



# Lowell City Council

## Regular Meeting Agenda

**Date:** July 12, 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. Presentation - Loading Dock Arts, Inc. (Suzanne Hodge) Regarding Multicultural Event Entitled "Celebrating Diversity: Lowell Has It".

### 3. CITY CLERK

#### 3.1. Minutes Of Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC June 28th; City Council Regular Meeting June 28th; Parks And Recreation SC June 29th; Finance SC June 30th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 JUNE 28 HOUSING JOINT ZONING SC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 JUNE 28 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 JUNE 29 PARKS REC SC MINUTES.PDF](#)  
[2022 JUNE 30 FIN SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

#### 4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Section 4.3.3 Home Occupation - As Of Right.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20060?FILEID=43465>

- 4.2. Ordinance - Amend Fee Schedule - Accident Report.

[ORDINANCE - AMEND FEE SCHEDULE - ACCIDENT REPORT.PDF](#)

- 4.3. Ordinance - Amend HCID Parking Garage.

[ORDINANCE - AMEND FEE SCHEDULE - ACCIDENT REPORT.PDF](#)

- 4.4. Ordinance - Amend Self-Service Gas Station.

[ORDINANCE - AMEND SELF-SERVICE GAS STATION C.155 S.13.PDF](#)

- 4.5. Ordinance - Create LPD Revolving Funds.

[ORDINANCE - CREATE LPD REVOLVING FUNDS.PDF](#)

#### 5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING

- 5.1. National Grid - Request Installation Of Electric Underground Conduit To Service Middlesex Street (Boys And Girls Club).

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20291?FILEID=43626>

- 5.2. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Electric Conduit At Thorndike And Summer Street.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20293?FILEID=43628>

- 5.3. National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation (1) JO Pole #3 At Pine Hill Street.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20290?FILEID=43625>

- 5.4. National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of (1) JO Pole On Summer

Street.

<HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20292?FILEID=43629>

## 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

### 6.1. Motion Responses

- A) Motion Response - Greeter City Hall ARPA Language Services
- B) Motion Response - Naloxboxes
- C) Motion Response - Update On Hiring of Director of Elections
- D) Motion Response - Update On Hiring Executive Director of Water Utility
- E) Motion Response - Boards and Commissions (With Attachment)
- F) Motion Response - School Building Committee Membership (with attachment)
- G) Motion Response - Accessory Dwelling Unit Draft & Attachment with Ordinance Draft

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - GREETER CITY HALL ARPA LANGUAGE SERVICES.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - NALOXBOXES.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON HIRING OF DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - UPDATE ON HIRING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WATER UTILITY.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS (WITH ATTACHMENT).PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP (WITH ATTACHMENT).PDF
- G) MOTION RESPONSE - ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT DRAFT AND ATTACHEMENT WITH ORDINANCE DRAFT.PDF

### 6.2. Informational Reports

- INFORMATIONAL - Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Project Approval
- INFORMATIONAL - Lowell Sustainability Council Heat Island & Attachment

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL - MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER TRUST PROJECT APPROVAL.PDF
- INFORMATIONAL - LOWELL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL HEAT ISLAND AND ATTACHMENT.PDF

### 6.3. Communication - Planning Board Recommendation On Proposed Zoning Amendment Of Section 4.3.3 Home Occupations - By Right.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 12 PB REC ZONING CHANGE OF HOME OCCUPATION AS OF RIGHT.PDF](#)

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

7.1. Vote - Accept/Expend Fire S.A.F.E. Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT.EXPEND FIRE SAFE GRANT.PDF](#)

7.2. Vote - License Agreement - Callery Park Little League Baseball

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - CALLERY PARK LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - License Agreement - Centralville Baseball League Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - CENTRALVILLE BASEBALL LEAGUE INC..PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - License Agreement - Highland Sports Association, Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - HIGHLAND SPORTS ASSOCIATION, INC..PDF](#)

7.5. Vote - License Agreement - Pawtucketville Youth Organization, Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - PAWTUCKETVILLE YOUTH ORGANIZATION, INC..PDF](#)

7.6. Vote - License Agreement - Robert Clemente League, Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - ROBERT CLEMENTE LEAGUE, INC..PDF](#)

7.7. Vote - License Agreement - The Shedd Park Baseball Organization, Inc.

Documents:

[VOTE - LICENSE AGREEMENT - THE SHEDD PARK BASEBALL ORGANIZATION, INC..PDF](#)

7.8. Vote - Transfer \$210,000 - General Fund

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 210,000 - GENERAL FUND.PDF](#)

7.9. Vote - Transfer \$32,000 - Health Insurance

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 32,000 - HEALTH INSURANCE.PDF](#)

7.10. Vote - Transfer \$500,000 - Medicaid

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 500,000 - MEDICAID.PDF](#)

7.11. Vote - Transfer \$9,800 - Payroll

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 9,800 - PAYROLL.PDF](#)

**8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

8.1. Ordinance - Amend C.270 Waste And Recycling

Documents:

[ORDINANCE - AMEND C.270 WASTE AND RECYCLING.PDF](#)

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

9.1. Subcommittee Reports:

1) Parks and Recreation SC June 29th;

2) Finance SC June 30th; and

3) Municipal Facilities SC Joint with School Facilities SC July 12th.

**10. PETITIONS**

10.1. Claims - (2) Property Damage.

10.2. Misc. - Kesadarina (Concerned Citizens Of Lowell) Request Council Install Four Way Stop Sign At The Corner Of Westford And Stedman Streets.

Documents:

2022 JULY 12 CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LOWELL RE SAFETY  
CONCERNS ABOUT INTERSECTION OF STEDMAN ST AND  
WESTFORD ST.PDF

- 10.3. Misc. - Norman Smith Request Proper Department Address Speeding On Dingwell Street.

Documents:

2022 JULY 12 NORMAN SMITH REQ PROPER DEPT ADDRESS  
SPEEDING DINGWELL ST.PDF

- 10.4. Misc. - Brenda Mello Request Removal Of Handicap Sign 989 Central Street.

Documents:

2022 JULY 12 BRENDA M MELLO REMOVE HP SIGN 989  
CENTRAL ST.PDF

## 11. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 11.1. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Assess The Feasibility Of Assigning Smaller Districts For Trash/Recycling Collection And Hiring Two More Companies To Perform Collections, The Goal Being To Increase Efficiency And Potentially Lower Costs.
- 11.2. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Presentation Regarding ARPA Spending.
- 11.3. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide Updated Status Regarding The Hiring Of The Elections Director.
- 11.4. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Department To Assess The Feasibility Of Instituting A Policy Regarding Tree Cutting And Tree Removal.
- 11.5. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work With DPD To Form A Zoning Policy That Requires Residential Property Owners To Designate A Portion Of Their Land As Green/Open Space.
- 11.6. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Look Into The Naming The Stackpole St. Water Pumping Station After Former 40 Year City Employee Richard Brassard.
- 11.7. C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Outline The Possibility Of Off Setting The 38 Million Dollar Overrun On The High School Project Using Other Funding Sources Such As The ARPA Funds, The Federal Infrastructure Bill, Going Back To The State, The MSBA, Etc...
- 11.8. C. Scott/C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Departments To Provide A Legal Opinion On The Applicability Of The NY Gun Law Decision By The Supreme Court To The City Of Lowell Procedures.
- 11.9. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Appropriate Department To Identify Why Baker Commodities Located In Billerica, MA Has Had A Resurgence In Odor Issues And How They Will Be Addressed; Also, That Reporting Options Be Provided For Residents So That A Proper Tracking Of Odor Complaints

Can Be Maintained.

- 11.10.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Explore Options For Improving The "WELCOME TO LOWELL" Landscaping In The Cloverleaf At The End Of The Connector Inbound Onto Thorndike St.
- 11.11.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Compile An Inventory Of All 2 Cycle Engine Powered Equipment In Use Across The City With An Eye Towards Any Opportunities For Replacement With Electric Powered Equipment Where Appropriate.
- 11.12.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Review The Current Compensation For Election Poll Workers And Consider Raising Rates So Workers Are Making At Least Minimum Wage.
- 11.13.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Initiate A Conversation With The LRTA With Regard To Current Service Levels Vs. Pre-Pandemic Service Levels And Any Plans To Return To That Level Of Service.
- 11.14.C. Jenness - Req. City Mgr. Provide Report On Current Required Anti-Bias And Anti-Racism Trainings For All City Employees And Elected Officials.
- 11.15.C. Jenness/M. Chau/C. Nuon - Req. Mayor Chau Create A Special Commission On DEI Issues To Include Elected Officials, City Administration Leaders, Community Members And DEI Experts To Explore And Address Relevant Issues Within The City Via Community Engagement, Implementation Of Best Practices And Continual Review And Improvement Of Same.
- 11.16.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Consider McPherson Park Stands Area As An Art Installation Location.
- 11.17.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Painting No Parking And Install Signage At Corners Of Barker Ave And Ludlum; There Has Been Accidents And Parking Is Creating Blind Spots Pulling Out Of Barker, Heading Up Ludlum.
- 11.18.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide Update On Park And Business District Trash Barrel Plan; Including If Any Adaptations Have Been Made To Accommodate Increased Volume Due To Peak Season.
- 11.19.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide Update Whether The Section Of Dutton Street Cobblestones Sits Is Part Of The LHS Improvement Plan.
- 11.20.C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Find Ways And Means To Hire A Person To Apply Chemicals To Kill Weeds Around The City To Beautify The Streets.
- 11.21.M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Investigate The Health And Safety Of The Neighborhoods Surrounding The Thorndike Exchange Project Area Relative To Dust And Debris In The Air.
- 11.22.M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Investigate Potential Traffic Calming Measure On Canal St Right After Niki Tsongas If Possible Add Stop Sign At The Curve.
- 11.23.M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department To Look Into Temporary

Safety Measures To Help Pedestrian Cross The Middlesex & Thorndike,  
Appleton & Thorndike.

11.24M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Write A Letter To The Lowell State Delegation On  
Behalf Of The City Councilors To Support H.4720, An Act Investing In Future  
Opportunities For Resiliency, Workforce, And Revitalized Downtowns (Forward  
Bill) Which Has A Potential Earmark Of \$28,836,955.00 To Lowell.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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