

## CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, March 11, 2025  
 Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

**11 Councilors Present**

**Moment of Silence.** Councilor LaPierre asked that the Melanson Family be remembered. Councilor Field asked that the Duffy Family be remembered.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to accept the Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2025.**

**Motion carried.**

**Communications From His Honor the Mayor:**

Dear Councilors,

Pursuant to Section 3-9 and 10-4 of the Lynn City Charter, I am hereby appointing Bret Bennett Jr. to the position of Chief of Inspectional Services in the City of Lynn effective April 7, 2025. I am respectfully requesting that the Council confirm Mr. Bennett's appointment. Sincerely, Mayor Jared Nicholson

***Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Field to appoint Bret Bennett, Jr. to the position of Chief of Inspectional Services in the City of Lynn effective April 7, 2025.***

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

Set down and Ordinance amending the Ordinance creating the Position of Director of Information and Technology in the City of Lynn.

***Motion made by Councilor Alinsug and seconded by Councilor Field to set down for Public Hearing.***

***Motion carried.***

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of the March 11, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted.**

**TAXI OPERATOR - NEW**

Ayala Ingles, David - 3 Caller St. Peabody, MA- **Granted**

Coakley, Mark - 21 Fenton Ave. - **Granted**

Lott, Abasi, - 187 Washington St. - **Granted**

**LIVERY COMPANY - NEW**

Boston Luxury Chauffeur, 127 Timson St. (Owner Denilson Gomez) - **Granted**

**LIVERY OPERATOR - NEW**

Gomez, Denilson - 127 Timson St. - **Granted**

**TAXI OPERATOR – Tabled from February 25, 2025**

Ventura, Eury - 21 Franklin St. - **Granted**

**SECOND-HAND ARTICLE -NEW**

38 Glenwood St., Ayomine Concept- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE-NEW**

180 Commercial St., Next Week Corp., d/b/a Empire Auto Clinic- **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., Unit 13 & 14, Luema Auto Service Inc. - **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

60 Bennett St., GRM Tire and Glass Inc. - **Granted**

180 Commercial St., Lou's Custom Exhaust- **Granted**

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

205 Market St., Goodyear Tire- **Granted**

375 Summer St., P&P Peru Tires- **Granted**

**FLAMMABLE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

58 Boston St., O'Reilly Auto Parts- **Granted**

100 Buffum St., USPS- **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., Melvin's Welding Inc. - **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., Northeast Oil Delivery Inc. - **Granted**

599 Lynnway, O'Reilly Auto Parts- **Granted**

205 Market St., Goodyear Auto Service- **Granted**

**CANNING**

Lynn Classical Track Field (Adults Only) – May 9, 10, 11, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Tech Football Boosters (Adults Only) – July 12, 2025 - **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the March 11, 2025 Committee on Personnel recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. Interview with Bret Bennett, Jr. for the Position of Chief of Inspectional Services

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to recommend to the full Council the candidacy of Bret Bennett for the position of Chief of Inspectional Services.

Motion carried.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the March 11, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:**

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Assent to an Easement between the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Seaport Landing Condominium Association for the purpose of repairing and replacing a retaining wall and to install and repair a boardwalk.

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

ORDERED that the Law Department and the Assessor's Office shall research and report back regarding the possible abandonment of land abutting 32 Kelly Lane (approximately 2,125 square feet), 29 Kelly Lane (approximately 580 square feet) and 39 Kelly Lane (approximately 446 square feet). These respective land areas were formally part of a cul-de-sac on Kelly Lane and used for public purposes, however, the extension of Kelly Lane has been reconfigured and has caused these land areas to no longer be used for public purposes for a roadway. Any engineering plans and Registry of Deeds recording fees shall be borne by the property owners and not the City of Lynn.

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Assignment of a Memorandum of Understanding for the future sale of a portion of the Wyoma Square Municipal Parking Lot to the new owners of the True Value Hardware Store located at 312-316 Broadway.

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

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

***Motion by Chakoutis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Field, 11 yes***

***REPORT ACCEPTED.***

**Report of the March 11, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

**LAI D OVER FROM THE FEBRUARY 25, 2025 MEETING:**

Transfer the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS  
(\$20,000.00)

From the Account of 98035-7800 Reserve \$20,000.00  
 To the Account of 22105-8700 LPD-Exp \$20,000.00  
 To fund operational needs of Department.

**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" the amount of FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$595,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Department of Community Development by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development (ECD) to support a MassWorks Infrastructure Program Grant for Market Street Rehabilitation Grant. Grant Period is 02/07/25-06/30/26

**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" the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by RIZE Massachusetts Foundation, for the Mosaic Municipal Matching Grant to design and implement community- based initiatives that impact opioid use disorders. Grant Period 03/01/25-01/31/26

**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" the amount of THIRTY TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$32,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Department of Public Works by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to support the Municipality Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant under the Recycling Dividends Program also known as RDP Program. Grant Period is 01/24/25-06/30/25

**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" the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$450,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC30LM FY25 Skills Capital Grant Program. Grant Period 07/01/24-06/30/25

**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" the amount of EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$80,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC274 FY25 Special Education IEP Grant Program. Grant Period 02/07/25-09/30/25 CFDA: 84.027A

**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" the amount of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FY25 E-Machine Earmark obtained by the local delegation. Grant Period 07/01/24-06/30/25

**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" the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$30,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC592 FY25 PRISM 1 Grant Program.

Grant Period 01/24/25-06/30/25 CFDA 84.371C

**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" the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC330 FY25 Influence 100 Grant Program.

Grant Period 01/08/25-06/30/25

**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**

Order to authorize the School Superintendent to submit to the MSBA a Statement of Interest Form for the Roof replacement at Classical High School, the replacement of Windows and Doors at Ford Elementary and the replacement of the HVAC system at Lynn Tech.

**Classical — roof replacement**

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 11, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Lynn City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 21, 2025 for the Classical High School located at 235 O'Callaghan Way, Lynn, MA 01905 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future replacement of the roof to maintain a water-tight, energy-efficient, and functioning building envelope as a primary priority Statement of Interest for the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for 2025; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Lynn to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**Ford — replacement of windows and doors**

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 11, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Lynn City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 21, 2025 for the Robert L. Ford Elementary School located at 49 Hollingsworth St., Lynn, MA 01902 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for the replacement of windows and doors to allow for increased security, reduction of heat loss, increased energy conservation and overall reduced energy consumption as a secondary priority Statement of Interest for the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for 2025; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Lynn to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**Lynn Tech — replacement of HVAC systems**

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 11, 2025, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Lynn City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws,

and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 21, 2025 for the Lynn Vocational Technical Institute located at 80 Neptune Boulevard which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future to replace the existing failing natural gas fired HVAC system with a heat pump system to increase energy conservation, and improve overall efficiency. The existing gas fired boilers are 1999 vintage and failing as is the remainder of the HVAC system which consists of equipment original to the building; as a secondary priority Statement of Interest for the MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for 2025; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this secondary priority Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Lynn to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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

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

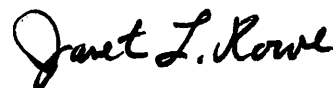
**11 YES 0 NO**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

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