Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: November 5, 2019
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

1. ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed 8 present, 1 absent (C. Cirillo).

M. Samaras presiding.

C. Leahy questioned the status of the Auditor's position. M. Samaras noted the candidate accepted the position and they would begin negotiations.

2. CITY CLERK

2.1. Minutes of City Council Meeting October 29th; Special Meeting (Auditor Interviews/Selection) October 30th, for acceptance.

In City Council, minutes read, Motion “To accept and place on file” by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Conway. So voted.

3. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

3.1. Motion Responses.

In City Council, Motion “To accept and place on file” by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Elliott. So voted.

A) Motion Response Update – Riverwalk – Manager Donoghue commented on the updated report noting the number of meetings held to identify issues. Chris Hayes (DPD) noted the report and the progress being made as well as the community involvement with the issues. C. Mercier commented the need to notify the residents of work to be done. Registered Speaker, Joe Radwich, addressed the body.

In City Council, read, **Motion** to adopt by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Milinazzo. Adopted per Roll Call vote 8 yeas, 1 absent (C. Cirillo). So voted. Mr. Hasan was present and thanked the Council.

3.3. **Communication** - City Manager request Out of State Travel (1) Development Services.

In City Council, read, **Motion** to adopt by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Milinazzo. Adopted per Roll Call vote 8 yeas, 1 absent (C. Cirillo). So voted.

4. **ORDERS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

4.1. **Order** - 60 day trial- various.

In City Council, Read twice, full reading waived with no objections. **Motion** to adopt by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Leahy. Adopted per Roll Call vote 8 yeas, 1 absent (C. Cirillo). So voted. C. Leahy requested information regarding order and requested additional signage. Manager Donoghue outlined the order. Natasha Vance (Transportation Engineer) noted the locations of the stop signs.

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

5.1. **Wire Insp.** - National Grid / Verizon NE - Req. permission to relocate (1) JO pole at 493 Market Street.

In City Council, **Motion** to accept and adopt the accompanying order by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

5.2. **Wire Insp.** - Crown Castle NG East, LLC - Req. permission to extend existing fiber network on Westford Street down Technology Drive.

In City Council, **Motion** to accept and adopt the accompanying order by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

5.3. **Wire Insp.** - National Grid - Req. permission to install SCADA system to comply with latest safety standard at the intersection of Hale and Chelmsford Streets.

In City Council, **Motion** to accept and adopt the accompanying order by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

6. **PETITIONS**

6.1. **Claims** - (2) Property Damage.
In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Law Department for report and recommendation by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Milinazzo. So voted.

**6.2. Misc. - Njambi E Wareru request reimbursement for towing.**

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Law Department/City Manager for report and recommendation by C. Kennedy, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted. Ms. Wareru addressed the Council. C. Elliott questioned the petitioner regarding claim. C. Kennedy questioned location of the towed vehicle. C. Mercier questioned towing.

**7. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS**

**7.1. C. Elliott - Req. City Mgr. invite new management company to present 6 month report regarding Auditorium activity.**

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Elliott noted the effort being put forth by the management company. C. Milinazzo questioned officers of the new company.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

In City Council, Manager Donoghue commented on upcoming end of year fiscal report. C. Mercier noted the dedication of basketball court in memory of Ramon Rivera. C. Leahy noted that Paul Belley withdrew his name from consideration for Vocational School Committee. M. Samaras noted selection meeting for the Vocational School Committee.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

In City Council, **Motion** to Adjourn C. Nuon, seconded by C. Kennedy. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk