

REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 21, 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:

399/23 FY24 Property Tax Classification – Alexcy Vega, Chief Assessor

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:

348/23 Authorization to Pay Prior Year Invoices [\$30,669.37] – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Police Department [Ratification of Vote to Include Source of Funds]

403/23 Authorize Creation of DPW Recycling Revolving Fund [\$50,000] – Jorge Jaime, DPW Director

431/23 Auth to Expend Opioid Settlement Funds from Office of the Atty General, Estimated Amount [\$2,523,205.21] – Susan Fink, Manager of Financial and Administrative Services

432/23 SEIU Local 888 Library Union – Approve Incremental Cost Items and Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreement, with [\$145,000] Fund Transfer [Contract Dates: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025] – Mark Ianello, CAFO

433/23 Transfer [\$52,412.04] from Stabilization Fund to pay Judgment – Timothy Houten, City Attorney

- 434/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [up to \$1,005,200] 2024 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Lawrence Police Department
- 435/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [up to \$2,500] Sobriety Checkpoint and Saturations Initiative with the Massachusetts State Police – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Lawrence Police Department
- 436/23 Auth to Expend Grant Funds [up to \$48,085] FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Rosa Shephard, Director of Support Services, Lawrence Police Department
- 437/23 Solar PPA and Lease Contracts with Solect Electric for five [5] City Properties [3 Schools, 2 City Buildings] – Anil Navkal, Energy Advisor to Mayor DePeña

Housing Committee: [NO REPORT]

Ordinance Committee:

- 318/23 Request Consideration of Resolution regarding Auto Insurance Premiums – Homayoun Maali [Withdraw]
- 342/23 Approval of Office of Planning and Development (OPD) Lease Agreement at 360 Merrimack Street [Contract Over 3 Years] – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 358/23 Resident Permit Parking – Abbott Street [between Phillips and Osgood Street] – Council President Laplante on Request of Lawrence Hester [Order Public Hearing]
- 366/23 Citizen Request to Terminate Capitol Waste Services for Breach of Contract – Homayoun Maali [Withdraw]
- 384/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Elizabeth Byron (LPS Tutor)
- 385/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Alberto Polanco (LPS Crossing Guard)
- 391/23 Naming of Lawrence Music and Art Center [Nicky Jam] – Counc. VP Estela Reyes and Counc. Stephany Infante
- 402/23 Establishment of Handicapped Parking Commission – City Attorney Tim Houten [Order Public Hearing]
- 404/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Mary Cody (Election Worker)
- 405/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Shirley D’Angelo (Election Worker)
- 406/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Kathleen LaPlume (Election Worker)
- 407/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Geraldine MacNeil (Election Worker)
- 408/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Lorraine Mangan (Election Worker)
- 409/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Linda Poulin (Election Worker)
- 410/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Sara Saldana (Election Worker)
- 411/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – Marilyn Twomey (Election Worker)
- 412/23 Disclosure of Conflict, Senior Tax Credit and Special Employee – William Collins (Audio/Visual)
- 442/23 Request to fill Position Vacant more than Six [6] Months – Assistant Purchasing Agent – Scott Szczebak, Personnel Director

Personnel Committee:

- 438/23 Appointment of First Assistant City Attorney – Timothy Houten, City Attorney

Public Safety Committee:

- 387/23 Homelessness Initiative Update – Counc. Stephany Infante [Departments Invited]

Old Business:

Tabled Matters: [updated: 11-08-23]:

- 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
- 351/23 Appoint Virginia Garcia to the Licensing Board [Expires 06/05/2030] – Atty Tim Houten for Mayor DePeña
[T] 10-17-23
- 382/23 Transfer of Real Properties from the City of Lawrence to the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority – Mayor Brian A.
DePeña [T] 10-17-23

New Business:

- 443/23 Request to Remove 15 Minute Parking Sign, Avon Street – David Noci
- 444/23 Requesting of Voting ID – Counc. Ana Levy and Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 445/23 Handicapped Parking, 375 Haverhill Street, Lawrence – Francisco Lafontaine Baez
- 446/23 Corner Dedication [Sgt. Donald M Cronin (Deceased)] 193 Maple Street – Counc. VP Estela Reyes, Mayor Brian A.
DePeña and Nelson Silva
- 447/23 Request to Remove Handicapped Parking Sign, 139 South Broadway – Maria Collazo Rivera

- 448/23 15 Minute Parking, [2] Spaces, 205 South Union Street – Diomedes Ynfante, Papi Grocery
- 449/23 Handicapped Parking, 114 Bailey Street – Georgina Diaz
- 450/23 Handicapped Parking, 191 Howard Street – Malvi S. Quintana
- 451/23 Modifying the TIF for Unitex Co. – Council President Laplante
- 452/23 Construct Underground Electric Conduit, Merrimack Street (REF # 30740145) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 453/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #431, Tyler Street at Newton Street (REF # 29438688) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 454/23 Install One [1] SO Pole #6151, Phillips Street near Salem Street (REF # 29960196) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 455/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #29-50, Intersection of Andover and Furber Streets (REF # 29438746) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 456/23 Install One [1] SO Pole, #465-50, Kingston St near Newton St (REF # 30546082) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 457/23 Install One [1] JO Pole, #5715-84, Market St near Loring St (REF # 30552690) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 458/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #98, Merrimack St near So Broadway (REF # 29411772) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 459/23 Construct Underground Electric Conduits, South Union St (REF # 29866089) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 460/23 Install One [1] JO Pole # 6168, Blanchard St near Baily St (REF # 30552693) – Dave Johnson, National Grid
- 461/23 Essex Street, Bike Lane Project and Allowance of Left Turns on Essex Street eastbound – Theo Rosario, City Engineer
- 462/23 Approval of Appointment of Franklin Espinosa to the Lawrence Planning Board [Term Expires Dec 31, 2024] – Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 463/23 Request for Enforcement of Declaratory Judgement regarding 341 South Broadway – Jeffrey Petrillo [LATE FILE]