between West Forest Street; Also Update On The Restoration Of The Natural Areas That Were Disturbed By The Construction Of The Gas Line, Ie., Replacement Of The Trees And Natural Settings.

12.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update To The Council Regarding LeLacheur Park.

12.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide The City Council With An Inventory Of City Owned Vehicles That Have A Purchase Price Of Over \$25,000; Include In The Report The Year, Make, Model, Age Expected Replacement Year And Projected Cost Of The Vehicle At The Time Of Purchase.

12.4. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Plans For Maintenance Workers At Lowell High School.

12.5. C. Robinson/C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Address The Ongoing Issues With City Ball Field Maintenance.

12.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Council Begin Discussions On Establishing A Fund Out Of The Mayor's Office That Will Allow The City Of Lowell To Make Contributions To Community Groups That Are Performing Flag Raisings, Community Celebrations And Dedications At City Hall.

12.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Council Begin Discussions On Requesting From The

Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission To Be One Of The 12 Host Communities Allowed To Take Part In A 3 Year Pilot Program Allowing A Licensed Cannabis Café.

- 12.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Updating Markings Or Any Other Possible Traffic Calming Measures In The Area Of Barker And Billings Streets.
- 12.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An Update On Wall At McPherson Park.
- 12.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An Update Regarding VFW Project And If There Is Still Plans To Incorporate Trees For Sound Mitigation Measures.
- 12.11.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With City And School Unions, The Public School Community, PTO Organizations And Volunteer Organizations To Put Together An "All Hands On Deck" Cosmetic Task Force With The Goal To Update Schools And Facilities Identified In Need Of Painting And/Or Cosmetic Upgrades Over Summer Break.
- 12.12.C. Yem/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Establish The City Youth Commission In Accordance With Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8E.
- 12.13.C. Yem/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Explore Installing A 4-Way Stop Sign At The Corner Of Suffolk And Broadway Streets, Along With Painting Pedestrian Crosswalk On Broadway Street.
- 12.14.C. Nuon/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Report On The Acquisition And Implementation Of Interpretation Services For City Council Meetings And Other Public City Meetings.
- 12.15.C. Nuon/C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Report On Providing An Overview Of Various Programs And Services That Are Designed To Assist The City's Chronically Unhoused Population And Those In Danger Of Becoming Unhoused, Along With The Metrics By Which The City Determines The Effectiveness Of These Programs.
- 12.16.C. Jenness/C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Investigate Drafting An Ordinance Prohibiting The Sale Of Gasoline At City Filling Stations To Unlicensed And/Or Unregistered Vehicles Unless They Are On A Trailer.
- 12.17.C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Inspect And Upgrade Crosswalks On Rogers Street In The Vicinity Of Rogers Hall.
- 12.18.C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update Regarding Firehouse Water Heater Repairs.
- 12.19.M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Law Department Draft A Resolution Recognizing African Unity Day In Lowell On May 25th.
- 12.20.M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have LPD Look Into Cut Through Traffic On Concord Street, From Church Street To Rogers Street, And Explore Possible Use Of Speed Bump.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

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