

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL**

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

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

POSTED:  
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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:**

**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 [**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW 12/05/2023**]

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:** [NO REPORT]

**Housing Committee:** [NO REPORT]

**Ordinance Committee:**

391/22 No Parking Sign - 28 Montgomery Street - Flavia Medina [Withdraw]

81/23 Handicapped Parking, 46 Spruce Street – Dawanda M. Cruz [Withdraw]

170/23 Handicapped Parking, 84 Bennington Street – Councilor Gregory Delrosario [Order Public Hearing]

171/23 Handicapped Parking, 27 Newton Street – Jamie Jacques [Order Public Hearing]

172/23 Handicapped Parking, 25 Basswood Street – Angel Silverio [Order Public Hearing]

- 251/23 Handicapped Parking, 26 Oregon Ave., Apt # 2 – Boanerges Leger [Withdraw]
- 253/23 Handicapped Parking, 2 Basswood Street – Elizabeth Rodriguez [Order Public Hearing]
- 266/23 Handicapped Parking, 164 Union Street – Fernando Muñoz and Council V.P. Estela Reyes [Order Public Hearing]
- 276/23 Handicapped Parking, 189 Garden Street – Carlos Garcia Javier [Order Public Hearing]
- 277/23 Handicapped Parking, 62 Dorchester St., Apt # 1A – Rosalia Perez Moscoso [Order Public Hearing]
- 290/23 Handicapped Parking, 19 Canton Street – Raymond Denuccio Jr. [Order Public Hearing]
- 443/23 Request to Remove 15 Minute Parking Sign, Avon Street – David Noci [Order Public Hearing]
- 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
- 452/23 Construct Underground Electric Conduit, Merrimack Street (REF # 30740145) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 453/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #431, Tyler Street at Newton Street (REF # 29438688) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 454/23 Install One [1] SO Pole #6151, Phillips Street near Salem Street (REF # 29960196) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 455/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #29-50, Intersection of Andover and Furber Streets (REF # 29438746) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 456/23 Install One [1] SO Pole, #465-50, Kingston St near Newton St (REF # 30546082) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 457/23 Install One [1] JO Pole, #5715-84, Market St near Loring St (REF # 30552690) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 458/23 Install One [1] JO Pole #98, Merrimack St near So Broadway (REF # 29411772) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 459/23 Construct Underground Electric Conduits, South Union St (REF # 29866089) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]
- 460/23 Install One [1] JO Pole # 6168, Blanchard St near Baily St (REF # 30552693) – Dave Johnson, National Grid [Order Public Hearing]

**Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]**

**Public Safety Committee: [NO REPORT]**

**Committee of the Whole:**

- 01/17 Overview of Opioid Epidemic in the City of Lawrence – Counc. Pres Laplante
- 119/17 Review of City Report RE: Paulino Matter [Ex Session Anticipated] – Counc. Maldonado [Withdraw]
- 74/21 1-Wall Handball Courts – Costello Park – NEHA, Inc. [Withdraw]
- 205/21 Report Gain/Loss after LPS Receivership has been in Lawrence – Counc. Maria De La Cruz
- 365/22 Review of JMR/Republic Contract – Counc. Delrosario and Counc. Payano
- 418/23 Request Education Commissioner Jeffry Riley provide a Status Report of the Exit Plan for the Lawrence Public Schools from State Receivership, Including the Status of Superintendent Search for Lawrence Public Schools Superintendent – Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 419/23 Request Education Commissioner Jeffry Riley Modify the Composition of the LAE Board – Counc. Gregory Delrosario

**Old Business:**

- 428/23 WR# 30779965 - Install One [1] JO pole on Abbott Street - National Grid [Order Public Hearing]

**Tabled Matters: [updated: 11-21-23]:**

- 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
- 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 [T] 11-21-23
- 387/23 Homelessness Initiative Update – Counc. Stephany Infante [Departments Invited] [T] 11-21-23

**New Business:**

- 463/23 Request for Enforcement of Declaratory Judgement regarding 341 South Broadway – Jeffrey Petrillo
- 464/23 Hawkers and Peddlers License – Cristian Sanchez, Phoenix Marketing
- 465/23 Home Rule Petition to Reduce Municipal Voting Age in Lawrence – Julio Mejia Gr. Lawrence Tech School  
Committee Member Elect
- 466/23 Replace Plaques on Monument at Twomey Fountain and Isabel Melendez Park – Counc. Richard Russell
- 467/23 Request for Handicapped Parking, 61 White Street – Stanley C. Sudanowicz
- 468/23 Recognize Lawrence Pop Warner 8U Team – Northeast MA [PW Conf Champions with 10 Win/Zero Loss Record]  
– Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 469/23 Washington Street – No Overnight Parking [Odd Side from Manchester to Lake St.] – Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 470/23 Concerns of Illegal Dumping on Alleyways and Homeless Situation – Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 471/23 Invite Capitol Waste Services Manager to Public Safety Meeting to provide Update on Trash Pick-Up, Citywide  
– Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 472/23 Concerns about Trash Pick-Up [Capitol Waste Services] – Counc. Gregory Delrosario
- 473/23 Naming a Corner – Corner of Exchange and Centre St. – Honoring Rosalia Montanez  
– Counc. Gregory Delrosario and Sen. Pavel Payano
- 474/23 Fill Position Vacant Longer than Six [6] Months, Municipal Services Manager – Scott Szczebak, Personnel Director
- 475/23 Approve Sale of Real Property, 4 Plisch Way [Tax Map #70, Lot #94] – Charlinett Pascual, Asset Officer