

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
JUNE 29, 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

Public Hearings:

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:

211/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [\$10,000] ECCF Summer Fund – Adderly Gonzalez, Recreation Dept Director

226/23 Leahy School, Additional Loan Order [\$12MIL] – Mark Ianello, CAFO

Housing Committee:

209/23 Declaration of Surplus Property, Kendall Street Parcel (Map 92, Lot 79) - Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer

Ordinance Committee:

- 181/22 Resolution establishing an appropriate fee structure for Utility Companies-Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 269/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Woodland St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 270/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Dale St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 354/22 Stop Sign – Newbury Street [Corner of Brook Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 355/22 Stop Sign – Alder and Hampshire Streets – Maria Osorio [Withdraw]
- 357/22 Stop Sign – Berkeley Street [Corner of Knox Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 25/23 Handicapped Parking, 94 Saratoga Street – Daniel Mercedes Castillo [Order Public Hearing]
- 34/23 Handicapped Parking, 153 Willow Street – Felipe M. Hidalgo [Order Public Hearing]
- 35/23 Handicapped Parking, 85 Willow Street – Marie Celestin [Order Public Hearing]
- 68/23 Handicapped Parking [2 Spaces] 9 Lenox Street – Counc Stephany Infante [Order Public Hearing]
- 70/23 Handicapped Parking, 15 Burke Street – Counc. Stephany Infante and Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez [Withdraw]
- 71/23 Handicapped Parking, 111 Arlington Street – Rosa Haydee Castro [Withdraw]
- 72/23 Handicapped Parking, 33 Buswell Street – Sandra Lucchesi [Order Public Hearing]
- 73/23 Request for Resident Parking Only, 287 South Broadway – Zenaida Santiago [Withdraw]
- 74/23 Handicapped Parking, 55 Greenwood Street – Joel Batista [Order Public Hearing]
- 198/23 Celebrating Recovery, Sept 23, 2023, 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Campagnone Common – Rachel Pezzuto
- 215/23 Approval of Five (5) Year Contract with Colonial Power Group, Inc. as Vendor for Municipal Aggregation – Anil Navkal and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 219/23 Tarbox School Parking Area, Signage and Enforcement for Restricted Resident Access – Anny Diaz and Counc. Gregory Delrosario [Order Public Hearing]
- 227/23 Filling Vacant Position after 6 Month Vacancy, Network Supervisor – Carlos Castillo, I.T. Director
- 236/23 Celebrate Recovery Month, Aug 26, 2023, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Scarito Park – Ana Javier
- 237/23 Evangelism, Saturdays 6/17, 7/15, 8/19, 9/9, 10/14, 11/18/2023, 1 – 3 p.m. Kennedy Park – Jan Nieves
- 238/23 Salsa en el Barrio, August 6, 2023, 3 – 6 p.m. Manchester Street Park - Elvis Lora, Utopia Dance Company
- 239/23 Interfaith Family Event, Aug 12, 2023, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., O’Connell Park – Ana Javier, Ebenezer Christian Church
- 240/23 Annual Community Resource Fair, Sept 9, 2023, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Campagnone Common – Laiza St. Onge, Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC)

Personnel Committee: [No Report]

Old Business:

- 20/23 Determination Regarding Vote by Mail and In-Person Early Voting for Primary and General Election – City Clerk Eileen Bernal and Elections Clerk Richard Reyes [Request to Reconsider September Time Frame]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 06-20-23]:

- 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
- 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
- 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
- 336/22 City Charter, Section 5.11 School Committee– Jonathan Guzman, Vice Chair, Lawrence School Committee [T] 06-06-23
- 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

New Business:

- 242/23 59-71 Merrimack St, Zoning Amendment – Atty. Brian Corrigan for Greater Lawrence Community Action Council (GLCAC)
- 243/23 “There is a Way Out” Event, Campagnone Common, August 25, 2023 – Diana Regus, House of Mercy
- 244/23 Splash Park Event, Saturday, July 15, 2023, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Dorcaly Fiallo, MA Advocates for Children
- 245/23 Greenway 5K, Manchester Street Park, August 6, 2023, 8 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Eddie Rosa, Groundwork Lawrence
- 246/23 Approval of Hawkers & Peddlers License – Piragua Santiago and Fernando Santiago
- 247/23 “Minds with Purpose” Basketball Tournament, O’Connell Park, Aug 27, 2023 –Jeurys Santiago, Minds with Purpose
- 248/23 Ordinance Regarding Commercial Vehicles and Commercial Overnight Parking – Councilor Ana Levy
- 249/23 Handicapped Sign Removal – 310 Salem Street – Councilor Stephany Infante
- 250/23 Expansion of Juan Pablo Duarte Blvd on Broadway from Canal Street to Kirk St. – Desfile Dominicano, Rosa Aquino, Mayor DePeña and Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 251/23 Handicapped Parking, 26 Oregon Ave., Apt # 2 – Boanerges Leger
- 252/23 Handicapped Parking, 8 Hey Street – Dorka Crisostomo for Mercedes Rodriguez Gomez
- 253/23 Handicapped Parking, 2 Basswood Street – Elizabeth Rodriguez
- 254/23 Creation of Ad Hoc Committee RE: City Council Office – Council President Marc Laplante
- 255/23 Stop Signs on Cross Street, both Directions at Intersection of Cedar Street – Councilor Richard Russell
- 256/23 Old Gold/Second Hand Dealer License – Eric Mane, Henry’s Jewelers

- 257/23 Approve 24 Polling Location for 2023 Municipal Elections [both September and November]
- 258/23 Approve Police Details for Municipal Elections [both September and November]
- 259/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$10K] Toxic Use Reduction Institute (T.U.R.I.) Grant – Chief Brian Moriarty, LFD
- 260/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$150K] National Council on Aging (NCOA) Vaccine - Martha Velez, Director of HHS
- 261/23 Payment of Prior Year Invoice, Alcantara – Timothy Houten, City Attorney
- 262/23 Direct Disposition, 88-92 Oxford Street (Map 165, Lot 18) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
- 263/23 Declaration of Surplus Property, 202-202A Park Street (Map 171, Lot 133) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer
- 264/23 Post, Advertise and Fill Position of “Director of Economic Development” [Vacant Over 6 Months] – Mark Ianello, CAFO [Late File]