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Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

Date: July 11, 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:

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@LOWELLMMA.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 - Lowell Folk Festival Presentation By Lee Viliesis

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Technology And Utilities SC June 13th; City Council Regular Meeting June 27th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2023 JUNE 13 TECH UTILIT SC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2023 JUNE 27 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

4.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning - Accessory Dwelling Units.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24066?](https://www.LowellMA.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/24066?)

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5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Conduit Within Morse Street To Improve Electrical Service To The Lowell Housing Authority Property.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24430?>

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- 5.2. National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of Additional Pole On Varnum Avenue, Near Fowler Road.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24429?>

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- 5.3. National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of Additional Pole On Varnum Avenue, Near Riverside Avenue.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/24428?>

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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Communication Translation
- B) Motion Response - Appeals Process Information
- C) Motion Response - Streateries
- D) Motion Response - City Council Meeting Broadcast Update
- E) Motion Response - LCHS Field Partnership Opportunity

Documents:

- [A\) MOTION RESPONSE - COMMUNICATION TRANSLATION.PDF](#)
- [B\) MOTION RESPONSE - APPEALS PROCESS INFORMATION.PDF](#)
- [C\) MOTION RESPONSE - STREATERIES.PDF](#)
- [D\) MOTION RESPONSE - CITY COUNCIL MEETING BROADCAST UPDATE.PDF](#)
- [E\) MOTION RESPONSE - LCHS FIELD PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY.PDF](#)

- 6.2. Communication - Reappointment Of Mony Var To Lowell Housing Authority

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - REAPPOINTMENT OF MONY VAR TO LOWELL HOUSING AUTHORITY.PDF](#)

- 6.3. Communication - Resignation Of Beverly Anthes From Election Commission

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF BEVERLY ANTHES FROM](#)

[ELECTION COMMISSION.PDF](#)

6.4. Communication - Resignation Of Garrett Beaulieu From Conservation Commission

Documents:

[COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF GARRETT BEAULIEU FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF](#)

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Accept/Appropriate/Expend \$21,400,000 RAISE Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT.APPROPRIATE.EXPEND 21,400,000 RAISE GRANT.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote - Authorize CM Execute Annual Action Plan FY23-24

Documents:

[VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EXECUTE ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY23-24.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - License Agreement With Lowell Festival Foundation

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LOWELL FESTIVAL FOUNDATION.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - Transfer \$1,055,000 - Snow And Ice

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 1,055,000 - SNOW AND ICE.PDF](#)

7.5. Vote - Transfer \$1,352,000 - Health/Dental Insurance

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 1,352,000 - HEALTH.DENTAL INSURANCE.PDF](#)

7.6. Vote - Transfer \$20,000 - Disability Commission

Documents:

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

7.7. Vote - Transfer \$35,000 - Postage

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 35,000 - POSTAGE.PDF](#)

7.8. Vote - Transfer \$91,000 - Energy

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 91,000 - ENERGY.PDF](#)

7.9. Vote - Transfer \$950,000 - Payroll Taxes

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 950,000 - PAYROLL TAXES.PDF](#)

8. ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Order - Abandon Portion Of Pratt Avenue

Documents:

[ORDER - ABANDON PORTION OF PRATT AVENUE.PDF](#)

9. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

9.1. Wire Insp. - (5) 1. Waveguide On Behalf First Light Fiber Conduit Appleton St., 2. Boston Gas DbA National Grid Concrete Pad Bradley St., 3. Boston Gas DbA National Grid Relay Plastic Gas Main Varnum Ave., 4. Comcast Conduit Lakeview Ave., 5. Comcast Conduit And Manhole On Kirk St

Documents:

[DOC01602920230706093428.PDF](#)
[DOC01603020230706093438.PDF](#)
[DOC01603120230706093447.PDF](#)
[DOC01603220230706093456.PDF](#)
[DOC01603320230706093502.PDF](#)

10. PETITIONS

10.1. Misc. - Ginnet Boria/Haguen Morel For The Benefit Of Hannel Morel Request Installation Of Handicap Parking Sing At 173 East Merrimack Street (1st Floor).

Documents:

[2023 JULY 11 BORIA HANDICAP EAST MERR ST.PDF](#)

11. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

11.1. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Department To Investigate If There Is A Design Flaw Around Water Drainage On Adie Way.

- 11.2. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Secure The Property At 32 Union Street.
- 11.3. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Releasing All Executive Session Minutes That No Longer Warrants Confidentiality.
- 11.4. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Explore Potential Opportunities To Partner With LTC To Improve The Quality Of Service As Well As Assist The City Increase Public Communication Pipeline.
- 11.5. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have DPW Address Pedestrian Walkway Pedestrian Safety Issues Due To Overgrowth Citywide In A Timely Manner With Consideration Given To Bringing In Additional Equipment If Necessary.
- 11.6. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Law Department Provide Insight On The Process To Examine Banning The Sale Of Glass Pens Or Glass Stem Sales In Convenience Stores Within City Limits.
- 11.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Departments Address The Increase In Speeding In Areas Of Christian, Mt Pleasant, As Well As Around The Reservoir During Heavy Commute Times.
- 11.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On Catch Basin Cleaning Progress.
- 11.9. C. Robinson - Req. Mayor Create A Special Event Sub Committee.
- 11.10.C. Robinson – Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Department To Develop A Proactive Solution To Vagrancy, Substance Abuse, Loitering Issues Around St John’s Church Area.
- 11.11.C. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Provide Update On Housing Summit.
- 11.12.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Begin Investigation And Draft Of A Shadow Conduit Ordinance For The Council's Consideration.
- 11.13.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Reach Out To The Middlesex Sheriff's Office To Request That The Mobile Command Center Be Deployed To The Back Central Neighborhood As It Was Last Year.
- 11.14.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have The Lowell Police Department Increase Foot And Car Patrols In The Back Central Neighborhood.
- 11.15.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Provide Update On The Requested Fencing At The City Owned Lot At 32 Union Street.
- 11.16.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Put Together A Neighborhood Summit With The Back Central Neighborhood Leaders, Residents, Business Owners, Public Safety Representatives And Other Stakeholders To Discuss Strategies Around Improving Quality Of Life In The Neighborhood.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. ADJOURNMENT