

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL**

Date & Time: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:  
JULY 14, 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:**

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

**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: NO REPORT**

**Housing Committee: NO REPORT**

**Ordinance Committee:**

248/19 City Hall Parking Lot-Use Policy-Counc. Levy [Withdraw]

278/19 Ordinance change to ban drivers' use of hand held devices within a school zone during the hours of 7am-4pm during school year- Counc. President Laplante [Withdraw]

231/20 Stop sign (northbound traffic) at the intersection of S. Union St. and S. Broadway (near 440 S. Broadway) - Counc. Pres. Laplante [Withdraw]

- 94/21 Promote and Endorse a Traffic Study/Improvements at 5 Corners – Counc. President Laplante [Withdraw]
- 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]
- 131/23 [2] 20 Min Parking Spaces – 71 East Haverhill St. – Counc. VP Estela Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 143/23 Handicapped Parking, 8 Hey St., D-A – Dorka Cristofono & Counc. Maria De La Cruz [Order Public Hearing]
- 157/23 No Parking Area, Wilmot Street – Laura Diaz [Withdraw]
- 165/23 20 Minute Parking, 262 Hampshire St [Pilon Market] [7 days week 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.] VP Estela Reyes & Luis Frias [Order Public Hearing]
- 243/23 “There is a Way Out” Event, Campagnone Common, August 25, 2023 – Diana Regus, House of Mercy
- 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
- 249/23 Handicapped Sign Removal – 310 Salem Street – Councilor Stephany Infante [Order Public Hearing]
- 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
- 254/23 Creation of Ad Hoc Committee RE: City Council Office – Council President Marc Laplante
- 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] – Eileen Bernal and Richard Reyes, City Clerk’s Office
- 258/23 Approve Police Details for Municipal Elections [both September and November] – Eileen Bernal and Richard Reyes, City Clerk’s Office
- 264/23 Reauthorization of “Director of Economic Development” [Vacant Over 6 Months] – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 265/23 Reauthorization of “Assistant Director of Recreation” Position for Recreation Department [Vacant Over 6 Months] – Director Adderly Gonzales and Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes [NOTE: Position Title has been Corrected]

**Personnel Committee: NO REPORT**

**Old Business:**

- 411C/22 Creating a Thriving Lawrence, RFR Responses – [\$4.685 MIL] (Portion of \$16MIL Special Projects) – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 201/23 [2] 15 Min Parking – Removal – 486 Howard St. – Counc Ana Levy and Francisco Frias [Order Public Hearing]

**Tabled Matters: [updated: 07-06-23]:**

- 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:**

- 266/23 Handicapped Parking, 164 Union Street – Fernando Munoz and Council V.P. Estela Reyes
- 267/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$143,330] MASS DOT IRAP Grant – Dan McCarthy, Dir. of Planning & Development
- 268/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$10,000] Partners in Child Development Grant – Janelle Abreu, Library Director
- 269/23 Auth to Expend Funds [Up to \$500K] Eversource Street Repair Reimbursement – Jorge Jaime, DPW Director
- 270/23 One Way – Short St. [from Chestnut St to Oak St] – Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 271/23 No Parking Sign - Short St. [from Chestnut St to Oak St] – Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 272/23 Resident Parking Only – Short St. [Heritage Common Apartments] – Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 273/23 Resident Parking Only – Oak St. – Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 274/23 No Parking Between Driveways – Bennington Street – Counc. V.P. Estela Reyes
- 275/23 Proposal for COVID/ARPA Payment to Lawrence Residents, [\$100] Per Person - Councilor Richard Russell
- 276/23 Handicapped Parking, 189 Garden Street – Carlos Garcia Javier
- 277/23 Handicapped Parking, 62 Dorchester St., Apt # 1A – Rosalia Perez Moscoso
- 278/23 Resolution in Support of Teachers and LPS Employees and Declare August 28, 2023 “Lawrence Public School Day” – Homayoun Maali
- 279/23 Disability Expo/Resource Fair, Campagnone Common, 10 AM – 4 PM, August 12, 2023 – Raquel Quezada, Fundacion Cambiando el Mundo de Personas con Discapacidad
- 280/23 Health Connector Enrollment, Campagnone Common, 11 AM – 6 PM, August 26, 2023 – Fabiano Latham, Archipelago Strategies Group, Inc.
- 281/23 Festival Orgullo Puertorriqueno, O’Neil Park 12 PM – 10 PM, August 13, 2023 – Fernando Aguila, Pegate a las 4
- 282/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License Renewal – Angel Bisano, Tropical Coco Helado

- 283/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$58,832] FY24 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Grant – Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, LDP
- 284/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$53,737] FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice (JAG) Grant – Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, LDP