

## CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, October 15, 2024  
 Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

Eleven Councilors Present

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to accept the Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

City Council Appointment to the Pine Grove Cemetery Commission effective immediately:

Jean Gallo, 71 Standish Road. Her term will expire September 30, 2027.

***Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.***

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

***10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field voting PRESENT).***

City Council Re-Appointments to the Human Rights Commission effective immediately:

Jordan Avery, 20 Heath's Court. His term will expire 12/23/2025.

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

Adrianna Paz, 56 Henry Ave. Her term will expire 12/31/26.

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

**Communication from His Honor the Mayor:**

Dear Councilors:

I hereby designate Personnel Director Drew Russo and Assistant City Solicitor James Lamanna to serve as Title I and Title II Coordinators of the city's compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. As Title I ADA Coordinator, Director Russo will handle

accessibility requests and issues from municipal employees. As Title II ADA Coordinator, Attorney Lamanna will handle accessibility requests and issues from the general public. A copy of this correspondence will be sent to the City of Lynn Disability Commission.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

***Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Net to grant.***

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

61 Franklin St – Petition of D’Caribe Restaurant for **Extended Hours** to 3am – Current hours are 9 am – 12 am

The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Vitali, Lynn

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

***Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Field to allow extended hours to 1am. Doors must be locked at midnight and only “on line orders” can be filled until 1am by delivery only. Will revisit in 2 months.***

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

315-317 Chestnut St.- Petition of Manuel Robles to allow the extension of a nonconforming residential use into a commercial unit in a Business District converting a three-unit mixed building into a two-family dwelling.

The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Schuvier Hogan, Lynn

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

***Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.***

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

***10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Hogan voting PRESENT).***

77 Alley St. - Petition of Gerardo Raffaele for a Contractor’s Storage Yard at this location open 24 hours, 7 days per week.

The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Thomas Demakis

Calvin Anderson, 12 Concord Street, Lynn

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

***Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Matul to grant.***

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

Petition of Nereida Flores, owner of Funtime Ice Cream Trucks, for permission to park 2 ice cream trucks in the owner's driveway when not in use at 60 Western Ave.  
(Continued from September 10, 2024)

*The following appeared in Favor:*

*Nereida Flores, Owner*

*No one appeared in Opposition.*

*Public Hearing Closed.*

**Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to grant with the following stipulations:**

- 1. No mechanical work to be done on the property**
- 2. Property must be kept clean and free of any debris or machinery.**

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

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

-Petition of Crazy Buzzy's Roast Beef and Seafood at 364 Lynnway for an Extended Hour License to increase the hours of operation on Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 am. **(Hogan)**

Two Petitions from National Grid:

1. Install underground facilities and conduit on Pleasant St. to provide service to 38 South Common St. **(Chakoutis)**
2. Install underground facilities and conduit at the intersection of South Common and Bloom St. to provide service to 38 South Common St. **(Chakoutis)**

**Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to set down for Public Hearings.**

**Motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

**Report of the October 15, 2024 Sub-Committee on Lynn Trash/Litter recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. Recognition Ceremony / Second Grade "Keep Lynn Clean" Poster Contest Winners.

**2. OTHER BUSINESS  
REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the October 15, 2024 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:**

**TAXI OPERATOR – NEW**

Bones Burgos, Ramon – 19 Albany Street - **Granted**  
 Garcia Chilel, Daydon – 290 Chestnut Street- **Tabled**  
 Sanchez, Tony – 42 Baltimore Street- **Granted**  
 Vargas Vargas, Jose – 59 Elm Street - **Granted**

**LIVERY COMPANY – NEW**

G & B Transportation Corp - Owner Biviana Figuereo - 43 Haviland Avenue- **Granted**

**LIVERY OPERATOR – NEW**

\*Figuereo, Biviana – 43 Haviland Avenue- **Granted**  
 Figuereo, Grissel – 67 Tracy Avenue - **Granted**

**MOBIL FOOD TRUCK- NEW (Special Permit Granted)**

2A Adams Street, Los Cuachitos- **Tabled**

**MOBIL FOOD TRUCK- RENEWAL**

702 Lynnway, Tex Mex Express- **Granted**

**SIGN-LICENSE - RENEWAL**

197 Essex Street, Merengue Market- **Granted**  
 02 Lafayette Street, Francisco Market- **Granted**  
 125 Oxford Street, Mama Blanca Rest. - **Granted**  
 335 Union Street, Vecina Beauty Supply Inc - **Granted**

**CLASS II AUTO DEALER – RENEWAL**

443 Lynnway, Lynn Auto Service & Sales LLC- **Granted**  
 592 Lynnway #596, Hertz Car Sales- **Granted**  
 921 Western Ave., Point Auto Sales- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

39-51 Suffolk St., Best Auto Repair- **Granted**

**CANNING**

Lynn English Soccer (Adults Only) – October 17, 23, 24, 2024- **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the October 15, 2024 Committee on Utility recommending the following to be accepted:**

Petitions from National Grid:

1. 156 Broad St. – Install PVC conduit from existing manhole at #156 Broad St. (**Chakoutis**) - **Granted**
2. Sluice Rd @ Patterson St – Install wooden pole and extension secondary conductor to re-feed 125A and 155A Jenness St. (**Meaney**) - **Granted**

3. 27 Joel Circle – Install 1 JO pole and one wooden pole on property line between 25 and 31 Joel Circle **(Meaney) - Granted**
4. Andrew St. – Install conduit from existing manhole#1 to 0 Andrew St (city owned lot) **(Chakoutis) - Granted**
5. Andrew St. - Install conduit from existing manhole#2 to 0 Andrew St (city owned lot) **(Chakoutis) - Granted**
6. Bridge St. - \*Revised plan to install 1 JO pole on Bridge St at intersection with Boston St and a new pole between existing poles P4 Bridge St. and P6 Bridge St. **(Walsh) - Granted**
7. 49 Grand View Ave - install conduit from hand hole 1-1 to 1-2 on public property to provide underground service at 49 Grand View Ave **(Meaney) - Granted**

**COMCAST:**

Petition from Comcast:

1. 13 Nahant St – Install underground conduit to provide service.  
**(Chakoutis) - Granted**

**OLD BUSINESS: Tabled on September 10, 2024**

Petition from National Grid:

225 Essex St. – Install a JO Pole beginning at intersection of Daniel Place  
**(Alinsug) - Granted**  
**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the October 15, 2024 Committee on Veterans recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. Update regarding Council Members to reach out to the Chambers of Commerce and/or EDIC to work with the Lynn Businesses in the city during the month of November to get some benefits for our Veterans for Veterans Day on November 11, 2024 (i.e., free lunches, store discounts, etc.).
2. Update from Veterans' Director Michael Sweeney.

**3. OTHER BUSINESS**  
**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the October 15, 2024 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn by the Department of Executive Office of Administration & Finance (ANF) for the FY25 Community Compact Grant for the costs associated with developing a whole community plan to

divert, prevent, and suppress behaviors that lead to gun violence, especially among young people. Grant Period is 10/07/24-10/07/26

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.**

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by Walmart-Lynn to contribute towards Holiday Party or Ice Cream Truck supplies. This is a donation from Walmart-Spark Good October 2024-March 2025.

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Walsh to grant.**

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

Certify as an "Available Fund" an ADDITIONAL amount of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$37,500.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to continue the mission of the SORPEC Grant, prevention of substance abuse in early childhood.

Grant Period is 10/15/24-02/28/25

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.**

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$85,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC310, FY25 McKinney Vento Grant. Grant Period 07/01/24-06/30/25 CFDA # 84.196A

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

***Tabled from September 10, 2024:***

Petition of Crown Castle Fiber LLC to replace the antenna and shroud on a light pole at 19 Garland St.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion:** Councilor McClain / Initiative regarding Community Conversations

**Presentation and Discussion:** Mayor's Chief of Staff John Thibault re: City of Lynn and National Grid MOU for an Energy Manager.

**ORDER to authorize the Mayor to enter into an MOU with National Grid and all other necessary documents. Furthermore, there will be no "door knocking" allowed as part of this agreement.**

***Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.***

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

***10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Meaney ABSTAINED).***

Discussion re: Recognition Ceremony for Second Grade "Keep Lynn Clean Poster Contest Winners"

**Motion to display the Trash and Litter 2024 finalist drawings by the 20 Lynn Public School 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the City Hall Foyer for public viewing.**

***Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.***

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

Discussion re: **Motion to allow the 9<sup>th</sup> Lynn Annual "Proud of my Hispanic Heritage Celebration" to use the Foyer on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 5:30pm – 8:00 pm for their celebration reception.**

***Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.***

***Motion carried by the following:***

***11 YES 0 No***

**RESOLUTION:** City Council opposes further Charter School Expansion in Lynn

**Whereas** DESE and BESE are also considering a request by KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School (KIPP Lynn) to expand its maximum number of seats by 1,300 from 1,957 to 3,200; and

**Whereas** KIPP Lynn is projected by DESE to drain more than \$27 million from the Lynn Public Schools this year alone, with that amount set to grow larger under the expansion already underway; and

**Whereas** KIPP Lynn's new request to expand to a maximum of 3,200 seats would result in an *additional* drain of approximately \$24 million from the Lynn Public Schools, reaching a total of more than \$51 million in charter tuition payments from the Lynn Public Schools to KIPP Lynn and

**Whereas** KIPP Lynn's student enrollment practices are inherently selective, relying heavily on a complex lottery process, preference in admissions for siblings of current students, and a primary entry point of kindergarten, all of which result in a student composition that is markedly different from that found in the Lynn Public Schools; and

**Whereas** the Lynn Public Schools, with open arms, routinely enroll students in all grades, at all times of the year and from all family backgrounds, including recent immigrants with little or no English proficiency and students who may have significant academic and social-emotional needs; and

**Whereas** DESE data confirm that KIPP Lynn does not serve students with the same complex needs as students in the Lynn Public Schools, particularly English language learners and special education students; and

**Whereas** the Lynn Public Schools have reported that KIPP Lynn students routinely return to LPS during the middle of the school year, undercutting KIPP's claims of strong student retention; and

**Whereas** the Lynn Public Schools have a long and proud tradition of excellence and innovation, while remaining committed to serving all students on an equal basis; and

**Whereas** further charter expansion and the accompanying drain of resources would threaten the excellent and innovative programs offered by the Lynn Public Schools to the detriment of the more than 16,000 students served by LPS; and

**Whereas** further charter expansion could create a separate and unequal two-tiered school system in Lynn, undermining our community's commitment to equity and equal opportunity for all; and

**Whereas** Lynn residents clearly do not want further charter expansion in their community as evidenced by Lynn's overwhelming 62-to-38 vote against Question 2 in 2016; and

**Whereas** Lynn residents should have authority over how their tax dollars are invested in their public schools as opposed to having decisions imposed on them by an appointed state-level board that is unaccountable to the Lynn community;

**Therefore, be it resolved that** the Lynn City Council stands in strong opposition to further charter school expansion in Lynn, including in opposition to the request by KIPP Lynn to expand their seats; and

**Be it further resolved that** the Lynn City Council shall communicate this opposition to DESE, Acting Commissioner Johnston, and BESE, with a copy of this resolution going

to all parties; and shall urge all other city, community, and school leaders in Lynn to stand against charter expansion and to voice their opposition to DESE, the Commissioner, and BESE.

***Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.***

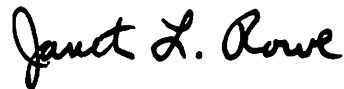
***Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:***

***10 YES 1 NO (Councilor Megie-Maddrey voted NO)***

**Motion made by Councilor Hong and seconded by Councilor Matul 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:**



**CITY CLERK**