



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: July 26, 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. Items:

Introduction - Mayor of Sao Domingo (Honorable Dr. Isaias Varela);

Information - Lowell Folk Festival;

Citation - BAPS Charities; and

Citation - Toy Vongpheth

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Municipal Facilities Joint With Lowell School Committee Facilities

SC July 12th; City Council Regular Meeting July 12th; Public Safety SC July 19th, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 12 MUN FAC WITH SCHOOL FAC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2022 JULY 12 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)
[2022 JULY 19 PUBLIC SAFETY SC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 4.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning Section 4.3.3 Home Occupation - As Of Right.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLM.A.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20060?FILEID=43465](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/20060?fileid=43465)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5.1. Ordinance - Amend C.270 Waste And Recycling.
[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLM.A.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/20507?FILEID=43787](https://www.lowellma.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/20507?fileid=43787)

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

- 6.1. Motion Responses
- A) Motion Response - Informational Sessions Tax Exemption Process
 - B) Motion Response - Boulevard Street
 - C) Motion Response - Feasibility Report on Sludge Plant or Regional Sludge Plant
 - D) Motion Response - Burnham Road Berm-Curbing
 - E) Motion Response - Park And Business District Trash
 - F) Motion Response - Employee Training for Commercial Drivers
 - G) Motion Response - Recycling Contamination Rate and Enforcement
 - H) Motion Response - Open Space Requirements
 - I) Motion Response - Tree Ordinance and Attachment
 - J) Motion Response - Greenhalge School Playground and Attachment

Documents:

[A\) MOTION RESPONSE - INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS TAX EXEMPTION PROCESS.PDF](#)
[B\) MOTION RESPONSE - BOULEVARD STREET.PDF](#)
[C\) MOTION RESPONSE - FEASIBILITY REPORT ON SLUDGE PLANT OR REGIONAL SLUDGE PLANT.PDF](#)
[D\) MOTION RESPONSE - BURNHAM ROAD BERM-CURBING.PDF](#)
[E\) MOTION RESPONSE - PARK AND BUSINESS DISTRICT TRASH.PDF](#)
[F\) MOTION RESPONSE - EMPLOYEE TRAINING FOR](#)

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS.PDF
G) MOTION RESPONSE - RECYCLING CONTAMINATION RATE AND ENFORCEMENT.PDF
H) MOTION RESPONSE - OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS.PDF
I) MOTION RESPONSE - TREE ORDINANCE AND ATTACHMENT.PDF
J) MOTION RESPONSE - GREENHALGE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND ATTACHMENT.PDF

6.2. Communication - City Manager Request Out Of State Travel (1) DPD.

Documents:

2022 JULY 26 OST 1 DPD.PDF

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. License Agreement With Granite State Giants

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH GRANITE STATE GIANTS.PDF

7.2. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. License Agreement With Lowell Festival Foundation

Documents:

VOTE - AUTHORIZE CM EX. LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH LOWELL FESTIVAL FOUNDATION.PDF

7.3. Vote - Authorize Purchase And Sales Agreement For Sale Of LeLacheur Park

8. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Ordinance - Create Position - Deputy Commissioner-Facilities

Documents:

ORDINANCE - CREATE POSITION - DEPUTY COMMISSIONER-FACILITIES.PDF

9. RESOLUTIONS

9.1. Resolution - Declare Lowell A Right-To-Choose Sanctuary City

Documents:

RESOLUTION - DECLARE LOWELL A RIGHT-TO-CHOOSE SANCTUARY CITY.PDF

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

10.1. Public Safety SC July 19, 2022

10.2. Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC July 26, 2022.

10.3. Wire Inspector Reports:

1) National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Electric Conduit At Thorndike And Summer Street; 2) National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation (1) JO Pole #3 At Pine Hill Street ; 3) National Grid/Verizon NE - Request Installation Of (1) JO Pole On Summer Street; And 4) National Grid - Request Installation Of Electric Underground Conduit To Service Middlesex Street (Boys And Girls Club).

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 NAT GRID SUMMER COND PINE HILL MIDDLESEX SUMMER POLE.PDF](#)

11. **PETITIONS**

11.1. Claims - (5) Property Damage.

11.2. Misc. - Gary Benoit Request To Address City Council Regarding Tax Rebates / Abatements.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 GARY N. BENOIT REQ TO ADDRESS CC REGARDING TAX ABATEMENTS.PDF](#)

11.3. Misc. - Sajid/Jennessa Durrani Request Removal Of Handicap Parking Sign At 29-31 Crowley Street.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 SAJID AND JENNESSA DURRANI REMOVE HP SIGN 29-31 CROWLEY ST.PDF](#)

11.4. Boston Gas D/B/A National Grid - Request Installation Of Scada Box And Vent Pole On Boston Road At Spencer Street.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 NAT GRID SCADA BOX AND VENT POLE BOSTON RD AGENDA.PDF](#)

11.5. National Grid - Request Installation Of Underground Conduit At Varnum Avenue And Boulevard Street.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 NAT GRID CONDUIT VARNUM AVE AND](#)

12. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

- 12.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Put Light On Pole #2 On Castle Road Behind 28 Hally Road In Pawtucketville.
- 12.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Have LPD Increase Patrol On Lower Gorham Street, In And Around, The Area Of The Keep And Towers News.
- 12.3. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have Appropriate Department Provide A Status Update On "The Douglas Road Project" To Include: Scope, Funding, Timeline And Interdependencies.
- 12.4. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Invite Mass Save To Partner With CMAA To Establish A Program That Utilizes Mass Save Resources In Targeting Areas To Improve Energy Efficiency For Lowell Residents And Businesses.
- 12.5. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Schedule A Commissions And Boards Recruitment Fair Once Per Season With A Focus On Reaching Underrepresented Residents.
- 12.6. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Report Regarding Operation Of The Elevator In Pollard Memorial Library.
- 12.7. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look At Bus Stop In Area Of 115 Merrimack Street And Report Alternatives As It Is Inhibiting Parking For Small Businesses After Operating Hours.
- 12.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Look Into Feasibility Of Issuing And Enforcing Fines For Illegal Dumping Of Residential Trash In Public Waste Receptacles.
- 12.9. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Process And A Cost Analysis Regarding Repainting Gage Basketball Court.
- 12.10.C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Work With Proper Authority To Publish Recreational Water Testing Reports On City's Website, Similar To Newburyport.
[HTTPS://WWW.CITYOFNEWBURYPORT.COM/BEACHTESTING](https://www.cityofnewburyport.com/beachtesting)
- 12.11.C. Robinson/C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Explore Excluding Pre-Employment Screening For 18 Plus Applicants In Regards To Marijuana / Cannabis, For Non-DOT Regulated Positions.
- 12.12.C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Work With Appropriate Department To Develop Traffic Calming Measures For Andrews Street.
- 12.13.C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide An Update For Council Regarding The Lord Overpass Project; As To The Progress And Completion Time.
- 12.14.C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide An Update Regarding Abandoned Building Located At 138 Cross Street.
- 12.15.C. Yem - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Renovate The

Bathroom With Concession Stand On The North Common For Use By Little League Baseball.

Documents:

[2022 JULY 26 YEM BATH MOTION PHOTO.PDF](#)

- 12.16C. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide The City Council With A List Of All Properties That Are Tax Exempt; The Properties Assessed Value, The Owner Of The Property And The Location Of Each Property.
- 12.17C. Leahy - Req. City Mgr. Compare Current Health Insurance Rates To Blue Cross Blue Shield Rates To Determine If There Would Be Savings With New Provider.
- 12.18C. Rourke - Req. City Mgr. Begin The Process Of Naming The Basketball Floor At The Lowell High School Field House After Ramon Rivera.
- 12.19M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have National Grid Investigate Installing A Power Line To The Light Pole Directly In Front Of Palin City Plaza On 6 Branch Street.
- 12.20M. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Consider Having All City Departments Host A Food Drive In September Of 2022 For The Merrimack Valley Food Bank To Support Their Mission To Fight Food Insecurities And Help Our Struggling And Most Vulnerable Citizens.

13. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 13.1. Executive Session - To Consider And Discuss Negotiations Relative To LeLacheur Baseball Stadium Pursuant To The Provisions Of Mass. Gen. Laws C. 30A Sect. 21(6) (For The "Possible Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property;") Public Discussions Of Which May Have A Detrimental Effect On The Negotiating Position Of The City.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT

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