



# Lowell City Council

## *Neighborhoods SC*

Michael Q. Geary  
City Clerk

**Date:** October 17, 2022  
**Time:** 7:00 PM  
**Location:** Lowell Catholic HS Auditorium, 535 Stevens St., Lowell, Ma

### **PRESENT:**

Present on Roll Call were C. Mercier, C. Gitschier, and C. Jenness. Others present were C. Drinkwater, C. Nuon, Shawn Machado (Asst. City Mgr.), Capt. Kilmartin (LPD), State Rep. Rady Mom and Supt. Golner (LPD).

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

C. Mercier called the meeting to order noting those in attendance and recognized the Highland Neighborhood Group.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Capt. Kilmartin provided the crime report for the area and furnished handout for audience. Capt. Kilmartin opened up to public regarding report and any new issues. Items introduced was Hale Street parking issue and loud vehicles. Capt. Kilmartin commented on addressing panhandling off the Lowell Connector; commercial vehicle parking; stop signs on Steadman Street; and unregistered vehicles in the City.

C. Mercier commented on the subcommittee visiting various parts of the City to have hands on interaction. C. Mercier recognized former Mayor and City Councilor Bud Caulfield who raised following issues; trash/cleanliness of the City; recycling; slum landlords; trash/rodents; building permits; and snow removal. C. Gitschier commented that these were all issues raise by current Council and that they are very engaged with the neighborhoods. C. Gitschier found fault in middle management operation. C. Mercier commented on broken window concept and that there have been success in areas of graffiti removal and warrant apprehension. C. Jenness commented on homelessness; trash pick-up; and rodents and the use of City traps. Mr. Machado noted there are six inspectors throughout the City. Further items brought forward by audience included work performance; dispensaries; and website functions. C. Mercier commented on housing costs in the City and the mental health assistance of homeless people. C. Gitschier commented on being aware of canvassing and soliciting in the



area and that they need a permit from the City to do so. C. Drinkwater noted different approach regarding housing for homeless by use of cottage housing with services wrapped around it at strategic locations, i.e. Tewksbury State Hospital. C. Jenness noted such an approach involves many partners.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk

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