

**CITY OF LYNN**

**City Council Meeting, January 14, 2025  
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

**Eleven Councilors Present**

**Moment of Silence.** Councilor Field asked that the Families of Loretta Surette, Patricia McManus, and Lorrie Landry be remembered. Councilor Matul asked that the Locus Family be remembered. Councilor Alinsug asked that Lisa Pratt's Mother be remembered.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to accept the Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2024.**

**Motion carried.**

**CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS:**

Dean of the Council, Councilor Hong Net called the meeting to Order.

Council moved to proceed to the Election of a President for the ensuing year of 2025:

**Council President:**

Alinsug	Walsh	McClain	Walsh
Chakoutis	Walsh	Meaney	Walsh
Field	Walsh	Megie-Maddrey	Walsh
Hogan	Walsh	Net	Walsh
LaPierre	Walsh	Walsh	Walsh
Matul	Walsh		

11 Votes = John M. Walsh

Councilor Ward Seven John M. Walsh, Jr. was re-elected Council President

Council President Walsh thanked his colleagues.

Council moved to proceed to the Election of a Vice-President for the ensuing year of 2025:

**Council Vice-President:**

Alinsug	Chakoutis	McClain	Chakoutis
Chakoutis	Chakoutis	Meaney	Chakoutis
Field	Chakoutis	Megie-Maddrey	Chakoutis
Hogan	Chakoutis	Net	Chakoutis
LaPierre	Chakoutis	Walsh	Chakoutis
Matul	Chakoutis		

Councilor Ward Five Dianna M. Chakoutis was re-elected Council Vice-President. Council Vice-President Chakoutis thanked her colleagues.

Council moved to proceed to the Election of a Council Appointment to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

**Council Appointment to him Lynn Water and Sewer Commission:**

Alinsug	Alinsug	McClain	Alinsug
Chakoutis	Alinsug	Meaney	Alinsug
Field	Alinsug	Megie-Maddrey	Alinsug
Hogan	Alinsug	Net	Alinsug
LaPierre	Alinsug	Walsh	Alinsug
Matul	Alinsug		

11 Votes = Councilor Constantino Alinsug

Councilor Ward Three Constantino Alinsug was elected as the Council's Appointment to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

Councilor Alinsug thanked his colleagues.

**Communications from His Honor the Mayor:**

Dear Councilors,

I am hereby appointing the following new members effective immediately:

New to the Historical Commission:

Gregory Byrd, 45 Cannon Rock Rd. His term will expire on February 24, 2026.

New to the Lynn Cultural Council:

Melissa Lee Brusil, 14 Lewis Place. Her term will expire on December 31, 2027

Mamunie Dennis, 49 Porter St. Her term will expire on December 31, 2027

I am also making the following **Re-appointments:**

Re-appoint to the Lynn Cultural Council:

Jacquelyn Fitzhugh, 46 Bloomfield St. Her term will expire on December 31, 2027

Christian Recinos, 15 Libby Ct. His term will expire December 31, 2027

Re-appoint to the Council on Aging effective immediately:

John Oladayiye, 24 Mountain Ave. His term will expire August 9, 2026

Richard Smith, 25 Pleasant St. His term will expire August 9, 2026

Re-appoint to the Lynn Historical Commission effective immediately:

Adam Donachie, 7 Isabella St. His term will expire February 24, 2026

Carl Greenler, 198 Locust St. His term will expire February 24, 2026

Patricia Lee, 205 Edgemere Rd. Her term will expire February 24, 2026

Re-appoint to the Board of Public Health effective immediately:  
 Dr. Van Den Berghe, 30 Great Woods Terr. His term will expire February 2, 2028  
 Rocio Mora, 119 Henry Ave. Her term will expire on February 2, 2027

Re-appoint to the License Board effective immediately:  
 Miguel Funez, 137 Eastern Ave His term will expire June 1, 2027  
 Patricia Barton, 196 Locust St. Her term will expire June 1, 2028

Re-appoint to the Lynn Public Arts Commission effective immediately:  
 Arend de Jong, 132 Bass Point Rd Nahant, MA. His term will expire January 24, 2027  
 Michelle Richardson, 29 Lafayette Park. Her term will expire on January 24, 2027  
 Lisa Nerich, 27 Tranfaglia Rd. Her term will expire on January 24, 2028  
 Joanne Cacciola, 203 Lewis St. Her term will expire on January 24, 2028

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Request from Harborlight Community Partners to allow the construction of a 7 story multi-family residential building containing 66 (all affordable) units in the Central Business District with residential use at the ground floor at 20 School Street . A community room will be available for public use.

The following appeared in Favor:

Kristin Carlson, Harborlight Homes

Calvin Anderson, Lynn

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

Request from Nelson Pena, owner of New England Auto Detailing and Accessories Corp located at 8 Bennett Street to add Tire service, Retail and Installation as an auto repair business.

The following appeared in Favor:

Frances Martinez, NSLBA, Lynn

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.  
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:  
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Meaney ABSENT).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

Petitions from National Grid:

1. Lynnfield St/Parker Ave- Relocate one JO pole at this intersection to solve a clearance issue with trucks making contact with the existing pole when entering the driveway. **(Meaney)**
2. 112 Jefferson Ave – Install one JO pole to relocate a permanent overhead service. **(Matul)**
3. Hanson St – Install one JO pole in order for a service to be installed to feed streetlights. **(Hogan)**
4. Hanson St - Install underground facilities and conduit in order to feed streetlights. **(Hogan)**

Public Hearing on a Home Rule Petition to allow attendance at Career Technical Education Classes for day or part time classes to students at least thirteen years of age.

Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance to Regulate Accessory Dwelling Units in the City of Lynn.

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

**COMMITTEES:**

**Report of the January 14, 2025 Committee on Public Safety and Public Health  
Committee recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. Presentation by Chief Christopher P. Reddy re: Community Camera Installation
2. 2. OTHER BUSINESS

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the January 14, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:**

**TAXI OPERATOR – NEW**

Cerda Almonte, Jose - 18 Garden Terrace- **Tabled**

Chavez Chavez, Gudiel - 599 Western Avenue - **Granted**

Garcia Carrero, Yosme - 23 Alfred Street, Everett MA- **Granted**

Lopez, Hector - 500 Essex Street - **Tabled**

Rodriguez, Fernando – 131 Johnson Street - **Granted**

Tema Chavez, 50 Johnson Street - **Granted**

**SIGN LICENSE RENEWAL**

152 Boston Street, Advance Auto Parts- **Granted**

520 Chestnut Street, Liriano Barber Shop- **Granted**

160 Franklin Street, La Shingada Bar- **Granted**

53 Union Street, Enjoy Liquors & Food Market- **Granted**

**CLASS II AUTO DEALER/AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

64 Bennett St., Radikal Auto Sales- **Granted**

87A Bennett St., Bennett St., Auto Sales Inc. - **Granted**

75 Boston St., Boston Street Auto Sales LLC- **Granted**

100 Central Ave, Action Auto Sales Inc.- **Granted**

195 Chestnut Street, Auto Hub LLC- **Granted**

171 Commercial St., Willy V Motorsports Inc. - **Granted**

96 Ford St., Performance Auto Brokers - **Granted**

8 Burrus Sq., Meadow Park Auto Sales Inc. - **Granted**

1071 Western Ave., Bonia Motors- **Granted**

1071 Western Ave., Unique Motor & Sales Inc. - **Granted**

1147 Western Ave., Osaka Auto Sales - **Granted**

**CLASS II AUTO DEALER/AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

26 Bennett St., REM Auto Sales LLC- **Granted**

**SECOND-HAND ARTICLE -RENEWAL**

391 Chatham Street, Steps 2 Solutions Inc. - **Granted**

431 Lynnway, Empire Loan of Lynn- **Granted**

193 Union Street, Linken Jewelry- **Granted**

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

**PAWN RENEWAL**

431 Lynnway, Empire Loan of Lynn- **Granted**

193 Union Street, Linken Jewelry- **Granted**

**OLD GOLD SILVER RENEWAL**

431 Lynnway, Empire Loan of Lynn- **Granted**

62 Market Street, All Checks Cashed, Inc. - **Granted**

193 Union Street, Linken Jewelry- **Granted**

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

**CANNING**

Gowdy Park Association (Adults Only) – April 18, 2025 and July 4, 2025- **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CANNING**

Lynn Veterans Council, (Adults Only) – February 21, 22, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Classical Baseball (Adults Only) – April 4,5,6, 2025- **Granted**

Classical Boys Volleyball (Adults Only) – April 11, 12, 13, 2025- **Granted**

West Lynn Little League (Adults Only) – May 16, 17, 18, 2025- **Granted**

East Lynn Little League (Adults Only) – May 24, 25, 26, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Tech Cheerleading (Adults Only) – June 27, 28, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Bulldogs (Adults Only) – August 14, 15, 16, 2025- **Granted**  
 Lynn Tech Swim Team (Adults Only) – November 7, 8, 9, 2025 - **Granted**  
**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the January 14, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$40,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC122 FY25 Rethinking Discipline Initiative Grant. Grant Period 10/15/24-06/30/25 CFDA 84.424F

**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 FORTY FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY NINE DOLLARS AND FORTY FIVE CENTS (\$44,739.45) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the North Shore Workforce Board for the FY25 Youthworks job placement Program. Grant Period 09/02/24-05/02/25

**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" an ADDITIONAL amount of NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$98,627.15) as allotted to the City of Lynn by Transportation Bond Bill, more specifically for the FY25 Rural Apportionment for FY25.

**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 SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$60,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Department of Public Health (DPH) to support the FY25 Behavioral Health Unit Program. Grant Period is 12/01/24-06/30/25

**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**

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 53A and 53A½ the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift from the Marquene Soccer League for labor and materials to improve the General Electric Field on Summer Street in Lynn, MA.

**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**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the January 14, 2025 Committee on Veterans recommending the following yea and nay vote:**

Chairman McClain stated that Director Michael Sweeney could not attend this evening's meeting, but sent the following:

\*Veterans Council continues to raise money and prepare for the Veterans & First Responders Parade in 2026

\*March Outreach for Woman Veterans

\*I am sure if date/time/location has been confirmed.

Partnerships Include:

Lynn/Swampscott Department of Veterans Services

VA Bedford/Lynn CBOC

VA Bedford Women Veteran Outreach

EOVS Woman Veterans Network

Lynn Department of Public Health

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The January Hero Meals program served over 50 veteran families last week. Hero Meals is a partnership of the Lynn Dept of Veterans services, the Military Friends Foundation, and the Greater Boston Food bank.

Attorney Lamanna gave a brief update on the Hero's Act as it applies to state tax. Attorney Lamanna stated that it will be adopted for July 1<sup>st</sup> and that the Mayor, CFO, and Assessor will make recommendations on the amount. They are running the numbers and will forward an update.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Hogan 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**