

CITY OF LYNN

**City Council Meeting, April 8, 2025
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

Ten Councilors Present (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent).

Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that the Family of Lacey Goreman and the Family of FF David DePrizito be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to accept the Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2025 and March 28, 2025.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Councilors, I am hereby appointing Michael Smith to the position of Emergency Management Director for the City of Lynn effective immediately. Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LYNN CITY CHARTER

Voted, to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the mayor approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The mayor is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the public objectives of this petition.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. The following shall be the charter for the city of Lynn:

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SECTION 2: Section 1 of this act shall take effect upon passage.

The following appeared in Favor:

Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

Former Mayor Thomas M. McGee, Lynn
 Joseph Scanlon, Lynn
 Calvin Anderson, Lynn
 The following appeared in Opposition:
 Joanne Lindner, 302 Linwood Street, Lynn
 Public Hearing Closed.

CHARTER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILOR CHAKOUTIS AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR FIELD TO AMEND THE FOLLOWING:

1. At the request of the Lynn City Council, the Collins Center submitted the attached recommendation as it relates to the appointment of employees of the Law Department

Motion to add to Section 2-7(c) after the word "necessary" the words "which may include 1 attorney on the staff of the law department." (Page 7, Lines 14 and 15).

Section 2.7(c) will now read as follows:

c) Other personnel – Subject to appropriation, the city council may employ such other personnel as it deems necessary which may include 1 attorney on the staff of the city solicitor’s office.”

2. At the request of Councilor Field, this is a proposed amendment to retain the signatures required for City Councilors-at-Large and members of the Lynn School Committee to be placed on the ballot as currently proposed by the Charter Review Committee.

Motion to strike Section 7-3(a) (as appearing on Page 18, Lines 32-38) as proposed in its entirety and replace the same with the following language which appears in the current Lynn City Charter:

“(a) **Signature Requirements--The number of signatures of voters required to place the name of a candidate on the official ballot to be used at a preliminary election shall be as follows: for the office of mayor not less than five hundred such signatures, not more than one hundred fifty of which shall be from any one ward; for the office of councilor at large, or school committee member not less than three hundred fifty such signatures, not more than one hundred of which shall be from any one ward; for the office of ward councilor not less than one hundred such signatures from the ward.”**

3. The following proposed amendment relates to Special Acts (Home Rule Petitions) and were drafted as a recommendation by the Collins Center.

Motion to add to Section 10-1 after the word “All” the words “special acts of the general court,” (Page 30, Line 15).

Section 10-1 shall now read:

“All special acts of the general court, ordinances, rules, regulations, and resolutions of the city which are in force at the time the charter is adopted, consistent with the charter, shall remain in effect and shall continue in force until amended, revised, or repealed in the manner provided by law or the charter.”

4. The following proposed amendment relates to Special Acts (Home Rule Petitions) and were drafted as recommendation by the Collins Center.

Motion to add the following new Section 10-6(c) (Page 33, Line 40-44):

- c) **The administrative code may retain, modify, repeal or replace any provisions of the following special acts relating to the organization of city government: chapter 92 of the acts of 1931 relating to the board of election commissioners; chapter 655 of the acts of 1956 relating to off-street parking; chapter 564 of the acts of 1972 relating to salary increases; chapter 8 of the acts of 1985 relating to the overlay deficit; chapter 59 of the acts of 1986 relating to public works; chapter 253 of the acts of 1986 relating to the appointment of health inspectors; chapter 465 of the acts of 1991 relating to the appointment of the dog officer; chapter 167 of the acts of 1999 relating to the traffic commission; chapter 19 of the acts of 2002 relating to nomination papers; chapter 223 of the acts of 2002- relating to certain charter amendments; chapter 332 of the acts of 2014 relating to salaries; chapter 378 of the acts of 2014 relating to inspectional services; chapter 58 of the act of 2018 relating of the financial condition of the city; and chapter 208 of the acts of 2024 relating to capital projects;**

5. The following proposed amendment relates to Special Acts (Home Rule Petitions) and were drafted as recommendation by the Collins Center.

Motion to strike Section 10-7 (as appearing on Page 32, Lines 13-22) as proposed in its entirety and replace the same with the following language:

Certain special acts repealed- the following special acts are hereby repealed: chapter 207 of the acts of 1988 relating to dual office holding; chapter 105 of the acts of 1997 relating to the office of the city clerk; chapter 223 of the acts of 2022 relating to residency preference.

Certain special acts recognized and retained – the following special acts are hereby especially recognized and retained: chapter 53 of the acts of 1998; and chapter 69 of the acts of 2014, relating to illegal dumping.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILOR FIELD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CHAKOUTIS TO GRANT THE FOLLOWING:

Voted, to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill unless the

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Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent).

MOTION MADE BY COUNCILOR FIELD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CHAKOUTIS TO GRANT WITH AMENDMENTS.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING YEA AND NAY VOTE:

10 YES 0 NO (COUNCILOR DR. MEANEY ABSENT).

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

-Set down a Public Hearing to amend the Ordinance requiring Licenses for Mobile Food Vehicles (a/k/a Food Trucks in regards to whole produce).

-116 Union Street, petition of Fidelina Garcia, 108 Nahant Street, for proposed residential use in a business zone, to allow the first floor to have 3 businesses and the 2nd floor to have 4 units, each with 1 bedroom, 1 bath and 1 kitchen. ***(Megie-Maddrey)***

-53 Commercial Street, petition of Ruben Ramirez, owner of Ramirez Brother's Landscaping, to park 2 commercial vehicles on his residential property. He currently has a Home Occupation Permit for the Landscaping business. ***(Hogan)***

-48-52 Andrew Street, petition of Affordable Housing Associates of Lynn, Inc, to change the use of the property from a Lodging House into an Apartment House following planned interior renovations supported in part by the City of Lynn. ***(Chakoutis).***

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the April 8, 2025 Committee on Public Safety recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT:**
Robert A. Capano, 8 Peary Avenue, Lynn, MA 01902 - Tabled
2. **CONSTABLE RE-APPOINTMENT:**
Christopher P. Chigas, 5 Tammie Lane, Peabody, MA 01960 - Granted
3. **THE BUSINESS REPORT ACCEPTED.**

Report of the April 8, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW

Perez, Channel – 39 Prince St. Salem, MA- **Granted**
 Romero Dominguez, Winston – 172 Washington St. - **Granted**
 Ruiz, Marino - 445 Essex St. - **Granted**
 Santos Juarez, Silas – Dipietro Ave. Salem MA- **Granted**

LIVERY OPERATOR - NEW

Ciciotti, Marco -195 Burrill St. Swampscott, MA- **Granted**

SECOND-HAND ARTICLE -NEW

125 Essex Street, Variedades de Lynn- **Granted**

JUNK-DEALER- RENEWAL

580 Lynnway, Solomon Metals Corp. - **Granted**
 225 Commercial St., Turner Inc. - **Granted**

FOOD TRUCK-RENEWAL

3rd Alarm Fire, Events Only- **Granted**

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

623 Boston Street, D'Class Beauty Salon LLC - **Granted**
 624 Boston Street, Family Corner Market - **Granted**
 22 Bennett Street, Vip Works- **Granted**
 26 Bennett Street, Rem Auto Body- **Granted**
 43 Broad Street, Veronica Market- **Granted**
 244 Broadway, Minos Roast Beet- **Granted**
 23 Central Avenue, La Copa Restaurant- **Granted**
 159 Central Avenue, Malibu's (Formerly C.M. Bistro Inc) - **Granted**
 160 Chestnut Street, kuky's Hair Design- **Granted**
 148 Fayette Street, Rojas Auto Body- **Granted**

164 Franklin Street, La Esquina Sandwiches- **Granted**
 60 Granite Street, Bayridge Hospital - **Granted**
 70 Granite Street, Zea III Realty Trust` - **Granted**
 17 Lewis Street, Show of Hand Nail LLC - **Granted**
 114 Union Street, Guadalupe Meat Market- **Granted**
 170 Union Street, El Malecon Restaurant / Bar - **Granted**
 227 Union Street, Danaly's Market (Formerly Chamos Cuisine) - **Granted**
 235 Union Street, Caruso Pizza- **Granted**

341 Union Street, El Bodegon Market- **Granted**

AUTO BODY/AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL

17C Alley Auto Body and Repair- **Granted**
 178 Alley St., Collision Auto Craft and Repair- **Granted**
 52 Oakville St., Juan 27 Auto Body Inc. - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL

17B Alley St., Magic Auto Repair- **Granted**
 18A Alley St., E and M Auto Repair- **Granted**
 182 Alley St., TG's Taxi Garage- **Granted**
 46 Bennett St., B. V. Collision Inc- **Granted**
 68R Bennett St., Estrada Auto Repair- **Granted**
 69 Bennett St., Fast Lane Auto Collision- **Granted**
 122 Boston St., S & H Auto Repair- **Granted**
 606 Boston St., Solutions Auto Repair- **Granted**
 805 Boston St., Town Line Service- **Granted**
 411 Broad St., Meineke Car Care Center- **Granted**
 106 Commercial St., Rafelitos Tire & Auto Service- **Granted**
 159 Commercial St., Advance Auto Repair- **Granted**
 180 Commercial St., Unit 13 Progressus Car Care-Michael Benedict (formerly Miracle Auto Werks) - **Granted**
 12 Ellis St., Enrique Auto Center- **Granted**
 287 Essex St., Essex Auto Repair- **Granted**
 148 Fayette St., Auto Repair of Fayette, Inc. - **Granted**
 148 Fayette St., Rojas Auto Body & Repair- **Granted**
 10 Heath's Ct., Unit 1, De Leon Auto Repair- **Granted**
 10 Heath's Ct., Unit 2, Estrada Auto Service- **Granted**
 10 Heath's Ct., Unit 6, ADI Auto- **Granted**
 637 Lynnway, Sullivan Tire- **Granted**
 125 Pleasant St., Caruso's Auto Repair Inc. - **Granted**
 125 Pleasant St., J A Trucking LLC- **Granted**
 232-234 Western Ave., AJ's Auto Service- **Granted**
 905 Western Ave., Lynn Master Motors- **Granted**
 1147 Western Ave., Stoneham Boat Center- **Granted**

FLAMMABLE LICENSE – RENEWAL

47 Alley St., Jim Appleyard Bonded- **Granted**
 52 Alley St., Jet-Tech Inc. - **Granted**

50 Bennett St., Landry Hire A Tool- **Granted**
 255 Blossom St., Ext., National Grid- **Granted**
 20 Boston St., Lynn Ladder & Scaffolding Co. Inc. - **Granted**
 122 Boston St., Nouria Energy- **Granted**
 461 Broad St., Boston Auto Painting- **Granted**
 573 Chestnut St., Richdale Convenience Store - **Granted**
 668 Chestnut St., Cumberland Farms, Inc. - **Granted**
 31 Collins St., Delulis Brothers Construction Co. Inc. - **Granted**
 225 Commercial St., Turner Inc. - **Granted**
 250 Commercial St., Lynn DPW- **Granted**
 653 Eastern Ave., Global Montello Group #2214- **Granted**
 113 Fayette St., R. Dilisio Co. Inc. - **Granted**
 10 High St., High St. Tire Center- **Granted**
 122 Liberty St., Spedway #44220/2502- **Granted**
 84-86 Lynnway, Lynn Yacht Club- **Granted**
 154 Lynnway, Seaport Landing- **Granted**
 361 Lynnway, Enterprise- **Granted**
 453 Lynnway, EZ Landscaping Inc- **Granted**
 453 Lynnway, Healey Bus Inc. - **Granted**
 535 Lynnway, Nouria Energy - **Granted**
 580 Lynnway, Solomon Metals Corp. - **Granted**
 700 Lynnway, Sonny's Sparking Image Car Wash- **Granted**
 780 Lynnway, Walmart Store #02139- **Granted**
 0 Raddin St., Walsh's Oil LLC- **Granted**
 86 Sanderson Ave., T-Mobile- **Granted**
 45 Suffolk St. Milan Towing- **Granted**
 638 Summer St., C.L. Hawthaway - **Granted**
 650 Summer St., C.L. Hawthaway- **Granted**
 659 Summer St., C.L. Hawthaway- **Granted**
 766 Summer St., Booma Oil and Energy, Inc. - **Granted**
 42 Oakville St., Mass Electrical Apparatus Service- **Granted**
 390 Parkland Ave., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
 400 Parkland Ave., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
 56 Sanderson Ave., Leahy Landscaping Inc. - **Granted**
 41 Stewart St., NRT Bus Inc. - **Granted**
 325 Walnut St., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
 425 Walnut St., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
 1000 Western Ave., General Electric, Aerospace- **Granted**
 1069 Western Ave, Fisher Auto Parts Inc. - **Granted**

CANNING

Lynn Classical Class of 2025 (Adults Only) – April 19, 2025- **Granted (Councilor Field voting PRESENT)**

NEFFL Flag Football (Adults Only) – July 19, 2025 and August 30-31, 2025 - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Field stated that the Fire Department contacted him and asked that the following stipulations be included on all new Flammable Licenses and all Renewals of Flammable Licenses:

STIPULATIONS:

A NO dismantling of cars

B NO working on car outside of building

C NO tires or car parts around building

D NO working on cars on adjacent property

E NO leasing of bays

F NOT open on Sundays (unless approved by City Council)

Motion carried.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the April 8, 2025 Committee on Veterans recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Update from the Director of Veterans Services - Michael Sweeney

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion with Andrea Gayle-Bennett, MA Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans Services

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the April 8, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be approved:

PUBLIC PROPERTY:

1. Request from DPW Commissioner Andrew J. Hall to dispose of surplus Vehicles / Equipment (See attached list).- **Granted**

2. Request from Mayor's Office to use the Foyer on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 between 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander heritage Month event. – **Granted and DPW Commissioner requested to come back in two weeks to update.**

REPORT ACCEPTED.

WAYS AND MEANS:

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift from John M. Walsh, Jr. in the amount of approximately eighteen hundred (\$1,800.00) dollars for the purpose of purchasing dirt to make improvements to the baseball/softball diamonds at the Babe Ruth Fields

Bowser Complex. Further Ordered that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the purpose of this gift.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent).

REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

ALINSUG / McCLAIN - RESOLUTION

Declaring Lynn a “Safe City for LGBTQIA and Gender Diverse People”

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Lynn, in City Council assembled, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Trans, Nonbinary and LGBTQIA+ community in Lynn and nationally are being attacked by the current executive action on January 22, 2025 stating that the U.S. government will now recognize only two sexes – male and female.

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, there was also an Executive Order seeking to end gender-affirming medical treatments for children and teenagers under the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, the US Office of Personnel Management released a memo to all federal agencies ending legal recognition of Trans people by replacing all forms that request information about gender to information about sex; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ immigrants, refugees, and asylees also face additional persecution due to their immigration status; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Lynn hereby reiterates its commitment to the LGBTQ+ community most especially for equal protections for transgender community members and declares itself a safe city and a place of safety for gender diverse people

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED also, that the City of Lynn recognizes the importance of respecting and protecting our residents, from all walks of lives, and all backgrounds, gender orientation, nationalities, and individualities and that those rights are upheld by all within the City of Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Alinsug and seconded by Councilor McClain to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent).

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Alinsug 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