

CITY OF LYNN

**City Council Meeting, January 23, 2024
Council President John M. Walsh**

10 Councilors Present (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

Moment of Silence. Council Vice-President Chakoutis asked that the Family of Representative Capano be remembered. Councilor LaPierre asked that the Family of Dr. Frost be remembered, and Councilor Alinsug and Councilor McClain asked that the Family of Estelle Revelotis be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024.

Motion Carried.

Council Vice-President Dianna Chakoutis chaired the Council Meeting, as Council President Walsh had a family emergency.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to SUSPEND THE RULES and move to New Business.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

ORDERED that his Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Traffic and Police Detail Mutual Agreement between the Lynn Police Department and the Saugus Police Department pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 99 and Chapter 40 Section 8G, Said Mutual Agreement states that when the manpower of either department is insufficient to fulfill requests for traffic control and police details, each municipality mutually agree to requisition each other's forces as public safety needs arise.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor McClain to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and any vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Walsh ABSENT).

Communications:

Council Appointment to the Pine Grove Cemetery Commission

Brian Fay, 69 Purdon Avenue, Lynn, MA

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

8 YES 0 NO (Councilor Walsh ABSENT, Councilors Field and Matul voting PRESENT).

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing on a proposal to incur bonded indebtedness in the amount of One Hundred Sixty-Six Million Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two (\$166,598,362.00) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new Pickering Middle School, to be located adjacent to 58 Conomo Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts 01904.

Ordered: That the City of Lynn appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-Six Million Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Two (\$166,598,362) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of constructing a new Pickering Middle School, to be located adjacent to 58 Conomo Avenue, Lynn, Massachusetts 01904, including the payment of all costs related to designing the project, demolishing the modular building, renovating to accommodate the 4 classrooms and office displaced, equipping and furnishing the new school, site improvements, and all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which new school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the City of Lynn may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the City of Lynn Inspectional Services Department. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44 or M.G.L. Chapter 70B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the City therefor. The City of Lynn 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 of Lynn incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Lynn; provided further that any grant that the City of Lynn may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) eighty percent (80%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Lynn and the MSBA. **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.

The following spoke in Favor:

Mayor Jared Nicholson

Paul Gouthro, Lynn

No one spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the January 23, 2024 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Discussion re: Request from Mayor's Office to request permission to use the Foyer on Monday, January 29, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to host a Mentorship Spotlight and Recruitment Event. - **Granted**

2. OTHER BUSINESS: REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the January 23, 2024 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW

Chireno Jimenez, Israel - 501 Washington St. - **Granted**

Diaz, Miguel -185 North Common St. - **Granted**

Palacio Velez, Camilo - 1000 Loring Ave - **Granted**

Santana Veloz, Christian - 124 Green St. - **Granted**

CLASS II AUTO DEALER/AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL

195 Chestnut St., Auto Hub LLC - **Granted**

FOOD TRUCK-RENEWAL

31 Stetson St., De Mi Cosina Restaurant- **Granted**

OLD GOLD & SILVER – RENEWAL

32 Market Square, The Pawn Shop At Market Square- **Granted**

857 Western Avenue, Lynn Phnom Penh Jewelry- **Granted**

PAWN-BROKER-RENEWAL

32 Market Square, The Pawn Shop At Market Square- **Granted**

SECOND-HAND ARTICLE-RENEWAL

180 Commercial Street, Rafelito's Tire & Auto Service- **Granted**

32 Market Square, The Pawn Shop At Market Square- **Granted**

857 Western Avenue, Phnom Penh Jewelry- **Granted**

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

404 Eastern Avenue, Dr. Hair Locs- **Granted**

145 Franklin St., Cotui Barbershop- **Granted**

49 Union Street, Sunset Caribbean- **Granted**

CANNING

Lynn Tech Spring Track & Field (Adults Only) March 15, 16, 17, 2024- **Granted**

Lynn Classical Baseball (Adults Only) April 18, 19, 20, 2024- **Granted**

Wyoma Little League (Adults Only) May 3, 4, 5, 2024- **Granted**

Pine Hill Little League (Adults Only) May 18, 19, 2024- **Granted**

West Lynn Little League (Adults Only) May 31, June 1, June 2, 2024- **Granted**
 East Lynn Little League (Adults Only) June 7, 8, 9, 2024- **Granted**
 Wyoma Lions Club (Adults Only) June 22, October 18, 2024- **Granted**
 Lynn Tech Football Boosters (Adults Only) July 13, 2024- **Granted**
 Lynn Bulldogs (Adults Only) August 15, August 16, August 17, 2024- **Granted**
 Lynn Rams (Adults Only) August 23, 24, 25 ,2024- **Granted**
 Lynn Tech Cross Country Team (Adults Only) September 6, 7, 8, 2024- **Granted**
 Lynn Tech Swim Team (Adults Only) November 8, 9, 10, 2024- **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS
 REPORT ACCEPTED**

Report of the January 23, 2024 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Petition from Comcast: Install a new underground conduit to provide service to 95 Pleasant St. (**Chakoutis**) - **Granted**

Petition from Comcast: Install a new underground conduit to provide service to 13 Nahant St. (**Megie-Maddrey**) – **Granted with Standard Stipulations**

Tabled from January 9, 2024:

Petition from National Grid: Install a new underground conduit to provide service to 25 Janice Road (**Meaney**)- **Granted with the stipulation on returning the street to original or better condition.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:
 REPORT ACCEPTED.**

Report of the January 23, 2024 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Transfer the sum of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$22,000.00)

From the Account of <u>98035-7800</u>	Reserve-Exp	\$22,000.00
To the Account of <u>11305-3006</u>	Comptroller-Exp	\$22,000.00

To fund Independent review of LPS School Payroll process. Beyond the basic payroll testing our Auditors perform annually. (**Lays over to February 13, 2024**).

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 Fire Department by

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the purpose of improving road access to assist Fire Departments in fighting forest fires. Grant Period is 01/20/24-06/30/24

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$12,400.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) for Track 2 Base Grant and Training Optional Add-On Grant Program. Grant Period 01/23/23-09/30/24 CFDA # 93.103

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$118,201.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) the FC274 FY24 IEP Grant Program. Grant Period 12/04/23-09/30/24

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh 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 Project RISE/SIEMER Grant. Grant Period 01/01/24-12/31/24

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FORTY FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$45,450.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Essex County District Attorney's Office (EDA) for the FY24 Breed All Stars Program. Grant Period 07/01/23-06/30/24

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift from Paula Crown and the Crown Family in the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00). The

money is intended for general operating support for the Lynn Public Library. Further Ordered that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the purpose of this gift.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift from Friends of the GAR in the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00).

The money is intended to support the renovation of the GAR Building for universal access. Further Ordered that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the purpose of this gift.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Council President Walsh ABSENT).

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Alinsug 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:

CITY CLERK