

CITY OF LYNN

Regular City Council Meeting, October 12, 2021
 Council President Darren P. Cyr

******MEETING WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE ON THE LYNN COMMUNITY TELEVISION (LCTV) GOVERNMENT CHANNEL AND ALSO STREAMED ON THE LCTV FACEBOOK PAGE******

11 Councilors Present

Moment of Silence. Council President Cyr asked that the Family of Albie Waldron and the Family of Theresa Malagrifa be remembered. Council Vice-President Barton asked that the Family of Rita Godbout be remembered. Councilor LaPierre asked that the Family of Raymond Mackey, Jr. be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Lozzi to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordered: That \$14,150,991 is appropriated to pay costs of designing and replacing the windows and doors at the Lynn Vocational Technical Institute and field house located at 80 Neptune Boulevard, Lynn, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which Project would materially extend the useful life of the school facility and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational programs, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA"), and said appropriation shall be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee; that to meet this appropriation, the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said amount under Chapter 44 or Chapter 70B of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor; that the City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; and the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this loan order shall be reduced by any grant amount received by the City pursuant to the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA for the Project. **Further Ordered:** That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this order in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like

amount. **Further Ordered:** That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this loan order and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

No one spoke in Favor.

No one spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Walsh to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Petition of Grace City Church/East Coast International Church at 31 Stetson St., for retail use for a thrift/boutique shop called "The Loft at Stetson".

The following spoke in Favor:

Pastor Kurt Lange, East Coast International Church, Lynn

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Colucci to grant the prayer of the Petition.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Petition of East Coast International Church/The Haven Project to create 24 Studio units of affordable housing in the vacant 3rd and 4th floor at 57 Munroe St.

The following spoke in Favor:

Pastor Kurt Lange, East Coast International Church, Lynn

The following spoke in Opposition:

Lydia Merredellis, 170 Oxford Street

Sara Schreiner, 170 Oxford Street

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Colucci to grant the prayer of the Petition.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Petition of Crunch Fitness at 43 State St. for a Sign Permit.

The following spoke in Favor:

John Connors, Wakefield

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Walsh to TABLE.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Petition of Salinas Market at 361 Boston St. for a Sign Permit.

No one spoke in Favor.

No one spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Walsh to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO**

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

-Petition of Allison Rodriguez, owner of Casa Latina at 617 Chestnut Street for a Sign Permit. **(Lozzi)**

-Petition of Olde World Remedies Inc for a Sign Permit at 953Western Ave **(Hogan)**

-Petition of Breakwater North Harbor for a Sign Permit at 254 Lynnway. **(Hogan)**

-Petition of WCL Chelsea LLC for permission to operate a Laundry business at 626 Lynnway with an "Extended Hours" operation of 24/7. **(Hogan)**

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Barton to set down for Public Hearings.

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:

Petition of National Grid for a Grant of Location to install conduits in front of 77 Broad Street. **(Colucci) - Tabled**

Petition of National Grid for a Grant of Location at intersection of Sagamore/Washington St. continuing 25 ft to install conduits from existing manhole on Washington St to a street light cabinet hand-hole for City of Lynn new street light installation. **(Colucci) - Tabled**

Petition of Comcast for a Grant of Location to install a new conduit to provide service to 98 Market St. **(Chakoutis) - Granted**
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR- NEW

Encarnacion, Carwin., 604 Essex St. - **Granted**

Fernandez, Kevin., 16 Tilton Pl #4 - **Tabled**

Graniti, Carlos., 29 Morris St. - **Granted**

Rodriguez, Domingo., 172 Washington St. #14 - **Granted**

Rosado, Flor., 9 Custer St. Lawrence, MA- **Granted**

Velazquez, Hector., 54 N Franklin St. - **Granted**

SIGN LICENSE RENEWAL

361 Boston St., Salina's Market, Inc. - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE -RENEWAL

350 Chestnut St., Chutzpah Royale II LLC - Tabled

CANNING

Lynn High School Jets Hockey Boosters (Adults Only) – November 26, 27, 28, 2021- **Granted**
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee on Recreational Cannabis Site Plan Review recommending the following to be accepted:

Discussion re: Update and Timeline of Completion for the following Cannabis Shops:
Massachusetts Green Retail, Inc., 829 Boston Street

Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to request quarterly updates of a timeline completion schedule from the Massachusetts Green Retail, Inc., 829 Boston Street.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee of the Whole recommending the following to be accepted:

Update/Discussion with Representatives from the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission
re: The West Lynn CSO Project

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee on Public Property and Public Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Presentation / Discussion with Bill Bochnak from EDIC (on behalf of Ransom Engineering)
Re: the process of clean-up – Whytes Laundry Site.

OTHER BUISNESS:

Set down a Public Hearing regarding an Act authorizing the City of Lynn to grant a conservation restriction to the Park Lands, Forest Lands and Watershed Lands to the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Essex County Greenbelt Associates Inc.

Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Request Purchasing Department send out an RFP (drafted by the Law Department) for a new Senior Citizen Center in Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 12, 2021 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Transfer the sum of SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$73.00)

From the Account of 22105-4503 LPD-Exp 73.00

To the Account of 98025-2210 LPD Bill of PY 73.00

To fund invoice received after clean up warrant done and FY end close process began.

(Lays over to October 26, 2021).

Transfer the sum of SIX HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$647.00)

From the Account of 43905-3100 Care of Dogs-Exp 647.00

To the Account of 98025-4390 Care of Dogs Bill of PY 647.00

To fund invoice received after clean up warrant done and FY end close process began.

(Lays over to October 26, 2021).

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FOUR MILLION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$4,680,876.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FY22 FC 240 SPED Grant. Grant Period is 09/29/21 to 06/30/22

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$13,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn, Food Security Task Force from the Food Project. This funding will provide the framework for any future binding contract regarding the Project Bread: Community Partnerships between FSTF and TFP.

Grant Period 09/28/2021 – 10/30/2021

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:
 Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$20,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Department of Public Works by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (ENV) to support the Greening of the Gateway Cities Program.
 Grant Period is 10/01/21-06/30/22

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:
 Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FORTY NINE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY THREE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$49,823.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security to support the FFY22 Municipal Road Safety (MRS) Program. Grant Period is 10/12/21-09/15/22

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:
 Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$200,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the FY22 Comprehensive School Health Services Grant. Grant Period is 07/01/21 to 06/30/22

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to take the following action:
 Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,524,602.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FY22 FC 305 Title 1 Grant. Grant Period is 09/29/21 to 06/30/22

Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to schedule a Neighborhood Meeting with the Munroe Street/170 Oxford Street residents regarding public safety concerns relative to the new development at 57 Munroe Street. Pastor Lange and representatives from the Police Department to be invited to meeting.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Field to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the City Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

A True Copy Attest:

Janet L. Rowe

CITY CLERK