

CITY OF LYNN

**City Council Meeting, October 29, 2024
Council President John M. Walsh**

11 Councilors Present

Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that the Family of Maureen Kidney be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2024

Motion carried.

Council President Walsh recognized Tanner Varney, a student at Salem State College who was in attendance as part of his class assignment.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor:

Dear Councilors,

Pursuant to Section 2-5 of the Lynn City Charter, I designate Michael J. Donovan to perform the duties of the Office of Director of Capital Projects on a temporary basis until such time that the position can be permanently filled. Mr. Donovan has been performing these duties in his capacity as Chief of Inspectional Services and has successfully managed the substantial portfolio of capital projects currently underway in the City of Lynn. I certify that he is qualified to perform the duties required and that I make this designation solely in the interests of the City of Lynn.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

Council President Walsh stated that this Communication will be accepted for the files.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor:

Dear Councilors,

I am hereby re-appointing the following members effective immediately:
To the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development Board of Commissions:

Robert Muese, 18 Bond Street. His term will expire on May 27, 2027.

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Megie-Maddrey to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

I am hereby re-appointing the following members effective immediately:
 To the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the following re-appointments: Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson
 Jonathon Feinberg, 20 Red Rock St. His term will expire on October 1, 2026
 Sarai Zelada, 72 Holyoke St. Her term will expire on October 1, 2026
 Cinda Danh, 100 Sagamore St. Her term will expire on October 1, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Megie-Maddrey to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Petitions of National Grid:

1. Install conduit from existing vault to a new hand hole and customer to install their own conduit after the new hand hole at 59 Munroe St. **(Chakoutis)**
2. Install conduit from existing man hole to the property at 14 Currier Rd to upgrade an electrical service. **(Megie-Maddrey)**
3. Install conduit from existing pole 11-0 to private property to provide a permanent underground service at 228 Chestnut St. **(Matul)**
4. Install conduit from Man hole 10 to the property at 226 Broad St to install a pumping station. **(Chakoutis)**
5. Install 2 JO poles to accommodate and provide permanent underground service at 103 Cottage St. **(Walsh)**
6. Install conduit from Pole #37-0 to private property to provide permanent underground service at 103 Cottage St. **(Walsh)**
7. Petition of Contractor, Frank Lanzillo to continue underground conduit installed by National Grid as shown on the plan for service to 49 Grandview Ave. **(Meaney)**

Set down the following petitions from **Crown Castle Fiber LLC** (at multiple locations) to upgrade existing wireless equipment on Utility Poles with new shrouds and/or antennas.

Location	Ward	Councilor(s)
3 Cameron Road Lynn, MA 01904	Ward 1	Councilor Meaney
163 Euclid Ave, Lynn, MA 01904	Ward 1	Councilor Meaney
109 Lynnfield St, Lynn, MA 01904	Ward 1	Councilor Meaney
55 Boston Street & Ford Street, Lynn, MA 01904	Ward 1 & Ward 5	Councilor Meaney & Councilor Chakoutis

77 Gertrude St, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2	Councilor Matul
33 Highland Ave Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2	Councilor Matul
8 Lookout Terrace, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2	Councilor Matul
27 Dorinda Cir, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2	Councilor Matul
353 Chestnut St, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2	Councilor Matul
110 Western Ave @Chatham St., Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 2 & Ward 1	Councilor Matul & Councilor Meaney
9 GrandView Place, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 3	Councilor Alinsug
268 Eastern Ave, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 3	Councilor Alinsug
90 Chatham St, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 3	Councilor Alinsug
32 Erie St Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 3	Councilor Alinsug
90 Hollingsworth St Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey
16 Mount Hood Terrace, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey
69 Green St, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey
96 Atlantic Terrace, Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey
Chancery Ct & Chancery Ln , Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey
26 Chestnut St Lynn, MA 01902	Ward 4	Councilor Megie-Maddrey

***Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to set down for Public Hearings
Motion carried.***

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the October 29, 2024 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW

Calderon Figueroa, Eduardo - 24 Rainbow Ter. Salem, MA- **Granted**

Castillo Oviedo, Junior - 52 Atlantic St. - **Granted**

Gutierrez, Nanci -16 Tilton Ter.- **Tabled**

Lanteri, Ann – 177 Pleasant St. Melrose, MA- **Granted**

Lantigua Rosario, Elisa – 185 North Common St. - **Granted**

Lopez Mendez, Esmeralda – 521 Essex St. - **Granted**

Tejeda, Rosanna – 37 Walnut Ave. Revere, MA- **Granted**

TAXI OPERATOR - TABLED

Garcia Chilel, Daydon – 290 Chestnut Street (10/15/24) - **Granted**

Pedi, Robert – 62 Nahant Street (9/10/24) - **DENIED**

EXTENDED HOURS – NEW

364 Lynnway, Crazy Buzzy Roast Beef & Seafood of Lynn,

Thurs-Sat 9am-3am- **Granted with stipulations that the Dining Room will be opened to 1:00 a.m. for take-out only; will be hiring securing or police detail; and will come back in 60 days and 120 days.**

MOBIL FOOD TRUCK- NEW

2A Adams Street, Los Cauchitos (Stips. by Special Permit) (Prev. Tabled) - **Granted**

SECOND-HAND ARTICLE LICENSE-NEW

111 Munroe Street, The Phone Clinic (B & V Technology) - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – NEW (formally Ultimate Performance Marine)

10 Heath's Ct. Unit 6, ADI Auto, New owner - Adik Khalikou- **Granted**

CLASS I AUTO DEALER – RENEWAL

522-540 Lynnway, Kelly Automotive Group LLC- **Granted**

CLASS II AUTO DEALER – RENEWAL

811 Lynnway, 811 Motors- **Granted**

480 Lynnway, Harbor Auto Sales Co. Inc. - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL

136 Cottage St., Bay State Service- **Granted**

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

76 Lewis Street, Sofia Market - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS**CANNING**

Lynn Rams National (Adults Only) – November 17, 27, 29, 2024

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 29, 2024 Committee on Ordinance recommending the following to be accepted:

Set down a Public Hearing for an Ordinance amending the Terms of Employment for the Chief of the Department of ISD. - **Granted**

Set down a Public Hearing for an Ordinance Promoting Housing Stability in the City of Lynn. - **Granted**

Set down a Public Hearing for an Ordinance establishing the 195 Market St property maintenance revolving fund under the direction and control of ISD pursuant to MGL Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 . - **Granted**

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 29, 2024 Committee on Public Property recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Request from Anna Lally (Lynn Main Street) to use the Foyer on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. to announce the winners of the 2024 Pizza Challenge.- **Granted**

2. OTHER BUSINESS

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 29, 2024 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Transfers Laid Over from the October 15, 2024 Meeting:

Transfer the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$60,000.00)

From the Account of <u>98035-7800</u>	Reserve-Exp	\$60,000.00
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To the Account of <u>17105-3001</u>	Planning-Exp	\$60,000.00
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To fund required match for Planning Grant received.

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

Transfer the sum of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY SIX CENTS (\$685.76)

From the Account of <u>65825-3103</u>	Veterans-Exp	\$685.76
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To the Account of <u>98025-6582</u>	Veterans-Bill of PY	\$685.76
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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 Field to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$39,600.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for the FFY24 Emergency Management Performance Grant. Grant Period is 10/21/24 to 06/30/25 CFDA # 97.042

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 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$175,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, COPS Office for the FFY24 Community Policing Development Microgrants Program.

Grant Period is 10/01/24 to 09/30/26 CFDA # 16.710 Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants.

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 FOUR HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$490,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Commonwealth Corporation for the Career Technical Institute (CTI) Round 9 Grant. Grant Period 08/23/24-06/30/26 CFDA # 21.027 for \$120,000.00 ARPA funds, the remaining funds will be from the Commonwealth Corporation.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIFTY NINE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$59,959.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPS) for the FY25 Municipal Road Safety Program. Grant Period is 11/01/24 to 09/15/25 CFDA # 20.600

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THREE HUNDRED FOURTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$340,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC400, FY25 Perkins Grant. Grant Period 09/12/24-06/30/25 CFDA # 84.048A

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Master Service Agreement for a term of greater than three (3) years with Comcast Business to provide fiber optic services for the Lynn Police Department's 911 system.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 4A½, His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a Partnership Agreement with the town of Swampscott and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for the purpose of applying for an administering an Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resolution / LaPierre re: Calling for passage of Question 2 to replace the MCAS graduation requirement**

WHEREAS, access to a high-quality, publicly funded education is a guaranteed right written into the Massachusetts Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the goal of public education is to teach students essential, foundational skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic, and to develop critical thinkers, engaged citizens and lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, the bedrock of the Commonwealth's world-class public education system is strong, statewide standards that are uniform throughout our public schools; and

WHEREAS, the MCAS is significantly limited in its ability to accurately and effectively measure whether students are meeting the Commonwealth's standards and developing the skills they need to thrive after high school; and

WHEREAS, the most effective measures of whether students are meeting our strong, statewide standards and developing the skills they need to succeed in college, the workforce and beyond are educator-led assessments such as projects, papers, tests and group activities that are conducted throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, the punitive use of MCAS as a high school graduation requirement has restricted curriculum and shifted the focus of education in our public schools toward meeting a test score instead of fostering an environment of creativity, critical thinking and real teaching and learning that helps students realize their full potential; and

WHEREAS, pediatricians, researchers and school counselors have warned of the severe impact of high-stakes testing like the MCAS graduation requirement on students' mental health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, standardized test requirements notoriously stack the deck against students of color, ESL students, and those with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, using MCAS testing as a high school graduation requirement has prevented or delayed thousands of students from earning a diploma, thereby interrupting or derailing education or career plans, with especially harmful impacts on students of color, low-income students, students with disabilities and students for whom English is their second language; and

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Lynn School Committee supports passage of Question 2 to replace the MCAS graduation requirement and require instead that districts certify that students have satisfactorily completed coursework demonstrating mastery of the skills and knowledge required by the Commonwealth's strong, statewide standards in order to graduate.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Starbard 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:

Janet L. Rowe
CITY CLERK