

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
MARCH 31,
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

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Public Hearings:

- 36/23 Proposed Ordinance for Chief of Staff Position – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 37/23 Proposed Ordinance for Airport Manager – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 45/23 Proposed Ordinance for CAFO Position – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 46/23 Proposed Ordinance for Supervisor of Energy Projects – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor DePeña
- 48/23 Proposed Ordinance Modification for Program Coordinator for Economic Development – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 410/22 Roadway Assessment and Proposed Modifications – Felix Garcia, City Engineer

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:

- 276/15 Review of the Museum Square Parking Garage – Counc. President Laplante [Update & Withdraw]
- 355/19 Salary Increase [between 2.3 - 3%] All Employees that make less than \$50,000 per year - Counc, Levy [Withdraw]
- 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
- 84/23 Payment of Prior Year Invoices, Medical Billing [\$11,804.41, and \$4,884.50] - Odanis Hernandez, LPS COO

Housing Committee:

- 85/23 Reversal of Vote, 8 Bradford Pl (Tax Map #166, Lot 260) [Doc # 319/22] – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer

Old Business:

- 53/23 License Request for 135 Butler St (Bruce School Property) – Jason Bascom, Engineer on behalf of EVERSOURCE [Approve without Public Hearing]
- 86/23 Request to Use O’Connell Park/South Common for Egg Hunt [April 1, 2023] – Institute Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc [Date Change Sought – for April 8, 2023]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 03-21-23]:

- 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
- 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
- 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 [Anticipate 05/16/2023 Presentation]

New Business:

- 87/23 Board of Health Appointment, Jose Baez D.O - Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 88/23 Allocation of FREE CASH [\$2.5MIL] to LRA [Per DOC # 411-22] - Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 89/23 Direct Disposition of Real Property, 147-149 Essex St., (Map 106, Lot 53) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
- 90/23 Review and Approval of Annual Application to HUD for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) [\$1,551,622] and HOME Grant [\$944,075] – Susan Fink, Mngr of Financial and Administrative Services
- 91/23 SEIU Local 3 Clerical Union – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), with Appropriation [\$112,100] for current year salary and wages - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 92/23 SEIU Local 3 Water Union – Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA), with Appropriation [\$15,000] for current year salary and wages - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 93/23 Reliable LLC, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 94/23 Town Livery Inc., Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 95/23 Basswood St - One Way [from Arlington toward to Stearns continuing to Alder St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 96/23 Hemlock St - One Ways [from Basswood St to Lawrence St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 97/23 South Side of Alder St No Parking Any time [from Lawrence St to Spruce St], [Parking Allow on North Side of Alder St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 98/23 Sunset St - One Way [from Methuen Line to Lawrence St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 99/23 Stearns Ave [from Basswood St to Methuen Line] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 100/23 Washington St - No Parking Any Time [on East Side of Washington St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 101/23 Hillside Ave - One Way [from Haverhill St to Yale St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 102/23 Hallenan Ave - One Way [from Haverhill St to Yale Terr.] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 103/23 Congress St - One Way [from Olive Ave to Haverhill St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 104/23 Congress St - No Parking any time [West Side of Congress St from Olive Ave to Haverhill St] - Counc. Delrosario, Counc. Levy, Counc. C. Reyes, Mayor Brian De Peña and DPW Director, J. Jaime
- 105/23 Summer Kickoff Event @ Campagnone Common, June 3, 2023 Natalie Tejada, Generacion de Adoradores por El y para El
- 106/23 Earth Day Event @ Campagnone Common, April 29, 2023 – Eddie Rosa @ Groundwork Lawrence
- 107/23 Esperanza Academy, Graduation @ Campagnone Common, June 9, 2023 – Ruth Medina, Esperanza Academy

- 108/23 Semana Hispana en Lawrence, Inc. @ Campagnone Common, June 16-18, 2023 – Germinudy Rosario, Semana Hispana
- 109/23 Fiesta Shows Carnival @ Campagnone Common, May 1–8, 2023 – Germinudy Rosario, Semana Hispana
- 110/23 Olive in July@ Campagnone Common, July 15, 2023 – Andres Flobil, Olive in July, Inc.
- 111/23 Relay for LCA @ Veteran’s Memorial Stadium, May 20, 2023 – Karen Miller, Lawrence Catholic Academy
- 112/23 Festival Bomba y Plena 2023 @ Campagnone Common, July 8-9, 2023 - Jose Davila, Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico
- 113/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License (Push Cart) – Jose R. Hernandez
- 114/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License - Delicias Solano/Reynaldo Solano
- 115/23 Reigning in the Valley @ Campagnone Common, August 18-19, 2023 – Luis Leonor, Assoc. Ministerial Evangelica del Area de Lawrence
- 116/23 Hoops for Christ Basketball Tournament @ O’Neil Basketball Court, May 27, 2023 – Ana Pena, Cristiano El Sinai
- 117/23 Joseph R. Quartarone, Re-appointment to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District - Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 118/23 Thomas Connors, Re-appointment to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District - Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 119/23 Appropriation Transfer from Salary and Wages [\$43,092.50] to Professional Services, and Authorization to Pay Prior Year Bills – Rosa Shephard, LPD Director of Support Services
- 120/23 Community Cookout @ Campagnone Common, July 29, 2023 - Somaly Santos, Grace Nation Church