

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

POSTED:
MARCH 17, 2023
@ 4:30 P.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be hybrid, allowing participation both in person in the City Council Chamber and remotely.

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AGENDA

Roll Call

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes for Council Approval

Public Participation

Matters Pending a Public Hearing:

140/21 Handicapped Parking-132 Margin Street-Councilor Rodriguez

42/22 Request to add Hobson Street to Emergency Winter Parking Ban List-Jamiel Ortiz-Sent to City Attorney on 5/18/22, waiting on response from City Engineer

103B/22 Request to change Ordinances-(Program Coordinator for Economic Development)-Ord. 2.104.060(Human Rights Executive Director)-Mayor Brian A. DePeña.

105/22 Reclassification of the Chief Administrative Officer Position-Mayor Brian A. DePeña, sent to City Attorney 4/20/22

200/21 4 Point Stop Signs-East Haverhill and Berkeley Street-Counc. De La Cruz-Communication received from City Attorney on June 29, 2022 regarding report received from City Engineer on June 28, 2022.

112/22 Fifteen Minute Parking-83 Warwick Street [Mon-Fri 8am-6pm]-Nereida Madera-Pub. Hrg. Ordered

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance Committee:

399B/22 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds, HOME American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Grant [\$3,074,052] – Awilda Pimentel, Acting Community Development Director

77/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$50,000] Comm of MA Earmark Grant – Adderly Gonzalez, Recreation Dept Director

78/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$411,393.76] MA DOT Winter Recovery Asst Prgm (WRAP) – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner

Housing Committee:

17/23 Surplus Declaration, Real Property @ 22 Hancock Street [Map 185, Lot 9] – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer

Ordinance Committee:

158/22 Handicapped Parking-48-50 Saunders Street-Olimpia Ovalles Dominguez [Order Pubic Hearing]

186/22 2 Hour Parking, Portions of Broadway and Essex Street, - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Rodriguez and VP E. Reyes [Withdraw]

254/22 No Parking at any time from 5 Front Street to where Front Street connects with S. Broadway-Councilor Infante

- [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 271/22 Stop Signs on Salem Street (East and West Bound Directions) at the Foster St. Intersection-President Laplante [Order Pubic Hearing – Pending Engineer Review and Recommendation]
- 299/22 Loading Zone-362 Essex Street-Vice President Estela Reyes [Withdraw]
- 311/22 No Parking Sign-240 Salem Street-Councilor Infante [Withdraw]
- 312/22 Stop Sign at intersection of Lenox Circle and Jefferson Street-Councilor Infante [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 322/22 Request for Obstruction/School Buses Only-Lebanon Street [7am-8am and 2pm-4pm]-Odanis Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 348/22 Stop Sign-Andover St & Amherst St.-Councilor Infante [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 349/22 Stop Sign-Andover St. & Clifton St.-Councilor Infante [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 393/22 Handicapped Parking, 189 West Street – Rosario Marte [Withdraw]
- 394/22 Handicapped Parking, 526 Haverhill Street – Victor Castro Medina [Withdraw]
- 395/22 20 Bennett Street, Request for Parking Assistance/No Parking Sign – Fedelina Lopez Ramirez [Order Public Hearing]
- 398/22 Handicapped Parking, 50 East Laurel St, Apt. 12-4 – Ely Bermudez [Withdraw]
- 403/22 Handicapped Parking – 1 Bunkerhill St.– Edwin Rios and Counc.VP Estela Reyes [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 405/22 Handicapped Parking – 32 Springfield St., Restricted Hours – Counc. Pres. Marc Laplante [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 406/22 Handicapped Parking – 300 Methuen St. - Maria Eusebio [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 412/22 Handicapped Parking – 2 Bennington St. #75 – Sonia Guzman [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 426/22 Handicapped Parking – 69 Lexington St., Apt # 3, Grace Trinidad [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 433/22 Handicapped Parking, 61 Wesley Street – Iris Y. Jimenez [Withdraw]
- 10/23 STOP Sign Request, Intersection of Shattuck and Carver Street – Counc. Stephany Infante & Audrey Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 26/23 Merrimack Transportation Corp., Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 27/23 Popular Taxi Co. LLC, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 28/23 American Taxi, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 29/23 Liberty Taxi, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 30/23 Five Star Express Transport., LLC – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept
- 31/23 NYC United Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 32/23 L&M Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 33/23 Rio Hondo Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 36/23 Proposed Ordinance for Chief of Staff Position – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 37/23 Proposed Ordinance for Airport Manager – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 40/23 Municipal Aggregation – Councilor Pavel Payano and Mayor Brian A. DePeña [Order Public Hearing]
- 44/23 FY22 Foster Care Transportation, Approval to Enter into MOU – Odanis M. Hernandez, COO LPS
- 45/23 Proposed Ordinance for CAFO Position – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor Brian A. DePeña Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 46/23 Proposed Ordinance for Supervisor of Energy Projects – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor DePeña Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 48/23 Proposed Ordinance Modification for Program Coordinator for Economic Development – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña Farelli [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 53/23 License Request for 135 Butler St (Bruce School Property) – Jason Bascom, Engineer on behalf of EVERSOURCE
- 61/23 Removal of Handicapped Parking Space, 67-69 Lynn St – Henry Misserville [Order Pubic Hearing]
- 62/23 Request to Posting, Advertise and Fill Assistant Superintendent of Cemeteries Position – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director [Withdraw]
- 75/23 2022 Firefighter of the Year Award, Resolution to Capt. Blanchard and Firefighter Rodriguez - Counc. Pres. Marc Laplante and Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 76/23 2022 Police Officers of the Year Award Resolution to Sgt. Tomas Caraballo, Officer Preston Carmichael, Officer Lisette Castillo, Officer Philip Hendrick and Officer Jeffrey Sapienza - Counc. Pres. Marc Laplante and Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes

Old Business:

- 69/23 City Atty Contract Negotiation with Timothy Houten [Executive Session Anticipate] – Counc. Pres. Marc Laplante

Tabled Matters: [updated: 03-07-23]:

- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Councilor Laplante-Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 72/16 Residency Requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez
Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres.
Vasquez & Councilor. Rodriguez -Public Hearing Opened & Closed-[T]03-06-18-Taken off table 2-1-22-
[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 221/17 Stop Sign–Intersection of Andover and Foster St.–Counc. Vice Pres. Laplante–Pub. Hrg Pending-Traffic Study Ord.
Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 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 Haverhill St–One way between 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]
- 208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Counc. DePeña – Ord. Cmt. & Pub. Hrg. to be Ordered
Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Councilor Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T] [12-4-18]
- 328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Councilor Payano[T] [09-18-18]
- 355/18 Arlington Street – One Way [30 minutes from 3pm to 3:30pm] in front of the Arlington School,
Councilor. DePeña [T] [05-21-19]
- 389/18 Dept. Heads Quarterly Report-Counc.Payano & Counc. Vice Pres. Rodriguez-Cmt. of the Whole-[T] [9-7-22]
- 39/19 Handicapped Parking-2 Bennington Street-[T]- [03-16-21]
- 170/19 Resolutions- Recognition of Lawrence Academic Achievers-Councilor Laplante-[T] [06-04-19]
- 243/19 Request to display and sell produce-127 South Union St-Tropical Mini Market Corp.-Ysidro Polo-Ord. Committee,
[T] [09-03-19]
- 315/19 One Side Parking Only-Sunset Ave.-Councilor. De Pena [T] [PH Closed-Motion to Approve Pending [03-10-20]
- 367/19 No Parking-Tenney Street, Lea and Tenney sts. to Arlington St.-Mayor Dan Rivera & Pres. Vasquez-Pub. Hrg.
- 26/20 City Charter Review 2020-Counc. Pres. Vasquez-Charter Rev. Committee-Pub. Hrg. 03-16-21-[T]- [03-16-21]
- 61/20 Corona Virus-Lawrence Preparedness-Council. Pres. Vasquez & Councilor Payano-Pub. Safety
[T-Recommit] [03-24-20]
- 77/20 Appropriation Transfer-Resident Legal Assistance Fund-Mayor Rivera[T] [03-24-20]
- 116/20 Parking Ordinance-Council. Pres. Vasquez-Public Hearing Ord[T] [06-16-20]
- 125/20 Petition to rename Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day-Frank Bonet-Ord. Cmt. -[T]- [03-16-21]-Re-tabled
- 280/20 Tenant Parking Only Sign-17 Alma Street Apt. 3-Elizabeth Ramos-Tabled 3-15-22
- 112/21 Acceptance of Diamond Street as a Public Way-Laiza L. St. Onge, Project Manager [T & PH Closed 10-4-22]
- 143/21 City Council Social Media Policy-Council President Laplante- [T] 08-03-21
- 163/21 Stockton Park Commission-Marc Laplante, Council President-Pub. Hrg. [T] 10-19-21
- 283/21 Christmas Decoration-Campagnone Common Park [Across City Hall]-Mayor De Peña, Recreation Dept. and
Councilor Estela Reyes [T] 02-01-22
- 285/21 Christmas Decoration-Warehouse Square [1 Union Street]-Ateneo Dominicano and Councilor Estela Reyes-
Ord. Committee - [T] 02-01-22
- 23/22 Establishing a Three [3] Member Ad-hoc Committee to Study/Review Translation Services During Council
Meetings-Counc. Pres. Laplante [Tabled 1-18-22]
- 101/22 Amend Rule 15-Question in Possession of Council-Councilor Rodriguez & VP Reyes-[Tabled 4-19-22]
- 180B/22 FY 23-PEG Access and Cable Fund- Mark J. Ianello, Chief Administrative and Finance Officer[Tabled 6-21-22]
- 183/22 Ordinance-Chapter 15.14-Efrain Rolon, Lawrence Housing Authority [Tabled 7-5-22]
- 237/22 Resolution-In Recognition of Angela Montano Pina-Councilor Celina Reyes [T] 8-2-22
- 300/22 Neighborhood Safety Initiative-Mayor Brian A. DePeña [T] 9-20-22
- 324/22 ARPA Funds Application-St. Annes Performance Center-Paramount Dev. Group Initiative-Mayor Brian A. DePeña
[T] 11-15-22
- 430/22 Taxicab Medallion Transfer [from Manuel E. Arias, Liberty Taxi Inc. to Delio A. Diaz Pena, Popular Taxi] – Sgt
Melix Bonilla, LPD [T] 01-17-23
- 55/23 Declaration of Surplus Property, 74-86 Myrtle St (Map 149, Lot 0-38) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
[T] 03-07-23
- 56/23 Declaration of Surplus Property, 24-26 Durham St (Map 120, Lot 19) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer [T] 03-07-23

New Business:

- 79/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, FY23 Senior SAFE Grant [\$9,458] – Fire Chief Brian Moriarty
- 80/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, Assistance to Firefighter Grant [\$831,818.18] – Fire Chief Brian Moriarty
- 81/23 Handicapped Parking, 46 Spruce Street – Dawanda M. Cruz
- 82/23 No Parking Sign [15 Min], 104 Bennington Street – Sandra Lucchesi
- 83/23 Ordinance Creating 5' Driveway Setback – Counc. Stephany Infante
- 84/23 Payment of Prior Year Invoices, Medical Billing [\$11,804.41, and \$4,884.50] - Odanis Hernandez, LPS COO
- 85/23 Reversal of Vote, 8 Bradford Pl (Tax Map #166, Lot 260) [Doc # 319/22] – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer