A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Location: This is a virtual meeting that is only accessible remotely
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Pursuant to Governor Baker’s March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor’s March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this public hearing of the Lawrence City Council for the City of Lawrence, MA is being conducted via remote participation. No in-person attendance by members of the public will be permitted, but the public can listen and/or view this meeting while in progress by use of the Facebook and YouTube web access sites referenced below. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the hearings designated for public comment, by use of the Gotomeeting code or by the phone number and access code provided below:

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AGENDA [first draft]:

Roll Call - Moment of Silence –Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes for Council Approval: 3-10-20;

Public Participation

1. Public Hearings:
75B/20 Proposed Ordinance calling for Eviction Moratorium for all Lawrence Residents due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
   - Mayor Dan Rivera and Council President Vasquez-Public Hearing

2. Communication from Mayor, City Officials and City Attorney
94/20 Election Update During COVID-19-William J. Maloney, City Clerk

3. Appropriations-Orders-Resolutions
Resolutions: None
Appropriations-Orders-Requests-Petitions [New Filings only]: None
Budget and Finance Committee Reports [Committee Reports only]:
76/20 Appropriation Transfer [265,854.00] From Free Cash to Parking Garage Lots Enterprise Fund-Other Purchased Services
   (251510-5380)-Mayor Dan Rivera-Budget & Fin. Cmt.
77/20 Appropriation Transfer-From Free Cash to Special Projects Account (to be created) Resident Legal Assistance Fund
   COVID-19][150,000.00]-Mayor Dan Rivera-Budget & Fin. Cmt.
78/20 Appropriation Transfer-From Free Cash to DPW Special Projects Account-Clean Lawrence Initiative [200,000.00]-
   Mayor Dan Rivera-Budget & Fin. Cmt.
86/20 Request for Authorization to Expend Literacy Coordinator Grant [50,000.00]-Lawrence Public Library-
   Jessica V. Vilas Novas, Library Director

4. Committee Reports:
   Ordinance Committee Reports: None
   Housing Committee Reports:
80/20 Acquisition of O’Neil Park From Lawrence Redevelopment Authority –Laiza St. Onge, Asset Officer-Hsg. Cmt.
88/20 Disposition of 46 Amesbury Street, Unit 1A to Counselors Hall Condominium Assocen-Raquel Ruano, City Attorney-Hsg. Cmt.
   Personnel Committee Reports: None
   Public Safety Committee Reports: None
   Charter Review Committee Reports: None
5. Withdrawals: None
6. Old Business: None

7. Tabled Matters [ud: 04-03-20]
133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Counc. Laplante
197/14 Double Poles-Locations-Review–Council Pres. Maldonado [ud][11-12-19]
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7. Tabled Matters [cont.]


221/17 Stop Sign – Intersection of Andover and Foster Streets – Counc. Vice Pres. Laplante – Public Hrg Pending – Traffic Study Ordered

11/18 Creation of City Council Standing Subcommittee on Education – Counc. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt

85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units - [Sec. 15.12.065] - Counc. Payano – Public Hearing

110/18 Oliver School Building Project

11/18 One Side Parking on Merrimack Street

224/19 Request to display and sell produce – Counc. De Pena – Ord. Cmt & Public Hearing to be Ordered

214/18 Board of Health Ordinance Amendment – Counc. Payano – Public Hearing Closed [8-21-18]

326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Counc. Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T] [12-4-18]

328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Counc. Payano [T] [09-18-18]

355/18 Arlington Street – One Way [30 minutes from 3pm to 3:30pm] in front of the Arlington School – Counc. De Pena-Ord. Cmt. [T] [05-21-19]


142/19 Columbia Gas Update – Mark Kempic, Columbia Gas President/COO – Counc. Pres. Vasquez [ud] [11-12-19]

162/19 Allowing Commercial Vehicles to park on Union St.[East Side] – Counc. Laplante-Ord. Cmt. [T] [09-03-19]

170/19 Resolutions- Recognition of Lawrence Academic Achievers – Counc. Laplante- [T] [06-04-19]

224/19 Amend zoning Sec. 29-19 C5-permitted uses “shopping centers” and “car wash” – Counc. De Pena [appvd 02-04-20] [Mayor’s Response dated: 02-19-20][Executive Session Anticipated]

243/19 Request to display and sell produce-127 South Union St-Tropical Mini Market Corp.-Ysidro Polo-Ord. Cmt. [T] [09-03-19]

296/19 Museum Square Litigation-[Executive Session Anticipated]-Dan Rivera, Mayor [T] [09-03-19]

308/19 Merrimack Street-4 Temporary Resident Parking Spaces Counc. Laplante (various parking ord)-PH Ordered[T][02-04-20]

315/19 One Side Parking Only-Sunset Ave.-Counc. De Pena [T][PH closed-Motion to Apprv Pending [03-10-20]

354/19 Oliver School Building Project-[Executive Session Anticipated]-Cynthia Paris, Superintendent of Schools [T] [11-12-19]

367/19 No Parking-Tenney Street, east side from corner of Lea and Tenney sts. to Arlington St.-Mayor Dan Rivera & Pres. Vasquez-Pub. Hrg.

402/19 No Parking-North Parish Road (south side-7:00am to 9:00am on days school is in session only)-Counc. De Pena-Pub. Hrg.


71/20 JRM Carting Discussion-Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez [T][03-24-20]

8. New Business

89/20 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest-Moraima M. Velez-Lawrence Police Dept Employee

90/20 Request to Authorize Expenditure of Summer Learning Grant Funds-Jessica Vilas Novas, Library Director

91/20 Appointment of Manuel A. Nunez as Voting Member of Planning Board [rec'd by City Clerk: 04-02-20]-Mayor Dan Rivera

92/20 Appointment of Bethania Camilo-Correa as Voting Member of Planning Board [rec'd by City Clerk: 04-02-20]-Mayor Dan Rivera

93/20 Handicapped Parking-Denise Lantigua [obo; Jonathan Vasquez]-186 Farnham Street

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