

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
SEPT 31, 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:

- 269/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Woodland St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes
- 270/22 Stop Sign-Woodland Court [Corner of Dale St.]-Councilor Celina Reyes
- 354/22 Stop Sign – Newbury Street [Corner of Brook Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes
- 357/22 Stop Sign – Berkeley Street [Corner of Knox Street] – Councilor Celina Reyes
- 25/23 Handicapped Parking, 94 Saratoga Street – Daniel Mercedes Castillo
- 34/23 Handicapped Parking, 153 Willow Street – Felipe M. Hidalgo
- 35/23 Handicapped Parking, 85 Willow Street – Marie Celestin
- 68/23 Handicapped Parking, [2 Spaces] 9 Lenox Street – Counc Stephany Infante
- 72/23 Handicapped Parking, 33 Buswell Street – Sandra Lucchesi
- 74/23 Handicapped Parking, 55 Greenwood Street, Joel Batista

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:

- 181/23 Submission of FY22 City Audit to City Council (Powers & Sullivan LLC) - Mark Ianello, CAFO
- 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

Housing Committee:

- 221/23 Direct Disposition of Real Property, Garfield St., Lot #60 (Map 76, Lot 35) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer [Withdraw]
- 262/23 Direct Disposition, 88-92 Oxford Street (Map 165, Lot 18) – Francisco Surillo, Asset Officer

Ordinance Committee:

- 11/23 15 Min Parking – 485 Broadway [Garcia Beauty Supply & Evolution] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario [Withdraw]
- 12/23 15 Min Parking – 491 Broadway [Paula Express Corp.] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario [Withdraw]
- 13/23 15 Min Parking – 461 Hampshire St. [Jacobco Suerpmarket] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario & Ramon Bello [Order Public Hearing]
- 14/23 Loading Zone – Oxford St. [Rear of 450 Haverhill St.] – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez [Order Public Hearing]
- 21/23 15 Min Parking – 511 Broadway [Latin Minimarket] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario [Withdraw]
- 126/23 Re-Zoning of 191 Parker Street from R-3 to B-1 – Counc. Celina Reyes and Mayor Brian A. DePeña [Order Public Hearing]
- 132/23 20 Min Parking Space, La Familia Market, 119 Jackson St. – Rafael Guzman [Withdraw]
- 200/23 15 Min Parking, Grocery Store at 130 Franklin Street – Xiomara Garcia [Order Public Hearing]
- 255/23 Stop Signs on Cross Street, both Directions at Intersection of Cedar Street – Councilor Richard Russell
- 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

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Old Business:

- 319/23 Community Health Fair, Campagnone Common, Sept 13, 2023, 10:30AM – 2PM – Sebastian Cifuentes, United Healthcare

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 – 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
- 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
- 201/23 DELETE - [2] 15 Min Parking – 486 Howard St. – Council Ana Levy and Francisco Frias [Public Hearing Opened 8-
15-2023], [T] 8-15-23, Public Hearing occurred on 8-15-23
- 289/23 Removal of [1] Handicapped Parking Space at 53 Bradford Street – Liliana Peralta [T] 8-15-23

New Business:

- 321/23 Appropriation Transfer of Stabilization Funds, up to [\$50,000], Lease of New Office Space, Office of Planning and
Development – Susan Fink, Manager of Financial and Administrative Services

- 322/23 Contract Amendment, FY23 SSYI Grant, [Increase from \$700K to \$753,504], Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, Police Department
- 323/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, up to [\$50K], Byrne Grant with MA State Police, Safer Communities Initiative, Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, Police Department
- 324/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds, up to [\$4K], SORB Address Verification Program, with MA State Police, Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, Police Department
- 325/23 Appointment of Pedro V. Tejada to the LRA (Completing Balance of Term of Eddie Rosa, Expires 8/11/2024)
- 326/23 Re-Appointment of Ana Medina to the LRA (Term Expires 8/11/2028)
- 327/23 Transient Vendor License, Big Beautiful Wings – Wanyi Guignard
- 328/23 Preach the Word of God, Sept 29 & 30, 2023, Manchester Street Park – Joanny Shephard, Generation without Limits
- 329/23 Christmas Decorations, Nov 18, 2023 – Jan 7, 2024, O’Neil Park @ R. Clemente Blvd. – Jose Vaila, Instituto Cultural de Puerto Rico, Inc.
- 330/23 Spicket River Clean Up, Sept 23, 2023, Manchester Street Park – Eddie Rosa, Groundwork Lawrence
- 331/23 One Side Parking Only – Alder Street [from Walnut St. to Bennington St.] [No Parking on Even # Side of Street] – Councilor Gregory Delrosario, Mayor Brian A. DePeña and DPW Director Jaime
- 332/23 Update RE: Channel 22/Local Cable Broadcast Equipment – Councilor Ana Levy
- 333/23 Stop Sign – Grove Street at Prospect Street – Councilor Ana Levy
- 334/23 Stop Sign – Grove Street at High Street – Councilor Ana Levy
- 335/23 Stop Sign – Intersection of Carver Street and Merrimack Street – Councilor Stephany Infante
- 336/23 Resident Parking Only – Coleman Street – Councilor Stephany Infante
- 337/23 Proposal of \$100 Fee for all Agenda Items Requiring a Public Hearing – Councilor Richard Russell
- 338/23 Handicapped Parking, Corner of Hampshire Street and Haverhill Street – Ana Jarvis, Christian Church Ebenezer
- 339/23 Extend Permit to Use Buckley Garage [Through April 2026] – Michael Gorman, The Movement Family (TMF)