

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
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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:

- 135/23 No Parking, Concord Street [Section at Hampshire Street, both sides] – Atty. Timothy Houten and Chief Moriarty
- 136/23 Proposed Ordinance Regulating “Trespass” Tows (from private property) – Capt. Ariel Montas, Lawrence Police Department
- 137/23 Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting Obstruction of Sidewalks – Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez

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:

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 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
173/23 Transfer from Retained Earnings [\$275,000] for next Fiscal Year – Francisco Ureña, Airport Manager

Housing Committee: [No Report]

Ordinance Committee:

336/22 City Charter, Section 5.11 School Committee– Jonathan Guzman, Vice Chair, Lawrence School Committee
145/23 Bailey Street, Temporary Closure – Councilor Stephany Infante
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

Personnel Committee:

149/23 Appointment of First Assistant City Attorney – Timothy Houten, City Attorney
150/23 Appointment of Ramon L. Quezada to Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Mayor Brian A. DePeña

Old Business: [None]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 05-17-23]:

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 – Council. 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.–Council. 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 – Council. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt
85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units- [Sec. 15.12.065] - Council. Payano – Public Hearing
110/18 Haverhill St–One way between Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Council. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
121/18 Recycling Program Ordinance-Council. Payano-Ord. [PH Closed] [ud] [01-07-20]
208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Council. 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-Council. Payano & Council. 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-Council. 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
- 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 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:

- 174/23 Fund Transfer [\$350,000] from FREE CASH to Fire Suppression Overtime – Chief Brian Moriarty
- 175/23 Fund Transfer [\$1,618,910] from FREE CASH to Various Reserve Funds – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 176/23 SEIU Local 888 Parking Attendant Union, CBA Authorization and [\$20K] Funding Approval - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 177/23 SEIU Local 3 Inspectors Union, CBA Authorization and [\$98,100] Funding Approval - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 178/23 Year End Transfers between Department Accounts - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 179/23 FY24 Annual Authorization of Revolving Funds, and Authorization to Spend [\$357,980] PEG Funds – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 180/23 Appropriate Insurance Proceeds estimated [\$502,258] Parthum School Roof Damage – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 181/23 Submission of FY22 City Audit to City Council (Powers & Sullivan LLC) - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 182/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [\$7,000] ECCF Summer Fund – Janelle Abreu, Library Director
- 183/23 Appointment of Sharon Birchall to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/24 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 184/23 Appointment of Andres Castillo to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/24 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 185/23 Appointment of William Collins to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/24 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 186/23 Appointment of Daniel M. Foley to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/25 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 187/23 Appointment of Robert H. Irving to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/25 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 188/23 Appointment of Doug Howe to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/25 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 189/23 Appointment of Dania Amador-Martis to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/26 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 190/23 Appointment of Earnest R. Coutermarsh to the Lawrence Airport Commission, Term Exp 7/15/26 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 191/23 Disclosure of a Conflict - Jose Gutierrez, Lawrence School Department
- 192/23 Fire Prevention Plan Development – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 193/23 Family Fun Day, O’Connell Park, Saturday July 1, 2023 – Nelson Ortiz and Yerinson Cruz
- 194/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License, Heavy Hitters Marketing – Deanna Migliaccio
- 195/23 Farmer’s Market, Wednesdays, June 14 – Oct 25 Campagnone Common – Eddie Rosa, Groundworks Lawrence
- 196/23 Farmer’s Market, Saturdays, June 17 – Oct 28, O’Connell Park – Eddie Rosa, Groundworks Lawrence
- 197/23 BINGO in the Park, July 22 and 23rd, 2023, Campagnone Common – Margarita Sanchez Aracena
- 198/23 Celebrating Recovery, Sept 23, 2023, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Campagnone Common – Rachel Pezzuto

- 199/23 Christian Rally, June 10 @ Borgoin Park, July 8 @ Cronin Park, Aug 12 and Sept 9 @ Gagnon Park – Jorge Colon
- 200/23 15 Min Parking, Grocery Store at 130 Franklin Street – Xiomara Garcia
- 201/23 [2] 15 Min Parking – Removal – 486 Howard St. – Counc Ana Levy and Francisco Frias
- 202/23 Reservoir Street – One Way heading NW – Cemetery Director, Cemetery Board and Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 203/23 Handicapped Parking, 545 Essex Street, Unit #54 – Jose Astacio
- 204/23 Resolution Honoring Gymnast Jonell Canales – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 205/23 Immigrant Park Place – [Chestnut St and Short St.] – Add Isabel Melendez’s Name – Counc. VP Estela Reyes
- 206/23 4 Way Stop @ South Broadway and Farley St. [Traffic Study Needed] – Councilors S. Infante and C. Reyes
- 207/23 4 Way Stop @ Mt. Vernon St, Sparkle Drive and Mt. Vernon Cir [Traffic Study Needed] – Counc. Stephany Infante
- 208/23 Request to Remove Deed Restriction, 113 Walnut St. – Omar Loaiza and Frank S. Giles P.L.S.
- 209/23 Declaration of Surplus Property, Kendall Street Parcel (Map 92, Lot 79) - Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
- 210/23 Resolution in Support of Lawrence Public Schools Financial Audit by State Auditor – Jonathan Guzman, Vice Chair, Lawrence School Committee
- 211/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [\$10,000] ECCF Summer Fund – Adderly Gonzalez, Recreation Dept Director [LATE FILING]
- 212/23 Recognition – Football Team [U12 North, Jr. Lancers] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 213/23 Resolution – Honoring St. John’s Prep Graduate 2023, Valedictorian, Jonathan R. Rodriguez – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 214/23 Director of Inspectional Services Department (ISD). Temporary Appointment. Ord No. 2.04.018 – Councilor Stephany Infante and President Laplante