

CITY OF LYNN

**City Council Meeting, April 25, 2023
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

Before the start of the meeting, Council President Walsh stated that at an earlier ceremony, Nicole McClain was sworn-in by Judge Lamothe as Councilor-At-Large, serving out the term of Council Vice-President Buzzy Barton's who recently passed away. Congratulations Councilor McClain.

9 Councilors Present (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that the Family of MaryJane Solimini be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jason Gatlin, Scoutmaster for the two Scout BSA Troops was present so that a Troop member could obtain their Eagle required Merit Badge in Citizenship in the Community. Jackson Gatlin and Charlotte Chrisman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Starbard to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2023.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to suspend the rules and accept nominations for Council Vice-President, due to the recent passing of Councilor Barton.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Colucci to nominate Dianna M. Chakoutis as Council Vice-President.

Roll call.

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Chakoutis	CHAKOUTIS	Net	CHAKOUTIS
Colucci	CHAKOUTIS	Starbard	CHAKOUTIS
Field	CHAKOUTIS	Walsh	CHAKOUTIS
Hogan	ABSENT		
LaPierre	CHAKOUTIS		
Lozzi	ABSENT		

Councilor Chakoutis = 9 Votes

Council Vice-President Chakoutis thanked everyone for their support.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Set Down a Public Hearing to amend the city's Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan to allocate funds for the GAR Hall and Museum improvement project. ***Motion made by Councilor Colucci and second by Councilor Starbard to set down for Public Hearing on May 9, 2023.***

Motion carried.

Set Down a Public Hearing to amend the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance regarding Mobile Food Truck Locations in the City of Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and second by Councilor Starbard to set down for Public Hearing on June 13, 2023.

Motion carried.

Set Down a Public hearing to amend the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance requiring Licenses for Mobile Food Vehicles (a/k/a Food Trucks).

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and second by Councilor Starbard to set down for Public Hearing on June 13, 2023.

Motion carried.

Set Down a Public hearing to amend the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance regulating Neighborhood Block Party Permits in the City of Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and second by Councilor Starbard to set down for Public Hearing on June 13, 2023.

Motion carried.

Set Down a Public hearing to amend the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance regulating a Special Event Permit in the City of Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and second by Councilor Starbard to set down for Public Hearing on June 13, 2023.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

Planning Department, Aaron Clausen and Laura Drago: Vision Lynn

COMMITTEES:

Report of the April 25, 2023 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW (TABLED FROM MARCH 28, 2023 NO SHOW)

Cardoza Meza, Keving, 1 Glendale St. - DENIED

Vidal Sosa, Carlos, 9 Surfside Rd - **Granted**

TAXI OPERATOR – 30 DAY REVIEW (TABLED FROM APRIL 11TH NO SHOW)

Carroll, Stephen A. 64 Penny Lane Stoneham, MA- DENIED

Encarnacion Gonzalez, Wilfredo A. 497 Chestnut St. - **Granted**

LIVERY COMPANY – NEW

Francisco Transportation, 30 Windsor Ave - Owner Francisco Diaz-Munoz - **Granted**

LIVERY OPERATOR – NEW

Diaz-Munoz, Francisco - 30 Windsor Ave- **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE- RENEWAL

60 Bennett St., Bennett Street Tire and Glass- **Granted**

12A Ellis St., Mora Auto Repair- **Granted**

287 Essex St., Essex Auto Repair- **Granted**

148 Fayette St., Auto Repair of Fayette, Inc. - **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., De Leon Auto Repair- **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., Unit 3, North Shore Car Rental Corp. - **Granted**

860 Western Ave., Larry and Sergios Auto Service- **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE- RENEWAL

35 Alley St., Global Autobody and Repair Inc. - **Granted**

22 Bennett St., VIP Works Auto Center- **Granted**

443 Lynnway, Toro's Auto Center Inc. - **Granted**

52 Oakville, Juan 27 Auto Body Inc. - **Granted**

FLAMMABLE LICENSE –RENEWAL

77 Alley St., American By Products- **Granted**

653 Eastern Ave., Global Montello Group #2214- **Granted**

84-86 Lynnway, Lynn Yacht Club- **Granted**

570 Western Ave., Convenience Station- **Granted**

1000 Western Ave., General Electric - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS**CANING:**

Gowdy Park Association (Adults Only) – June 9, 2023 - **Granted**

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND PARKS

Ordered to allow the Mayor's Office to use the City Hall Foyer on April 25, 2023 for a Reception at 6:00 pm for the City of Lynn Women's History Month Panel.

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

Motion carried.

Ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Release Deed for a portion of Circle Avenue to Perry Lynnway LLC and all other necessary documents in order to facilitate the completion of a Harbor Park at the former landfill site.

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

Motion carried.

Ordered to allow the Mount Olive Church to use the Johnson Street Parking lot for overflow of parking for their event on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Church. Also ordered to notify the Parking Department to refrain from ticketing the street for this event.

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

Motion carried.

Report of the April 25, 2023 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIFTY ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$51,480.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, State 911 Department to support the FFY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant Award. Grant Period is 04/25/23-06/30/23 CFDA # 97.402

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$15,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Planning Department by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (ART) for the FY23 Financial Assistance to encourage the development and success of the Downtown Lynn Cultural District in accordance with the Massachusetts Cultural Districts legislative statute. Grant Period is 04/25/23 to 06/30/23

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Department of Public Health by the Department of Agricultural Resources (AGR) for the FY23 Local Food Policy Council Grant Program initiatives. Grant Period is 03/29/23 to 06/30/23

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (75,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the United Way via LHAND for the Project RISE/SIEMER Grant. Grant Period 01/01/23-12/31/23

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC591, FY23 Civics Project Showcase Grant.

Grant Period 02/28/23-06/30/23

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

ORDERS:

Ordered that his Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, §40A, to enter into a North Shore Public Health Collaborative Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) for the Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant for a term of twenty-five (25) years with Beverly, Danvers, Marblehead, Nahant, Peabody, Swampscott and Salem.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a four-year contract between the City of Lynn and Stryker Corporation for the purpose of providing routine preventative maintenance and two new batteries for each CPR-assist device every two years.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

Ordered that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 53A and 53A½ the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift from Wayne Alarm Systems, Inc. for the installation of an upgraded alarm system to the Grand Army of the Republic Hall and Museum valued at \$6,800.00. This gift will include both services and tangible personal property.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Hogan and Lozzi absent).

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION/Walsh/Chakoutis:**RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION THAT THE CITY OF LYNN REQUEST THAT THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY INCLUDE FUNDING FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE NEWBURYPORT-ROCKPORT COMMUTER RAIL LINE IN ITS FISCAL YEAR 2024 – 2028 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 2024 – 2028 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

That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

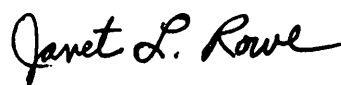
Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Walsh to grant.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to 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:



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