

## CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, March 25, 2025  
 Council President John M. Walsh

**11 Councilors Present**

**Moment of Silence.** Councilor LaPierre asked that the Dukakis Family be remembered.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor McClain to accept the Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:**

Dear Councilors,

I am hereby appointing Alexandra Novakowski 10 Larch Road, Lynn, MA, to serve on the Public Library

Board of Trustees effective immediately. Her term will expire on April 1, 2028.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

Dear Councilors,

Pursuant to section 2-5 of the Lynn City Charter, I have designated Michael J. Donovan to perform the duties of the office of Director of Capital Projects. I am subsequently, enclosing an agreement for services effective April 7, 2025 and expiring June 30, 2026. I am respectfully requesting that the Lynn City Council authorize me as Mayor of the City of Lynn, to execute the enclosed agreement.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

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

***5 YES 6 NO (Councilors Hogan, LaPierre, Matul, McClain, Meaney, and Megie-Maddrey voting NO).***

***MOTION FAILED.***

Dear Councilors,

I am following up on the appointment of Bret Bennett, Jr., which Pursuant to sections 3-9 and 10-2 of the Lynn City Charter, was confirmed at your City Council meeting on

March 11, 2025. I am subsequently, enclosing an agreement for services effective April 7, 2025 and expiring April 6, 2028. I am respectfully requesting that the Lynn City Council authorize me as Mayor of the City of Lynn, to execute the enclosed agreement.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

***Motion made by Councilor Filed and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to grant.***

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

**11 YES 0 NO**

**COMMUNICATION FROM MICHAEL BERTINO, CFO:**

Dear Councilors,

Pursuant to Section 3-9 and 10-4 of the Lynn City Charter, I am hereby appointing Michael Kwiatek to the position of Director of Information Technology for the City of Lynn effective April 14, 2025. I respectfully request the Council confirm Mr. Kwiatek's appointment at your March 25, 2025 meeting.

Sincerely, CFO Michael Bertino

***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**

**PRESENTATION:**

Stephen McGoldrick and James Tarr from the Collins Center re: Proposed Charter Amendments

***Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to set down for a Public Hearing on April 8, 2025.***

***Motion carried.***

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Ordinance amending the Ordinance creating the position of Director of Information and Technology in the City of Lynn.

The following appeared in Favor:

Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

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

**10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney voting PRESENT).**

Petition of the Lynn Fireworks Fund for Fiesta Shows to hold a Carnival in the open lot between Federal Street and Centre Street. (behind the Western Ave Fire House) on the following dates in 2025: April 3 thru 13<sup>th</sup> - June 18 thru 22<sup>nd</sup> - July 31 thru August 10<sup>th</sup> and September 18 thru 28<sup>th</sup> Hours of operation will be Weekdays: 5pm-10:30pm, and Sat/Sun 1:00pm – 10:30 pm.

The following appeared in Favor:

John Flynn, FIESTA SHOWS

Calvin Anderson, Lynn

Public Hearing Closed

***Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to grant.***

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Report of the March 25, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:**

Ordered that the Law Department and Purchasing Department issue a Request for Proposals to sell the property R Cannon Rock Road (Parcel ID No. 077-062-081) to direct abutters only. The Request for Proposals should state that the property can only be utilized for landscaping and parking only. The property contain 43,117 square feet, lacks frontage on a public way and is currently assessed at \$10,0000.00.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

Ordered that the Lynn Police Department may donate five (5) surplus older model tasers to the Shelbourne Police Department. Further Ordered that the Law Department shall draft a release and waiver of liability to be executed by the authorized representative of the Shelbourne Police Department.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

Order to allow Lynn Public Librarian Theresa Hurley permission to use the City Hall Foyer on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm for National Library Week. They would like to set up a table for Library Card sign-ups and to display Library resources. - ***Granted***

Order to allow the Health Department permission to use the City Hall Foyer on Tuesday, April 9, 2025 - from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm for one of their events during Public Health Week.- **Granted**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the March 25, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

***Transfers laid over from March 11, 2025- To be Read in Full Council***

Transfer the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS AND SEVENTEEN CENTS (\$50.17)

From the Account of 11115-4900 Mayor-Exp \$50.17

To the Account of 98025-1111 Mayor-Bill of PY Exp \$50.17

To fund Bill of PY

**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**

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$150,000.00)

From the Account of 98035-7800 Reserve \$150,000.00

To the Account of 11725-3000 IT-Exp \$150,000.00

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**

Transfer the sum of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$24,300.00)

From the Account of 17105-3000 Planning-Exp \$24,300.00

To the Account of 17104-1000 Planning-PR \$24,300.00

To fund employee from General Fund due to loss of Federal Grant Funds for a period of 14 weeks.

**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**

Transfer the sum of THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,370.00)

From the Account of 11935-2412 ISD-Exp \$3,370.00

To the Account of 98025-1193 ISD-Bill of PY Exp \$3,370.00

To fund Bill of PY

**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**

Transfer the sum of ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TWENTY NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY TWO CENTS (\$1,629.32)

From the Account of <u>11935-2700</u>	ISD-Exp	\$1,629.32
To the Account of <u>98025-1193</u>	ISD-Bill of PY Exp	\$1,629.32
To fund Bill of PY		

**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**

Transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00)

From the Account of <u>98035-7800</u>	Reserve	\$50,000.00
To the Account of <u>11115-7300</u>	Mayor-Exp	\$50,000.00
To fund operating needs of the Department.		

**Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:**

**WHEREAS, A special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.**

**THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.**

**Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:**

**11 YES 0 NO**

**Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:**

**11 YES 0 NO**

Transfer the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$40,000.00)

From the Account of <u>98035-7800</u>	Reserve	\$40,000.00
To the Account of <u>44045-2409P</u>	DPW-Exp	\$40,000.00
To fund outsourced work for car repairs for LPD.		

**Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:**

**WHEREAS, A special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.**

**THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.**

**Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:**

**11 YES 0 NO**

**Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:**

**11 YES 0 NO**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$2,000,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Eastern Bank Foundation for the outfitting the 195 Market Street, Lynn Building with

Equipment and Technology for Student Programming. Grant Period 03/25/25 till the money is spent.

**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 TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$200,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Community Development Department Massachusetts Cultural Council (ART) for Financial Assistance to mitigate a direct threat to the sustainability of nonprofit and or municipal performing art centers in Massachusetts by providing capital to preserve their ability to compete with resort style casinos. Grant Period is 03/11/25-06/30/25

**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 FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Mayors Office by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security (EPS) for Gun Violence Prevention & Community Programming Grant. This is an earmark awarded on behalf of our local delegation.

Grant Period is 03/25/25-06/30/25

**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 FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$15,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Planning Department by the Mass Cultural Council (MCC) for the FY25 Lynn Cultural Council Annual Grant Award. Grant Period is 03/25/25 to 06/30/25

Motion by Net

**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.**

**Report of the March 25, 2025 Committee on Personnel recommending the following to be accepted:**

Approve the appointment of Michael Kwiatek for the position of Information and Technology Director in the City of Lynn.

***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***

***REPORT ACCEPTED.***

**Report of the March 25, 2025 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:**

Presentation made by National Grid re: utility rates and increases.

***REPORT ACCEPTED.***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Disclosure: Russell Gokas, a Retired Lynn Police Officer and a part time employee in the City of Lynn Parking Department, is requesting to work Roadside Details for the Lynn Police Department.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

***Council President Walsh made a motion to go into Executive Session regarding possible litigation. Seconded by Councilor Chakoutis.***

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

***8 YES 3 NO (Councilors LaPierre, Matul, Meaney voting NO).***

***City Council went into Executive Session in Room 402.***

***City Council returned to Council Chamber.***

***Council President Walsh stated there was a motion to come out of Executive Session. He stated that there were no votes taken on any litigation.***

**Motion made by Councilor Dr. Meaney and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to recommend the City Solicitor's Office to draft a correspondence to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission to look into the feasibility of installing additional storm drains(s) in**

the vicinity of Lake View Place and Park Road to address longstanding flooding issues.

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

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

***11 YES 0 NO***

**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:**

  
**CITY CLERK**