

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
JULY 28, 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

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:

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 Health and Human Services

261/23 Payment of Prior Year Invoice, Alcantara – Timothy Houten, City Attorney

268/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$10,000] Partners in Child Development Grant – Janelle Abreu, Library Director

275/23 Proposal for COVID/ARPA Payment to Lawrence Residents, [\$100] Per Person - Councilor Richard Russell

- 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

Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee:

- 197/14 Double Poles–Locations–Review–Council Pres. Maldonado [Withdrawal]
- 308/14 Hillside Avenue–One Way traffic – Council. Vasquez [Withdrawal]
- 309/14 Ames Street–One Way traffic – [from Haverhill Street to Yale Street]–Council. Vasquez [Withdrawal]
- 406/16 Excavation Permit Process and Re-inspection – Review – Council. Alvarez-Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 416/16 Approval of Riverview Place/Nightingale Court as a public way – Mayor Dan Rivera & Council. Jeovanny Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 417/16 Approval of Embankment Street as a public way – Mayor Dan Rivera and Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 81/17 Traffic Management during constructions in the City of Lawrence – Council. Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 89/17 Gas Leak Repairs and Emergencies Response – Council. Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 121/17 Stop Sign–4-way Stop–Corner of Phillips Street and Bailey Street – Council Pres. Vasquez & Vice Pres. Laplante [Withdrawal]
- 298/17 Removal of Lawrence Public Works site at Water Street and Marble Avenue – Councilor J. Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 72/18 Jamaica and South Union Streets Zoning Decision review – Council. Laplante [Withdrawal]
- 77/18 Hookah Prohibition-City Establishments – Council. Levy [Withdrawal]
- 92/18 Fee Amendments – An Ordinance Update to Current Established Fees - Council. Pres. Vasquez & Council. Payano [Withdrawal]
- 123/18 No Parking – In front of 170 Saratoga Street – Council. Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 125/18 Updating Housing Code – Council. Payano [Withdrawal]
- 142/18 Transient Vendor License – 30 Alder Street - Jose R. Hernandez Mota [Withdrawal]
- 149/18 Absentee Landlords in Lawrence–Council. De La Cruz [Withdrawal]
- 209/18 Parking – 47 Loring Street – 10 min. – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 231/18 Parking – 212 Bruce Street – 15 Minutes – Maria Suero – Council. Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 232/18 Mi Casa Adult Day Health Center – 333 Broadway – Pick Up/Drop off Zone, Council, Jeovanny Rodriguez [Withdrawal]
- 290/18 James J. O’Neill Memorial Park – Amendments of the City Zoning Ordinance Map – Dan McCarthy, Land Use Planner [Withdrawal]
- 310/18 Portraits of Former Mayors – Council Pres. Vasquez [Withdrawal]
- 313/18 Office of the City Attorney - Request to Amend City Ordinance Requiring Installation of Automatic Sprinklers for All New and/or Substantially Rehabilitated Buildings - on Behalf of Fire Department Chief Brian Moriarty - Brian T. Corrigan, Assistant City Attorney [Withdrawal]
- 314/18 Parking – 296 Lawrence Street – 15 minutes in front of Stearns Avenue – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 327/18 Election Staff – hiring and salary – Council. De La Cruz [Withdrawal]
- 332/18 Parking – 251 Broadway – 15 minutes – Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez, Councils. DePeña and Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 346/18 One Way Street – Fitz Street to Saunders Street – Council. Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 347/18 Loading Zone – Front of 121 Essex Street – Council. Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 348/18 Stop Sign – Hampshire and Alder Streets – Council. Reyes [Withdrawal]
- 357/18 Railroad Street [Corner of Haverhill Street] – to install set of lights – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 358/18 Parking – Sunset Avenue – One Side Only [from Lawrence Street on] – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 359/18 No Parking in front of 93 Greenwood Street – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 360/18 Willow Street – One Side Parking [from Center Street to Methuen Line] – Council. DePeña [Withdrawal]
- 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 Bisono, Tropical Coco Helado

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

267/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$143,330] MASS DOT IRAP Grant – Dan McCarthy, Dir. of Planning & Development

Tabled Matters: [updated: 07-18-23]:

- 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
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

- 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
- 411C/22 Creating a Thriving Lawrence, RFR Responses – [\$4.685 MIL] (Portion of \$16MIL Special Projects) – Mayor Brian A. DePeña [T] 7-18-23
- 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
- 254/23 Creation of Ad Hoc Committee RE: City Council Office – Council President Marc Laplante [T] 7-18-23

New Business:

- 285/23 G-Group Transportation, LLC, Approval of Livery License, New Business - Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Police Dept.
- 286/23 Request for Traffic Study, Intersection of Summer Street and Union Street – Jessica Aquino
- 287/23 No Parking Either Side of Driveway [131-133 Bennington St] [City Owned Vacant Lot] – Counc VP Estela Reyes
- 288/23 No Parking Either Side of Driveway [137-139 Bennington St] [City Owned Vacant Lot] – Counc VP Estela Reyes
- 289/23 Removal of [1] Handicapped Parking Space at 53 Bradford Street – Liliana Peralta
- 290/23 Handicapped Parking, 19 Canton Street – Raymond Denuccio Jr
- 291/23 Resident Parking, Walnut Street – Hector Rodriguez and other Walnut Street Residents
- 292/23 Yard Sale, Saturday, Aug 12, 2023, 9AM – 5PM, O’Connell Park – Luis Pineyro, Capilla Eveangelica Cristiana Inc
- 293/23 Friendship Get Together, Monday, Sept 4, 2023, 10AM – 6PM, O’Connell Park – Amarilis Garcia
- 294/23 CompARTimos Art Installation, Sept 22 – Oct 29, 2023, Campagnone Common – Xan Argueta
- 295/23 Minds with Purpose, Basketball Tournament, Sunday Aug 27, 2023, 8AM – 7PM – Jeurys Santiago
- 296/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License – Ghandi Refrigerio and Braulio Grullon
- 297/23 Request to Access Sidewalk for Produce Display, 187-189 Lawrence Street – Cesar Checo, Mello’s Market
- 298/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, Council on Aging [\$161,160] – Martha Velez, Director HHS
- 299/23 Review Ordinance 5.24.020 Grant of Authority, License or Similar Permits [Creation and Maintenance of CATV System] Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez [LATE FILE]