A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday February 2, 2021 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 meeting 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 web and phone access provided below:

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AGENDA [First draft]:

Roll Call - Moment of Silence - Pledge of Allegiance
Minutes for Council Approval: 01/19/2021

Public Participation

1. Public Hearings:

2. Communication from Mayor, City Officials and City Attorney:
   20/21 State of the City-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez

3. Appropriations-Orders-Resolutions

   Resolutions:
   17/21 Resolution honoring Denise Murray-Counc. Rodriguez

   Appropriations-Orders-Requests-Petitions [New Filings only]:
   21/20 Appropriation Transfer from Free Cash to Economic Development COVID Account [1910-5725-52712]-[550,000]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez

4. Committee Reports:

   Budget and Finance Committee Reports [Committee Reports only]: None

   Ordinance Committee Reports:
   188/20 124-126 Phillips Street-No Parking 7-8am & 3-4pm (Monday-Friday)-Counc, Vice Pres. Laplante-Ord. Cmt.
Ordinance Committee Reports-Con’t:
281/20 Disclosure by Municipal Employee-Andres Russo

Housing Committee Reports:
290/19 Disposition Declaration-105-109 Springfield Street-[Tax Map 82, Lot. 30]-Anggybel Moreta, Asset Officer-Hous. Cmt.
7/21 Surplus Declaration-Genesse Street-[Tax Map 177, lot 33]-Anggybel Moreta, Asset Officer-Hous. Cmt.

Personnel Committee Reports: None
Charter Review Committee Reports: None
Public Safety Committee Reports: None
Committee of the Whole Reports: None

5. Withdrawals:
137/20 Handicapped Parking-345 S. Broadway-Ricardo Acevedo-Ord. Cmt.-Withdrawal
213/20 Parking Restrictions-Corner of Nesmith Street and Ohio Ave.-Melissa Gervais & Karen Deshaies-Ord. Cmt.-Withdrawal
222/20 Handicapped Parking-97 Oak Street-Bernardo Minier-Withdrawal
243/20 Handicapped Parking-74 Bennington Street-Sandra Rivera-Counc. Estela Reyes-Ord. Cmt.-Withdrawal

6. Old Business: None

7. Tabled Matters [ud: 1-29-21]-
133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Counc. Laplante
197/14 Double Poles-Locations-Review-Council Pres. Maldonado [ud][11-12-19]
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
858/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units-[Sec. 15.12.065] - Counc. Payano – Public Hearing
110/18 Haverhill St-One way btwn Prospect and Haverhill Sts-Counc. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
121/18 Recycling Program Ordinance-Counc. Payano-Ord.[PH Closed][ud][01-07-20]
168/18 Americans with Disabilities Act: Poll Accessibility Citations DOJ–[Executive Session Anticipated][T][08-21-18]
189/18 A&M Auto Body, Inc. – 341 South Broadway –Zoning Amendment [Executive Session Anticipated][T][01-29-19]
208/18 Handicapped Parking-69 Greenwood Street – Counc. DePêña – 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]
7. Tabled Matters [ud: 1-29-21] Con’t.-
355/18 Arlington Street – One Way [30 minutes from 3pm to 3:30pm] in front of the Arlington School – Counc. DePeña-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. DePena [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]

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, Lea and Tenney sts. to Arlington St.-Mayor Dan Rivera & Pres. Vasquez-Pub. Hrg. 402/19 No Parking-North Parish (south side 7:00am to 9:00am on days school is in session only)-Counc. DePena-Pub. Hrg.

22/20 Museum Square Litigation [Executive Session Anticipated]-Counc. Payano [T][01-21-20]

32/20 Handicapped Parking-[DELETE]-124 Phillips Street-Diana Santos [09-03-20][PH Open]


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

77/20 Appropriation Transfer-Resident Legal Assistance Fund-Mayor Rivera[T][03-24-20]

94/20 Election Update during COVID-Poll Locations-Staffing-City Clerk[T][06-16-20]


151/20 Request to Amend a Zoning Ord. per MGL c.40A, section 5-The Proposed Planned Industrial District-Counc. Reyes-Ord. Cmt. [T][10-06-20]

8. New Business:

11/21 Loading/unloading zone to support expansion of Revolving Test Kitchen-Intersection of Hampshire and Common Street-Derek Mitchell, Executive Director of the Lawrence Partnership

12/21 National Guard Banner-So. Union Street [Duck Bridge]-Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Estela Reyes

13/21 National Guard Banner-Shawsheen Park-Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Estela Reyes

14/21 National Guard Banner-Elm Street Park-Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Estela Reyes

15/21 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds of 2021 Mass Save Municipal Partnership Program grant from National Grid and Eversource-[$25,000]-Vilma Martinez-Dominguez Community Development Director

16/21 SEIU Local 3 Inspectors Union-collective bargaining agreement-funding Approval-Mark Ianello, CPA Chief Admin. and Finance Officer

18/21 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds-MOVA Grant Funding Allocation-[$171,937]-Vilma Martinez-Dominguez Community Development Director

19/21 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds of MassDot Grant Assurances-[$68,544]-Michael P. Miller, Airport Manager

22/21 Appointment of Kelvin Moreno Garcia to the Planning Board of Appeals Full Voting Member 5 Years Term-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez

23/21 Appointment of Jose Francisco Rosario to the Zoning Board of Appeals Full Voting Member 3 Years Term-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez

24/21 Appointment of Roberto Fernandez to the Zoning Board of Appeals Full Voting Member 3 Years Term-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
8. New Business-Con’t:
25/21 Appointment of Thomas E. Meyers to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
26/21 Appointment of Jailyn Youngblood to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
27/21 Appointment of Saundra R. Edwards to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
28/21 Appointment of Pastor Jarvis Carmona to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
29/21 Appointment of Wendy Luzon to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
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30/21 Appointment of Arlene Garcia to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
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31/21 Appointment of Michael Fernandez to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
32/21 Appointment of Laura Michelle Santana to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
[Rec’d at City Clerk’s office on 01-28-21]-Mayor Kendrys Vasquez
33/21 Appointment of Francisco Paulino to the Lawrence Human Rights Commission-3 Years Term-
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