

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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@ 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

Public Hearings:

58/23 Loading Zone/School Bus Drop Off/Pick-Up, Garden Street, Esperanza Academy, September – June, [Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.] – Counc. VP Estela Reyes

59/23 Loading Zone/School Bus Drop Off/Pick-Up, Garden Street, Northside Masonic Hall, Esperanza Academy, September – June, [Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.] – Counc. VP Estela Reyes

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

271/22 Stop Signs on Salem Street (East and West Bound Directions) at the Foster St. Intersection-President Laplante

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

151/23 FY2024 Budget for the City of Lawrence as Presented by Mayor DePeña – Mark Ianello, CAFO and Mayor Brian A. DePeña

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance Committee: (No Report)

Housing Committee: No Report

Ordinance Committee:

- 106/22 Boehm Street One Way-Tenant Parking Only-Councilor De La Cruz [Withdraw]
- 121/23 Encuentro Fradernal de Nagueros en Lawrence @ Campagnone Common, May 13, 2023 – Dulce Hiciano [Withdraw]
- 123/23 Hawkers and Peddler’s License, Tenares Frio Frio - Marino Martinez
- 135/23 No Parking, Concord Street [Section at Hampshire Street, both sides] – Atty. Timothy Houten and Chief Moriarty [Withdraw]
- 136/23 Proposed Ordinance Regulating “Trespass” Tows (from private property) – Capt. Ariel Montas, Lawrence Police Department [Order Public Hearing, Pending City Atty Review]
- 137/23 Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Obstruction of Sidewalks – Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 139/23 Transient Vendor License, Food Truck, SABOR LATINO – Daniel Paulino
- 140/23 A Day with Blanco Arriba in Lawrence, Manchester Street Park, August 27, 2023 – Ricardo De Jesus
- 141/23 51st Annual Mahrajan, Lawrence St & Amesbury St, September 1 – 3, 2023 – Fr. Elie Mikhael
- 142/23 Music Festival (with Food Trucks), 70 General Street, May 20, 2023 – Arielys Concepcion
- 144/23 Monument Honoring Denise Murray in Rowell Park, Lee Fickenworth and Raquel Centeno

Personnel Committee:

- 124/23 Appointment of Antonio Reynoso to Lawrence Planning Board – Mayor Brian A. DePeña

Tabled Matters: [updated: 05-02-23]:

- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Councilor Laplante-Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 276/15 Review of the Museum Square Parking Garage – Counc. President Laplante [Update & Withdraw]
- 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] [Executive Session Anticipated]
- 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
- 377/22 Amendment of Section of the Lawrence Zoning Ordinance for District I-4; Planned Industrial Dev. District– Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner [T] 5-2-23
- 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 06/06/2023 Presentation]

New Business:

- 150/23 Appointment of Ramon L. Quezada to Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 152/23 Disposition of Real Property, 262 E. Haverhill St., Unit # 12, Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
- 153/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$50,000] Earmark Grant – Adderly Gonzalez, Director Parks & Recreation Dept
- 154/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$175,000] Earmark Grant – Marth Velez, Health & Human Services
- 155/23 Payment Prior Year Invoice [\$39,000] Contract #6832 with LFDEF - Rosa Shephard, Dir. of Support Services, LPD
- 156/23 Payment Prior Year Invoice [\$123,000] Contract #6491 with LFDEF - Rosa Shephard, Dir. of Support Services, LPD
- 157/23 No Parking Area, Wilmot Street – Laura Diaz
- 158/23 Latino Music Festival, Campagnone Common, 12 – 8 p.m., May 20, 2023 – Arielys Concepcion
- 159/23 More than Conquors, Campagnone Common, 3 – 8 p.m., June 10, 2023 – Jeffrey Watson
- 160/23 Cerlin’s Baby Shower, Manchester Street Park, 2 – 7 p.m., June 10, 2023 – Lesandri Jaime
- 161/23 Yoga in the Park, Campagnone Common, Saturdays, Noon – 1 p.m., June 10 – Sept 30, 2023 – Barbara Maffeo
- 162/23 Summer Resource Fair, Campagnone Common, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., June 24, 2023 – Carmen Gonzales
- 163/23 Rock the Block Lawrence, Veteran’s Memorial Stadium, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., July 15, 2023 – Savannah Amaral, Crossroads Community Church
- 164/23 Dia de Clamor a Dios, Campagnone Common, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. September 2, 2023 – Maribel Maldonado
- 165/23 20 Minute Parking, 262 Hampshire Street [Pilon Market] [7 days week 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.] VP Estela Reyes and Luis Frias
- 166/23 One Way – Boehm St – Counc. Celina Reyes
- 167/23 Boyd Street, No Parking [from Dead-End to Telephone Pole] [Even Side] – Councilor Stephany Infante
- 168/23 Handicapped Parking, 68 Dorchester Street, Apt # 2 – Rosabel M. Flores
- 169/23 Handicapped Parking, 54 Essex Street – Jose Astacio
- 170/23 Handicapped Parking, 84 Bennington Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 171/23 Handicapped Parking, 27 Newton Street – Jamie Jacques
- 172/23 Handicapped Parking, 25 Basswood Street – Angel Silverio
- 173/23 Transfer from Retained Earnings [\$275,000] for next Fiscal Year – Francisco Ureña, Airport Manager