

**CITY OF LYNN**

**City Council Meeting, April 22, 2025  
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

**9 Councilors Present (Councilors Chakoutis and LaPierre absent)**

**Moment of Silence – Councilor Field asked that the Family of former Mayor Judy Kennedy be remembered. Her mother recently passed.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Matul to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025.**

**Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:**

Dear Councilors:

I write to you all to appoint Michelle "LaPoetica" Richardson as the City of Lynn's Inaugural Poet Laureate.

Last year, working with Councilor Nicole McClain and through a vote of this body, we established a selection committee to make recommendations for a Poet Laureate for the City of Lynn. The Committee, led by of the City's Arts and Culture Planner, LaCrecia Thomson, was made up Joanna Cacciola from the Lynn Public Art Commission, Sunil Gulab from Lynn Cultural Council, Theresa Hurley the Director of the Lynn Public Library, Dr. Tiffany Magnolia from North Shore Community College, Councilor McClain, Cristian Recinos from Lynn Cultural Council, and Valerie Vong from my Office.

I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to each member of this committee for their efforts in reviewing and selecting the numerous and talented individuals who applied.

Michelle is a committed community activist and has long promoted literary arts in Lynn at numerous events. She will represent the pride of Lynn for all and I have no doubt that she will excel in this role. I am honored to appoint Michelle as the City's first Poet Laureate. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

**Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Natasha Megie-Maddrey to confirm.**

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Chakoutis and LaPierre absent).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Ordinance amending the Mobile Food Truck Vehicle Ordinance (a/k/a Food Trucks) in regards to fresh produce.

**No one spoke in Favor.**

**No one spoke in Opposition.**

**Public Hearing Closed.**

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Chakoutis and LaPierre absent).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

Petition of National Grid install underground facilities on Pleasant St and to install conduit to a new switchgear location at 44-54 State Street.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis and LaPierre absent).**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Report of the April 22, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:**

**TAXI OPERATOR – NEW**

Gomez Matul, Orlando – 230 S Common St- **Tabled**

Suarez Munoz, Luis Carlos – 64A Fayette St- **Granted**

**SIGN-LICENSE-RENEW**

183 Lewis Street, Casa Amelia- **Tabled**

**AUTO BODY/AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

19 Alley St., Spina's Auto Body- **Granted**

26 Bennett St., REM Auto Body & Truck Repair Inc. - **Granted**

47 Bennett St., VEO Autobody Solutions & Repair LLC- **Granted**

47 Bennett St., T & A Autobody & Repair- **Granted**

12 Camden St, Thibedeau Auto Body- **Granted**

35 Suffolk St., Diamond Automotive Inc. - **Granted**

882 Western Ave., Western Ave. Auto Body of Lynn Inc. - **Granted**

1071 Western Ave., Cityline Auto Body- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

15 Alley St., Stella Auto Repair- **Granted**

411 Broad St., Automotive Exchange Inc.-Meineke- **Granted**

8 Burrus Sq., Tenares Auto Repair Inc. - **Granted**

228 Chestnut St., 228 Chestnut St. LLC- **Granted**

10 Heath's Ct., Unit 11 & 12, American Truck Repair- **Granted**

109 Lynnfield St., Polo Auto Repair- **Granted**

443 Lynnway, Toro's Auto Center Inc. - **Granted**

76 Oakville St., Meninno Construction- **Granted**  
 135 Pleasant St, Pudgy's Towing & Auto Repair Inc. - **Granted**

**FLAMMABLE LICENSE – RENEWAL**

6 Bennett St., L-A-C Steel Fabrication- **Granted**  
 38 Bennett St., G.V.W. Inc. - **Granted**  
 86 Bennett St., Seacrest Foods International Inc. - **Granted**  
 300 Broad St., North Shore Community College- **Granted**  
 21 City Hall Sq., Verizon New England- **Granted**  
 88 Marion St., Demakes Enterprises Inc. - **Granted**  
 106 Oakville St., Robert Devereaux Corp. - **Granted**  
 34-36 Riley Way, Demakes Enterprises Inc. - **Granted**  
 12 Washington St., J & S Transport Co. Inc. - **Granted**  
 37 Waterhill St., Demakes Enterprises Inc. - **Granted**  
 898 Western Ave., NRT Bus Inc. - **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CANNING**

Lynn Veterans Council (Adults Only) – May 23, 2025 - **Granted**

**REPORT ACCEPTED**

**Report of the April 22, 2025 Committee on Public Safety and Public Health recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. **CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT (Tabled April 8, 2025)**  
 Robert Capano, 8 Peary Avenue, Lynn - **Granted**
  2. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the April 22, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

**NEW TRANSFERS:**

Appropriate the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS

(\$50,000.00)

From the Account of 88400005-9510 Opioid Stab Fund-Exp \$50,000.00

To the Account of 88400005-3000 Opioid Working Group-Exp \$50,000.00

To fund Working Group with needed resources. This funding is to be earmarked for the Calm Team

**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:**

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis and LaPierre absent)**

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor Chakoutis and LaPierre absent).**

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

From the Account of 320600-9510 Ins Proceeds-Exp \$50,000.00

To the Account of 44045-2409F DPW-Exp \$50,000.00

To fund outsourced work for car repairs for LFD.

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

From the Account of 229100-9510 TNC-Exp \$20,000.00

To the Account of 17105-3000 Planning-Exp \$20,000.00

To fund Planning initiative for wayfinding project.

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Transfer the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$19,867.00)

From the Account of 229500-9510 State Election-EXP \$19,867.00

To the Account of 11604-0900 City Clerk-PR \$19,867.00

To Fund Clerk OT for Presidential/State Election.

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Transfer the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$15,025.00)

From the Account of 320600-9510 Ins Proceeds-Exp \$15,025.00

To the Account of 44045-2409D DPW-Exp \$15,025.00

To fund vehicle (International HV507) repairs that was involved in accident on 2/6/25.

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Transfer the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$3,000.00)

From the Account of 98035-7800 Reserve-Exp \$3,000.00

To the Account of 43904-0900 Care of Dogs-PR \$3,000.00

To fund OT for Animal Control Officer for the rest of FY25.

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Transfer the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$50.00)

From the Account of 22105-3404 LPD-Exp \$50.00

To the Account of 98025-2210 LPD-Bill of PY Exp \$50.00

To fund Bill of PY

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY SEVEN CENTS (\$159,375.77) as allotted to the City of Lynn Public Library by the Board of Library Commissioners (BLC) for Round II of the FY25 State Aid to Public Libraries Program. Grant Period is 11/26/24-06/30/24

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$37,028.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (ANF) for FY25 Community Compact IT Grant for implementation of Caller ID and VOIP telephone system. Grant Period is 04/22/25-06/30/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$1,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Planning Department by the NE Chapter of International Society of Arboriculture (NEC-ISA) for the FY25 Arbor Day Grant Award. Grant Period is 03/12/25 to 06/30/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$75,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC427 FY25 Equitable Access CTE 427 Grant Program. CFDA: 84.048A Grant Period 12/11/24-06/30/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$65,272.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Lynn Community Health Center (LCHC) for the FY25Atrius Health Equity Foundation Grant Program. Grant Period 01/01/25-12/31/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$35,000.00) as allotted to the Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC422A FY25 Career Connect LRN 422A Grant Program. Grant Period 2/28/25-06/30/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$8,700.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by Community Initiatives (CI) for the City Arts & Sciences Academy (CASA) at Fecteau-Leary High School Grant Program. Grant Period 04/01/25-06/30/25

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Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by Massachusetts Cultural Center (MCC) for the FY25 MCC-LVTI Grant Program. Grant Period 07/01/24-06/30/25

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

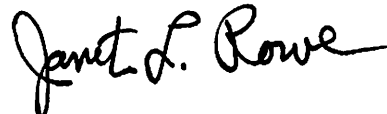
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilor Field – Happy Earth Day

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