



Lowell City Council

Environment & Flood SC

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: November 25, 2025
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber / Zoom
Lowell City Hall, Lowell, Ma.

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairperson Belanger, C. Robinson, C. Yem. Others present C. Gitschier, Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD), C. Mercier, Lisa Golden (HHS) and Matt Sheehan (Insp. Services)

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Belanger called the meeting to order noting agenda item referred to the subcommittee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Belanger introduced Jim Joyce who provided information regarding Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Mr. Joyce noted he was an advocate of IPM and that is used for conservation and permitting purposes in his town Woburn and other municipalities. Mr. Joyce noted the process begins with identifying scope of work and what product would work best. Mr. Joyce noted different products could be used in different elements of the project and that a summary report at end of application is needed to see how successful it was. C. Robinson noted the language use in the application process and that it was straight forward and could apply to all permitting. C. Yem noted in urban areas all rodent issues need to be addressed. C. Yem stressed the importance of prevention. Ms. Baez-Rose noted application in the building process first then to health inspections process. Ms.



Baez-Rose noted need provide a development package with IPM and move forward in most effective manner. C. Belanger noted Woburn provides a good template for development of IPM. C. Robinson noted current projects in the City that could use this plan and that it should be part of the process early. The meeting was open to public and Mr. Gitschier, as a resident and not elected official, noted such plans have been around schools for a long time and that it will be effective for other municipal purposes and that City should get ahead of the curve. Motion by C. Yem, seconded by C. Robinson to request City Manager have the Law Department and DPD incorporate IPM into land use application and permitting in the City. Adopted per Roll Call vote 3 yeas (C. Belanger, C. Robinson, C. Yem). So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by C. Yem, seconded by C. Robinson. So Voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

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