

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Thursday February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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

POSTED:
FEB. 7, 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

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Public Hearings:

434/22 Proposed Ordinance RE: Recreation Motorized Vehicles, Registered and Unregistered – Council. Ana Levy

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-Council. 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

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

- 41/23 February 2023 State of the City Address Per City Charter Sec. 4.7 – Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 42/23 Citation Recognizing City Councilor-At-Large, Pavel M. Payano – Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez
- 43/23 Comments Regarding Captain James A. Mulligan, Jr. – Council President Laplante

Committee Reports:

Ordinance Committee:

- 159/22 Handicapped Parking, 5 State Street – Lucy Santiago & Council. Infante [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 244/22 No Parking Sign, 134-136 Boxford St., Rosa Quezada [Recommended for WITHDRAWAL]
- 297/22 Stop Sign, Forest Street (South East Forest St and Crescent St., Facing Forest St.) – Council. Delrosario [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 298/22 Stop Sign, Forest Street (North East Forest St and Crescent St., Facing Crescent St.) – Council. Delrosario [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]

- 301/22 Handicapped Parking, 41 Milton St. – Dolores Cedeno [Recommended for WITHDRAWAL]
- 309/22 Handicapped Parking, 182 Water St. – Gregoria Reynoso [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 353/22 Handicapped Parking, 23 Springfield St. - Wilfred J. Mercure [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 359/22 Handicapped Parking, 265 Prospect St – Jose A. Torres [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 404/22 Platt Street, ONE WAY – Councilor Maria De La Cruz [Recommended for WITHDRAWAL]
- 410/22 Roadway Assessment and Proposed Modifications – Felix Garcia, City Engineer [PUBLIC HEARING TO BE ORDERED]
- 19/23 Ratification of 2023 Election Schedule – City Clerk Eileen Bernal and Elections Clerk Richard Reyes
- 20/23 Determination Regarding Vote by Mail and In-Person Early Voting for Primary and General Election – City Clerk Eileen Bernal and Elections Clerk Richard Reyes

Personnel Committee:

- 150/22 Hiring of a New City Attorney – President Marc Laplante [Executive Session Anticipated]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 01-17-23]:

- 133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Councilor Laplante-Taken off table 2-1-22-[Re-tabled]-2-1-22
- 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
- 110/18 Haverhill St–One way between Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Counc. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
- 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
- 23/22 Establishing a Three [3] Member Ad-hoc Committee to Study/Review Translation Services During Council

Meetings-Counc. Pres. Laplante [Tabled 1-18-22]

- 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
- 300/22 Neighborhood Safety Initiative-Mayor Brian A. DePeña [T] 9-20-22
- 324/22 ARPA Funds Application-St. Amnes Performance Center-Paramount Dev. Group Initiative-Mayor Brian A. DePeña [T] 11-15-22
- 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
- 02/23 Appropriation Transfer, Recreation Department [\$62,000] from Salaries Line Item to Purchased Services – Mayor Brian A. DePeña [T] 01-17-23

New Business:

- 23/23 Auth. to Expend Grant Funds [\$185,978.08] FY23 E911 Training Grant – Rosa M. Shephard for LPD
- 24/23 Auth. to Expend Grant Funds [\$405,377] FY23 E911 Support & Incentive Grant – Rosa M. Shephard for LPD
- 25/23 Handicapped Parking, 94 Saratoga Street – Daniel Mercedes Castillo
- 26/23 Merrimack Transportation Corp., Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 27/23 Popular Taxi Co. LLC, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 28/23 American Taxi, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 29/23 Liberty Taxi, Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 30/23 Five Star Express Transport., LLC – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Dept
- 31/23 NYC United Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 32/23 L&M Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 33/23 Rio Hondo Transportation – Renewal of Taxi/Livery License – Sgt. Melix Bonilla, Lawrence Police Department
- 34/23 Handicapped Parking, 153 Willow Street – Felipe M. Hidalgo
- 35/23 Handicapped Parking, 85 Willow Street – Marie Celestin
- 36/23 Proposed Ordinance for Chief of Staff Position – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 37/23 Proposed Ordinance for Airport Manager – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 38/23 [2] No Parking, Here to Corner, Prospect St [Corner of Prospect Court] – Counc. Ana Levy
- 39/23 Stop Sign, Facing Prospect Court – Councilor Ana Levy
- 40/23 Municipal Aggregation – Councilor Pavel Payano and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 44/23 FY22 Foster Care Transportation, Approval to Enter into MOU – Odanis M. Hernandez, COO LPS
- 45/23 Proposed Ordinance for CAFO Position – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 46/23 Proposed Ordinance for Supervisor of Energy Projects – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor DePeña
- 47/23 Proposed Change of Ordinance, Ordinance 2.160 Non Union Classification Plan Schedule A Chart – Gina LaGreca, Personnel Director and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 48/23 Proposed Ordinance Modification for Program Coordinator for Economic Development – Tim Houten, Acting City Attorney and Mayor Brian A. DePeña
- 49/23 Change “Broadway” to “Juan Pablo Duarte Blvd.” – Juan Dionicio Alcantara, CEO, Foundation for Environmental Health & Life (MASVida)

