



# Lowell City Council

## *Neighborhoods SC*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** February 7, 2023  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** City Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom (Hybrid)

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were C. Mercier, C. Gitschier, and C. Jenness. Others present were C. Nuon, Helen Tomlison (City Solicitor), Gunther Wellenstein (DPW), April Herz (Recycling Coordinator), C. Robinson and C. Rourke

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

C. Mercier called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and the topics for discussion.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

C. Mercier commented on broken trash bins. Ms. Herz outlined repair and replacement procedures through the website and Civic Plus Portal. Ms. Herz noted more repairs needed as bins age. Ms. Herz noted prior staffing shortages that have been corrected so that process will move quicker. C. Mercier questioned staffing positions and Ms. Herz noted they were currently filled. C. Gitschier noted there were many broken bins and the repairs are going longer than expected as per many resident calls. Ms. Herz noted increased staffing should ensure better performance. C. Gitschier requested report regarding replacement history and an inventory of bins. C. Mercier questioned possible establishing a Recycling Enterprise Fund. Mr. Wellenstein commented on his review of prior reports and explanations of abbreviations on them. C. Mercier questioned some elements in the report. Ms. Herz noted they were fixing and developing new systems along with ordinances. C. Mercier commented on use of volunteers in the department for tax rebates. C. Mercier commented on having recycling education program within the schools.



**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to Adjourn by C. Gitschier seconded by C. Jenness. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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