

**CITY OF LYNN**

**City Council Meeting, April 12, 2022  
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

**10 Councilors Present (Councilor Chakoutis absent)**

**Moment of Silence**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Starbard to accept the Meeting Minutes of March 22, 2022.**

**Motion carried.**

**PRESENTATION:**

Charles Gaeta, Executive Director and Jeff Weeden from the Lynn Housing and Neighborhood Development and Danya Smith, Policy Director /Mayor's Office: Update on the City of Lynn Housing Plan.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Amend Ordinance Establishing the Lynn Senior Citizens Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program.**

The following appeared in Favor:

Chris Gaeta, Assessor

Pam Edward, Mass Senior Action

No one spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed

**Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Hogan to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Ordinance Establishing a Lynn Traffic Island Maintenance Revolving Fund under the direction and control of the DPW.

No one appeared in Favor.

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor Barton and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Ordinance Establishing a Lynn Disability Commission pursuant to MGL Chap 40, Sec. 8J

No one appeared in Favor.

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor Barton and seconded by Councilor Hogan to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Ordinance Establishing a Lynn Historical Commission pursuant to MGL Chap, 40, Sec D

The following appeared in Favor:

Calvin Anderson, Lynn

No one Appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor Lozzi and seconded by Councilor Barton to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

Petition of Methuen Construction to relocate utilities on both Commercial St. and Bennett St. as part of the Phase 3 West Lynn Sewer Separation Project.

***Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Colucci to set down for a Public Hearing.***

***Motion carried.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Report of the April 12, 2022 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:**

**SECOND-HAND ARTICLE NEW**

180 Commercial St., Rafelites Tire & Auto Service, Rafael Garcia Ledesma- **Granted**

**SECOND-HAND ARTICLE RENEW**

391 Chatham St., Steps 2 Solutions- **Granted**

101 Commercial St., My Son's Store, Emmanuel Soumas- **Granted**

**JUNK DEALER-RENEW- Granted**

225 Commercial St., Turner Inc. - **Granted**

**SIGNS – RENEW**

73 Bessom St., Linda's Critter Coral- **Granted**

105 Essex St., T.C. Nails & Spa, Kim Le- **Granted**

595 Essex St., Canon's Place Barber Shop, Cristino Acosta- **Granted**

227 Union St., Los Chamos, Manuel Rendon- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL**

182 Alley St., Transmission Reis- **Granted**  
 68 Bennett St., Car Works Plus- **Granted**  
 58 Boston St., O'Reilly Auto Parts #6114- **Granted**  
 44 Broad St., Meineke Lynn- **Granted**  
 101 Central Ave., Los V Tires- **Granted**  
 106 Chestnut St., Los V Tires- **Granted**  
 180 Commercial St., #13 Miracle Auto Werks- **Granted**  
 205 Market St., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. #0325- **Granted**  
 375 Summer St., P & P Peru Tires- **Granted**  
 1071 Western Ave., City Line Auto Body- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL**

22 Bennett St., VIP Works Auto Center- **Granted**  
 9 Green St., Legere Auto Body - **Granted**  
 1117 Western Ave., Pro-Tech Auto Body & Performance Inc. - **Granted**

**FLAMMABLE LICENSE -RENEWAL**

229 Broadway, Richdale- **Granted**  
 91 Commercial St., Interoute US, LLC formerly Hibernian Atlantic- **Granted**  
 225 Commercial St., Turner Inc. - **Granted**  
 307 Eastern Ave., Top Shop Auto & Marine- **Granted**  
 12 Ellis St., Enrique Auto Center- **Granted**  
 453 Lynnway Rear, Healey Bus Inc. - **Granted**  
 525 Lynnway, Gulf- **Granted**  
 559 Lynnway, O'Reilly Auto Part #5532- **Granted**  
 95 Munroe St., Beden Hardware- **Granted**  
 86 Sanderson Ave, T-Mobile, NEH0003A DAS Hub- **Granted**  
 37 Waterhill St., Demakes Enterprises - **Granted**  
 898 Western Ave., NRT Bus Inc. - **Granted**  
 1000 Western Ave., General Electric, Aviation- **Granted**  
 1073 R Western Ave., Albert Kemperle Inc. - **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS****REPORT ACCEPTED.****Report of the April 12, 2022 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:****Laid over from March 22, 2022:**

Transfer the sum of TWO HUNDRED NINETY THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS (\$293.71)

From the Account of <u>65825-3103</u>	Veterans-Exp	293.71
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To the Account of <u>98025-6582</u>	Veterans-Bill of PY	293.71
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To fund invoice received after clean up warrant done and FY end close process began.

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Barton to Grant.  
Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:  
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**CLARIFICATION**

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A½ the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift of one (1) Shuttle Bus as opposed to two vans previously presented to be utilized by the City of Lynn Elder Affairs Department from Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc. Further ordered that the Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of said gift.

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Barton to Grant.  
Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:  
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Appropriate the sum of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS  
(\$5,000,000.00)

From the Account of <u>FREE CASH</u>		\$5,000,000.00
To the Account of <u>86010005-7800</u>	Capital Stab Fund	\$5,000,000.00

**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 ye and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$181,717.00)

From the Account of <u>98035-7800</u>	Reserve	\$181,717.00
To the Account of <u>22105-2409</u>	LPD-Exp	\$181,717.00

To fund shortfalls in expense line items for FY22.

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**Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following ye and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Appropriate the sum of SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$7,000,000.00)

From the Account of <u>FREE CASH</u>	\$7,000,000.00
To the Account of <u>87010005-7800</u> Rainy Day Fund	\$7,000,000.00

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FORTY SIX THOUSAND TWENTY DOLLARS AND THIRTY SEVEN CENTS (46,020.37) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the MassHire through the North Shore Workforce Board.

**Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,500.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Office of Grants & Research (OGR) for the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Equipment. Grant Period is 04/01/22 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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$100,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Planning Department by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the Lynn Harbor Shoreline restoration and planning Project. Grant Period is 04/01/22 to 06/30/22

**Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:**

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**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$51,100.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for FY23 Gateway City Grant, FC 181. Grant Period 01/13/22-06/30/22

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$250,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Community Development Department by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (ART) for the Support of Local Shows and Venues within Local Cities in order to compete with Casino's.

Grant Period is 7/01/21 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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$6,500.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for FY23 Proficiency Based Outcome Summer Grant, FC 189. Grant Period 07/01/22-08/31/22

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$17,630.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for FY22 Proficiency-based Outcomes School Year Grant, FC 189. Grant Period 02/03/22-06/30/22

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$131,630.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for FY22 Title IIIA Immigration Grant FC 186. Grant Period 03/01/22-12/31/22

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$268,321.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for FY23 Gateway Summer FY23 Grant, FC 181. Grant Period 07/01/22-08/31/22

**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:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent),**

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the April 12, 2022 Committee on Utilities recommending the following the following:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Chatham St.: Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO pole beginning 20ft SE of the centerline of the intersection of Essex St and Chatham St. Pole will be used to install new equipment for reliability purposes. **(Starbard) - Granted**

168 Commercial St.: Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO pole beginning 98 ft. NW of the centerline of the intersection of Alley St and Commercial St to provide clearance for the MBTA bridge construction at 168 Commercial St. **(Hogan) - Granted**

23 Harvest St.: Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO pole beginning 300 ft. NW of the centerline of the intersection of Eastern Ave to provide a new service at 23 Harvest Street. **(Alinsug) - Granted**

Oakville St.: Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Aspen St. and relocate 1 JO pole on Oakville St. beginning 43 ft. NE of the centerline of the intersection of Oakville St and Aspen St. Relocate Pole #7 as it is in the way of the customer's driveway. **(Hogan) - Granted**

Webster St.: Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO pole beginning 20 ft. SE of the centerline of the intersection of Oakwood Ave and Webster St. Pole will be used to install new equipment for reliability purposes. **(Alinsug) - Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED**



**Report of the April 12, 2022 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:**

**Discussion re: Multi-Service Center – RFI (Request for Interests, Ideas & Innovation):**

Authorize the Purchasing Department to issue a Request for Statements of Interest, Ideas and Innovation for the Lease, Operation, Management and/or the Purchase of the Property at 100 Willow Street and 57-61 Liberty Street (for Accessory Parking) Lynn, Massachusetts

**Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**Discussion re: Former Thurgood Marshall:**

Ordered that the East Boston Community Development Corporation, Inc. be granted an extension to purchase the property at 19 Porter Street, Lynn, Massachusetts up until May 31, 2022. Further Ordered that the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to execute all documents to permit allow the EBCDC, Inc. to apply for a variance at the property at 19 Porter Street with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**Discussion re: Cook Street Playground / Kaboom**

Ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to apply and to obtain a Grant from Kaboom for renovations and improvements at the Cook Street Playground. Further Ordered that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City of Lynn hereby accepts a grant to renovate and improve the Cook Street Playground. Further ordered that the Comptroller's Office is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to effectuate the purpose of said grant.

**Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**Discussion re: Lynn Museum / Hang Banners:**

Ordered that the Public Property Committee hereby approves the temporary placement of Banners advertising and promoting the Lynn Museum. Further

Ordered that the Law Department prepare a policy for future use of the City of Lynn owned telephone poles to advertise or promote an organization or an event.

Further Ordered that the permission to allow the Lynn Museum to hang banners shall not serve as a precedent for any future request prior to the adoption of a formal policy relating to banners on municipal property.

**Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**Discussion re: Four Winds / Easement – TABLED  
REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Proposed Ordinance Relative to rDNA Technology in the City of Lynn.

**(Tabled March 22, 2022).**

**Motion made Councilor Lozzi and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to take off the TABLE.**

**Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Councilor Lozzi and seconded by Councilor Starbard to Grant with Amendment that Level Three is not permitted in Lynn.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION:** Senior Tax Abatement Increases (MGL, Chapter 59, Section 17D and 17E and MGL, Chapter 59, Section 41C.

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**DISCUSSION:** Community Host Agreement - Delivery/Courier Model (Taste Budz, 1103 Western Avenue)

**Motion made by Councilor Barton and seconded by Councilor Starbard to Grant.**

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:**

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).**

**DISCUSSION: ORDER:** Ordered that the City of Lynn pursuant to its Eminent Domain powers set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, take the real property located at 2 State Street, Lynn, Massachusetts for municipal public purposes. ***Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Barton to Grant. Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote: 10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).***

**DISCUSSION: ORDER:** Ordered that the City of Lynn pursuant to its Eminent Domain powers set forth in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 79, take the real property located at 11-17 and 37-41 Friend Street, Lynn, Massachusetts for municipal public purposes. ***Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Starbard to Grant. Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote: 10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).***

**DISCUSSION: Establishing Sealer of Weights and Measures Fine Schedule**  
***Motion made by Councilor Starbard and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant. Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote: 10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).***

**RESOLUTION - Barton/Walsh:**

A Resolution that the City of Lynn request that the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) include funding for the Electrification of the Newburyport-Rockport Commuter Rail Line in its Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Capital Investment Plan (CIP)

Whereas: There is enormous potential along the Newburyport-Rockport MBTA Commuter Rail line to create greater connectivity between access to housing and better paying jobs for residents in the 15 communities where stations are located and the surrounding municipalities; and

Whereas: In November 2019 the MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board unanimously adopted resolutions to commit the MBTA to an electric Commuter Rail system at the same fare level and frequency as rapid transit which included prioritizing the Environmental Justice Corridor of the Newburyport-Rockport line; and

Whereas: Electric trains are up to 25 times more reliable than our current diesel fleet, which translates to dependable, reliable service and lower maintenance costs; and

Whereas: Electrification of the Newburyport-Rockport line would allow the state of Massachusetts to meet emissions reduction goals as outlined in the Next Generation Roadmap legislation signed into law in March 2021; and

Whereas: The City of Lynn has long missed out on rapid transit and is in dire need of affordable, reliable public transportation; and

Whereas: The way to solve the Commuter Rail's existential crisis is to embrace the vision of a 21st century regional rail system that will make it more relevant for residents and riders to utilize while making their trips.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**

1. That the city council of Lynn formally request that the MBTA Board of Directors include funding for the following projects in their Fiscal Year 2023 – 2027 Capital Investment Plan (CIP):
  - a. the electrification of the of the Newburyport-Rockport Line;
  - b. the design and construction of high train platforms for step-free access onto commuter rail trains;
  - c. the construction of infill stations in Everett, Revere, and Salem;
  - d. bus rapid transit from downtown Peabody to Salem Depot to integrate commuter rail ridership
2. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

***Motion made by Councilor Barton and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.  
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:  
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis absent).***

### **RESOLUTION - LAPIERRE**

#### **Lynn City Council Resolution In Support of the Fair Share Amendment**

WHEREAS, the best way to help working families and build a stronger economy for us all is to make sure that we have quality public schools for our children, affordable public higher education, and a reliable transportation system; and

WHEREAS, students need a well-rounded education, founded on a rich and varied curriculum that includes science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), music, art, and athletics; and

WHEREAS, major investments in public education are needed to help students recover academically, socially, and emotionally from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, tuitions and fees at our public colleges are among the highest in the country, and students are forced to take on enormous debt to receive a degree; and

WHEREAS, for Massachusetts to compete against other regions around the nation and the globe, we need modern, reliable transportation: safer roads and bridges, public transportation that works, and safe ways to walk and bike around town; and

WHEREAS, we have a large backlog of neglected and structurally compromised bridges, tunnels, roads, and public transportation infrastructure in need of repair; and

WHEREAS, new state revenue is necessary to rebuild crumbling roads and bridges, improve our public schools from Pre-K through college, invest in fast and reliable public transportation, make public higher education affordable again, and expand opportunities for healthy walking and bicycling; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts needed new investments in our transportation and public education systems even before the COVID-19 pandemic, and now those investments are needed more than ever to lift our economy into an equitable and long-lasting recovery;

WHEREAS, our Commonwealth's highest-income residents, who have seen their collective net worth skyrocket in recent years, pay a lower percentage of their income in state and local taxes than do the rest of us, and clearly have the ability to pay a little more for the investments we all need2 ;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED

that Lynn supports the proposed Fair Share Amendment that would create an additional tax of four percentage points on annual income above one million dollars and dedicate the funds raised by this tax to quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation and that this Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

***Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Colucci to Grant.***

***Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:***

***8 YES 1 NO (Councilor Starbard voting NO; Councilor Lozzi voting PRESENT; Councilor Chakoutis absent).***

**Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Hogan adjourn.**

**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**