

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL**

Date & Time: Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:  
SEPT 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:**

343/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [\$139,805] from MA Dept. Public Health for Lawrence Mass in Motion, Safe Routes to School, Parks & Open Spaces, and Healthy Food Access – Elecia Miller, Mayor’s Health Task Force

344/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [\$719,008] Fed Department of Health & Human Services Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) in Lower Tower Hill area – Elecia Miller, Mayor’s Health Task Force

345/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [up to \$405,377] FY24 PSAP 911 Support and Incentive Grant – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department

346/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [Up to \$191,609.52] FY24 PSAP 911 Training Grant – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department

- 347/23 Authorization to Expend Grant Funds [Up to \$249,928.40] FY24 Body Worn Camera Grant from MA Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) – Rosa Shephard, Dir of Support Services, Police Dept
- 348/23 Authorization to Pay Prior Year Invoices [\$30,669.37] – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department
- 349/23 Authorization to Expend funds [\$546,000] from the Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities (EOHLC) 40R Smart Growth Incentive Funds – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 350/23 Expenditure of Funds [\$800,000] Child Care Circuit, Mayor’s Scholarship Fund – Martha Velez, Director of HHS on behalf of Mayor Brian A. DePeña

**Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]**

**Ordinance Committee: [NO REPORT]**

**Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]**

**Old Business:**

- 411B/22 Transfer of funds from to FREE CASH to Special Projects - [\$16MIL over 2 Yrs] [\$8.43MIL, Department Expenditures] – Mayor Brian A. DePeña [Amend Prior Allocations]
- 341/23 Approval of TIF Agreement for Helfrich Bros. Boiler Company – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner

**Tabled Matters: [updated: 09-26-23]:**

- 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. Anne's 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
- 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:**

- 369/23 Lawrence Public Schools, FY23 Prior Yr Invoices [\$205,999.24] – Odanis Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer LPS
- 370/23 Payment of Prior Year Invoice, Carras Community Investment [\$1,170] – Mayor Brian A. DePena
- 371/23 Water Fountain to Remember All Lawrence, MA Vietnam Veterans who Served Their Country – Counc Pres Marc Laplante and Counc VP Estela Reyes
- 372/23 One Way - Saratoga Street – Counc. VP Estela Reyes
- 373/23 Auth to Expend Funds [\$140K] EPA Revolving Loan Fund/MVPC, Tombarello Brownfield Site – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 374/23 Request State Auditor Diana Dizoglio Audit Lawrence Community Access Television (LCAT) – Counc. Ana Levy
- 375/23 Handicapped Parking – 68 Dorchester Street – Rosabel Flores and Counc. President Marc Laplante
- 376/23 Install Underground Facilities on Amesbury Street [Petition No. 30602809] – Alec Noel Birdsong, National Grid
- 377/23 Remove Handicapped Parking, 2 Bennington St [Approved as Doc No. 39/19] – Officer Able Cano
- 378/23 Remove Handicapped Parking, 2 Bennington St [Approved as Doc No. 40/19] – Officer Able Cano
- 379/23 Remove Handicapped Parking, 2 Bennington St [Approved as Doc No. 42/19] – Officer Able Cano
- 380/23 Remove Handicapped Parking, 2 Bennington St [Approved as Doc No. 412/22] – Officer Able Cano
- 381/23 Handicapped Parking, Four [4] Spaces on Chestnut Street – Officer Abel Cano