



# Lowell City Council

## Housing SC Joint With Zoning SC Meeting Minutes

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** June 28, 2022  
**Time:** 5:30 PM  
**Location:** Council Chamber, City Hall / Zoom(Hybrid)

### PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Housing SC – C. Yem, C. Drinkwater, C. Nuon; Zoning SC – C. Drinkwater, C. Leahy, C. Yem. Also present was C. Mercier; Christine McCall (DPD); Francesca Cigliano (Insp. Services); C. Gitschier; C. Robinson; and C. Rourke.

### MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Drinkwater called the meeting to order noting attendance and topic of meeting being accessory dwelling units (ADU).

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Drinkwater commented on the motion that was referred to the subcommittee. C. Yem noted it was time to discuss ADU in light of a serious housing shortage. Ms. McCall provided an overview of the ADU zoning in the City outlining regulations and focus on housing stock.

C. Drinkwater opened meeting up to public and following address the body: Jerry Frechette; Mr. Baker; Belinda Juran; Jim Heller; Josh McKay; and Joseph Boyle. C. Robinson noted it was important to start conversation as there is need to address the housing shortage but must proceed with caution and proper use of regulations will be needed.

C. Drinkwater opened meeting to those attending via Zoom: John Hamblet; Deb Forgione; and Pat Vondal.

C. Drinkwater noted it would be a slow process but needed in light of housing shortage. C. Rourke recognized the speakers and that this subject has been before body for some time and it is needed and can be accomplished with reasonable regulations in place. C. Nuon noted the speakers and commented that ADU can be used to close a housing gap and that if drafted properly it could bring benefit to all parties. C. Nuon suggested that the Law Department draft some preliminary regulations which can be reviewed by the body. C. Gitschier noted the need to move slowly and not alter any ones quality of life. C. Gitschier noted each neighborhood



should be reviewed to see what would work best in that area. C. Drinkwater noted attendance of the speakers commenting that changes could assist with adding needed housing units. C. Drinkwater noted it would be an elongated process and the subcommittees will meet again. **Motion** by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Nuon to request City Manager have Law Department prepare a draft ordinance regarding the use of ADU throughout the City. Adopted per Roll Call vote 4 yeas. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** to adjourn and continue by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Yem. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM

Michael Geary, City Clerk