



## Lowell City Council *Regular Meeting Agenda*

**Date:** November 8, 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:

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2.2. Citations - Fundraising Efforts Of Tommy Harry, Gus Zahareas, Bella Mike, Sophia Bedard, Charle Farley, Merryn Kay, Adelia Finn And Hannah Zahareas.

2.3. Presentation - Lowell City Of Learning Event (Margaret Shanahan/Carolyn McCarthy)

### 3. **CITY CLERK**

3.1. Minutes Of Housing SC November 1st; City Council Regular Meeting November 1st, For Acceptance.

Documents:

#### **4. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER**

##### 4.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Upgrading POW MIA Memorial
- B) Motion Response - Boards and Commission
- C) Motion Response - Painting of Crosswalks
- D) Motion Response - Applicability of Bruen Decision to Lowell Procedures
- E) Motion Response - Council Rules on City Website with Attachment
- F) Motion Response - O'Donnell Park Playground Funding with Attachment
- G) Motion Response - Natural Gas Aggregation with Attachment
- H) Motion Response - Indian Maiden with Attachment
- I) Motion Response - Tree Committee and Arborist with Attachment

##### Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - UPGRADING POW MIA MEMORIAL.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - BOARDS AND COMMISSION.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - PAINTING OF CROSSWALKS.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - APPLICABILITY OF BRUEN DECISION TO LOWELL PROCEDURES.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - COUNCIL RULES ON CITY WEBSITE WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - O'DONNELL PARK PLAYGROUND FUNDING WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- H) MOTION RESPONSE - INDIAN MAIDEN WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF
- I) MOTION RESPONSE - TREE COMMITTEE AND ARBORIST WITH ATTACHMENT.PDF

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

##### 5.1. Vote - Accept Donation Of \$5,000 From DCU

##### Documents:

- VOTE - ACCEPT DONATION OF 5,000 FROM DCU.PDF

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

##### 6.1. Housing SC November 1, 2022.

##### 6.2. Transportation SC November 8, 2022.

## 7. PETITIONS

- 7.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.
- 7.2. Misc. - Melissa Laurin (Meems Realty Trust) Request Removal Of Handicap Parking Sign Located At 327-329 East Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2022 NOVEMBER 8 MCEMS REALTY TRUST MELISSA LAURIN, OWNER REMOVE HP SIGN 327-329 EAST MERRIMACK ST.PDF](#)

## 8. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 8.1. C. Jenness - Req. City Clerk (And/Or City Solicitor) Provide A Report On What Options May Be Available To Increase The Requirements To Have A Petition To Address The Council, I.E. Minimum Number Of Signatories On A Petition Or Other Options.
- 8.2. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Explore Creating An Office Of Housing Stability To Help Address The Needs Of Housing Insecure Families And Individuals In Our City.
- 8.3. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Include Board And Commission Vacancies In The Routine Job Alert Updates That Get Sent Out Via Email And Social Media.
- 8.4. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report On The Current HR Policies Around Employee Demographic Data Collection As Well As Any Related State Requirements.
- 8.5. C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The Chief DEI Position.
- 8.6. C. Jenness/C. Noun - Req. City Mgr. Provide An Update On The Status Of The Hunger/Homeless Commission And Plans To Re-Start The Efforts Of That Commission.
- 8.7. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Parking Department Provide Tutorial Information To The Public In Regards To Operation Of New Kiosks In The City.
- 8.8. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have The LFD Fire Chief Review Existing Staffing Policies To Present Both A Short Term And Long Term Plan For Building A Sustainable OT Budget In The Fire Department; Including Reduction In Station Closings And Management Of Sick Time.
- 8.9. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide Council With An Update Regarding City Master Plan.
- 8.10. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On The Recently Released Decision (November 2, 2022) By The MSBA Board Of Directors Vote To Pause 2023 Accelerated Repair Program And On How It Effects The City Of Lowell.
- 8.11. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Update The City Council On What The DPW Has Done To Prepare For The Massachusetts Department Of Environmental

Protections Ban On Mattresses And Textiles That Went Into Effect On November 1, 2022.

- 8.12. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Detailed Report On Recycle And Trash Bin Replacement Including Entire Process From Report To Completion As Well As How Is Replacement Que Kept.
- 8.13. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Report On The Amount Of School Buses That Use The Area Of 1st. Street And Rt. 110 As Part Of The Bus Route, As Well As, The Amount Of Accidents Reported At The 1st. Street And Rt. 110 Intersection In The Past 3 Years.
- 8.14. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide An Update On Status Of 6th And Beacon In Regards To Citizen Request Tracker #48433.
- 8.15. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide The Current Policy Regarding Commercial Vehicles Being Parked On Public Streets; In Addition A Report On What Are The Practices For Enforcement.
- 8.16. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Explore The Feasibility Of Installing A Mirror By Railroad Bridge At Lawrence/Billerica Streets To Improve Sight Lines And Also Add Additional No Trucks Allowed Signage At The End Of Moore Street.
- 8.17. C. Scott/C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Add Ground Covering To The Reilly School Playground To Bring It To Level To The Ramps, And Also Repair All Broken Equipment.
- 8.18. M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Review The Feasibility Of Establishing A Mayor's Opioid Commission That Would Partner With Mayor, City Manager, Board Of Health And Other Community Stakeholders.

## **9. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 9.1. Executive Session - Regarding Litigation Update, Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

## **10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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