

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, August 15, 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:

131/23 [2] 20 Min Parking Spaces – 71 East Haverhill St. – Counc. VP Estela Reyes

143/23 Handicapped Parking, 8 Hey St., D-A – Dorka Cristofono & Counc. Maria De La Cruz

165/23 20 Minute Parking, 262 Hampshire St [Pilon Market] [7 days week 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.] VP Estela Reyes & Luis Frias

201/23 DELETE - [2] 15 Min Parking – 486 Howard St. – Counc Ana Levy and Francisco Frias

249/23 DELETE - Handicapped Parking – 310 Salem Street – Councilor Stephany Infante

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

269/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Woodland St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

270/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Dale St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

354/22 Stop Sign – Newbury Street [Corner of Brook Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

357/22 Stop Sign – Berkeley Street [Corner of Knox Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

25/23 Handicapped Parking, 94 Saratoga Street – Daniel Mercedes Castillo [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

34/23 Handicapped Parking, 153 Willow Street – Felipe M. Hidalgo [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

35/23 Handicapped Parking, 85 Willow Street – Marie Celestin [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

- 68/23 Handicapped Parking, [2 Spaces] 9 Lenox Street – Counc Stephany Infante [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]
- 72/23 Handicapped Parking, 33 Buswell Street – Sandra Lucchesi [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]
- 74/23 Handicapped Parking, 55 Greenwood Street – Joel Batista [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]
- 219/23 Tarbox School Parking Area, Signage and Enforcement for Restricted Resident Access – Anny Diaz and Counc. Gregory Delrosario [Public Hearing Anticipated on Sept 5, 2023]

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

- 320/23 Correspondence to the Mayor Requesting Information Regarding FY24 Budget, Specifically with Regard to the Status and the Funding of ISD Inspector Positions - Councilor J. Rodriguez

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 269/23 Auth to Expend Funds [Up to \$500K] Eversource Street Repair Reimbursement – Jorge Jaime, DPW Director
- 298/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, Council on Aging [\$161,160] – Martha Velez, Director HHS

Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee:

- 278/23 Resolution in Support of Teachers and LPS Employees and Declare August 28, 2023 “Lawrence Public School Day” – Homayoun Maali
- 285/23 G-Group Transportation, LLC, Approval of Livery License, New Business - Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Police Dept.
- 289/23 Removal of [1] Handicapped Parking Space at 53 Bradford Street – Liliana Peralta
- 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
- 297/23 Request to Access Sidewalk for Produce Display, 187-189 Lawrence Street – Cesar Checo, Mello’s Market

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

- 210/14 Temporary or Provisional Employment Appointments – Proposed Ordinance – Councilor Laplante [Withdrawal]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 08-01-23]:

- 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
- 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:

- 299/23 Review Ordinance 5.24.020 Grant of Authority, License or Similar Permits [Creation and Maintenance of CATV System] – Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 300/23 Auth to Expend Grant Fund [\$10K] Sobriety Checkpoint and Saturations Initiative with MA State Police – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Dept.
- 301/23 Auth to Expend Grant Fund [\$40K] Edward J. Byrne Safer Communities Initiative with MA State Police – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Dept.
- 302/23 Auth to Expend Grant Fund [\$700K] FY24 SSI Grant – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Dept.
- 303/23 SEIU Local 888 Carpenters and Trades Union – Approve Incremental Cost Items and Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreement, with [\$62,500] appropriation – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 304/23 SEIU Local 888 Supervisors and Administrators Union – Approve Incremental Cost Items and Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreement, with [\$252,800] appropriation – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 305/23 SEIU Local 3 Laborers Union – Approve Incremental Cost Items and Funding Approval, with [\$142,000] appropriation – Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 306/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [\$300K] FY24 Local Health Support from MA DPH – Peter Blanchette, Inspectional Services

- 307/23 Resident Parking – Showell Court – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 308/23 15 Min Parking, Oak St and Jackson St – Councilor Ana Levy
- 309/23 Handicapped Parking, Farnham Street – Benvenutty Alida Ivette
- 310/23 Handicapped Parking, 7 Campo Seco St. – Janet Otero Torres
- 311/23 Handicapped Parking, 356 South Union St. – Serrano Padro Manuel Adalberto
- 312/23 Resident Parking – Reservoir Terrace – Councilor Gregory Delrosario
- 313/23 Handicapped Parking, 29 Springfield St. – Council President Marc Laplante
- 314/23 Dedication of Corner of Broadway @ Green St to Nick Rivera Caminero – Councilors J. Rodriguez, S. Infante and Mayor DePeña
- 315/23 Disclosure of Municipal Employee, Assisting on Election Day (Primary and General) – Lisa Modugno
- 316/23 Disclosure of Municipal Employee, Assisting on Election Day (Primary and General) – Adderly Gonzalez
- 317/23 Disclosure of Municipal Employee, Assisting on Election Day (Primary and General) – Alyssa Coco
- 318/23 Request Consideration of Resolution regarding Auto Insurance Premiums – Homayoun Maali
- 319/23 Community Health Fair, Campagnone Common, Sept 13, 2023, 10:30AM – 2PM – Sebastian Cifuentes, United Healthcare