

**City Council Meeting, June 17, 2025  
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.**

**Nine Councilors Present (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

**Moment of Silence: Councilor Field asked that Nicole McClain's brother be remembered and that Drew Russo's Grandfather be remembered.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2025**

**Motion carried.**

**Council President Walsh stated that Councilor McClain had a death in the family and has a Juneteenth Celebration this evening and Councilor Matul was not feeling well.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget in the amount of \$533,106,166.

The following appeared in Favor:

Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

**Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and second by Councilor Field to grant the 2026 Budget in the amount of \$553,106,166.**

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Abandonment of a portion of Franklin Street near the Boys and Girls Club

The following appeared in Favor:

Jon Thibault, Mayor's Office

Not one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

53 Commercial St.-Petition of Ruben Ramierez to park two commercial vehicles on residential property with a home occupation permit for landscaping business.

The following appeared in Favor:

**Ruben Ramierez, Lynn**

**No one appeared in Opposition.**

**Public Hearing Closed**

**Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to grant with the stipulations:**

- 1. 2 Trucks only**
- 2. Vehicle limit to size less than 14,000 lbs**
- 3. Return in 6 months for review**

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

**8 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent; Councilor LaPierre abstained)**

340 Broadway – Petition of Mario Hernandez Goday to open a new Bubble Tea Store with hours of operation 7 days per week from 10:00am to 9:00pm

No one appeared in Favor.

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

414 Broadway – Petition of Chintan Patel to open a Dairy Queen food service establishment. *(Meaney)*

The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Tom Demakis

Resident, Meadow Court

Paul Thibault, Lynn

The following appeared in Opposition:

Edie Saranteas, Lynn

Public Hearing Closed.

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

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

**9 YES 0 No (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:**

450 Essex St. – Petition of Carlos Vills and D Patrias Parra to convert a two family house to a 3 family.

**Motion made by Councilor Megie-Maddrey and seconded by Councilor Hogan to set down for Public Hearing.**

**Motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Report of the June 17, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:**

#### **EXTENDED HOUR RENEWALS / GRANTED:**

60	Boston St	McDonalds Drive Thru	24/7 (with stips)
65	Boston St	CVS Pharmacy	24 Hours (with stips)
80	Boston St	Dunkin Donuts	4:30 am – 11:00 pm
108	Boston St	Burger King	24/7 Drive Thru
116	Boston St	Wendy's	Drive Thru till 4am (6:30am – 4am) (with stips)
124	Boston St	Taco Bell	7am-1am and Drive Thru till 3am (with stips)
124	Broad St	George's Roast Beef	Mon-Thurs 10am-11pm Fri-Sat 10 am-1 am, Sun 12pm-9pm
668	Chestnut St	Cumberland Farms	24/7 with Stips

164	Franklin St.	La Esquina	11:00 am – 3:00 am
364	Lynnway	Crazy Buzzy's	Sun–Wed 9am–1am, Thurs-Sat 9:00am–3:00am (take out only)
377	Lynnway	Wendy's	6:30am-2:00 am (drive thru service)
525	Lynnway	Gulf	24/7
567	Lynnway	McDonald's	5am-10pm Dining Rm and Drive Thru 24/7
821	Lynnway	Starbucks	4:30 am – 10:30 pm
341	Union St	Domino's Pizza	10:30 am-3am (7 Days a week)
707	Western Ave	Domino's Pizza	10:30 am-3am (7 Days a week)
969	Western Ave	AL Prime Energy	24/7

**EXTENDED HOURS RENEWALS / TABLED:**

122	Boston St	Nouria	Gas Station & Kiosk 5am-11pm
120-122	Liberty St	Speedway	24/7
535	Lynnway	Nouria	24/7

**SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL**

122 Boston Street, Nouria - **Granted**  
 152 Boston Street, Advance Auto Parts- **Granted**  
 116 Central Avenue, Taquerilla Montecristo Inc. - **Granted**  
 617 Chestnut Street, Casa Latina Restaurant & Tortilleria- **Granted**  
 162 Franklin Street, Chapin Express- **Granted**  
 535 Lynnway, Nouria- **Granted**  
 8 Market Street, Asian Garden - **Granted**  
 201 North Common Street, Supreme Food Inc. - **Granted**  
 100 Union Street, Victoria Meat Market- **Granted**  
 707 Western Avenue, Domino's Pizza- **Granted**

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

17 Alley St., Italmondo Auto Body- **Granted**  
 148 Fayette St., Roja's Auto Body & Auto Repair- **Granted**  
 9 Green St., Legere Auto Body- **Granted**  
 880-882 Western Ave., Western Ave. Auto Body- **Granted**

**AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE – RENEWAL**

15 Avon St., John's Fuel Service Inc. - **Granted**  
 38 Bennett St., G/J Towing Inc. - **Granted**  
 136 Cottage St., Bay State Auto Service LLC- **Granted**  
 125R Pleasant St., G/J Carting Inc. - **Granted**

**FLAMMABLE LICENSE - NEW**

11-13 Baldwin St., Eric Z Disposal- **Granted**

**FLAMMABLE LICENSE - RENEW**

91 Commercial St., Exa Infrastructure US LLC- **Granted**

**CANNING**

Lynn Classical Football Cheer Team (Adults Only) – July 27, 2025- **Granted**  
 Lynn Classical Basketball Team (Adults Only) – November 29, 2025 - **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the June 17, 2025 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:**

**PUBLIC HEARING – Petition from National Grid:**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Petition from Comcast:**

Petition of Comcast to place one PVC conduit to provide service to 597 Essex Street. - **Granted**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the June 17, 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 Assignment of a Memorandum of Understanding for the future sale of a portion of the Wyoma Square Municipal Parking Lot to Javier Hungria Acosta.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Ordered to award the bid for a parcel of land without frontage on a public way known as R Cannon Rock Road to the highest bid of \$11,000 to Shawn Perez-Albuerne. Use of property will be for landscaping/forever maintained in its current natural and open condition.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Ordered to allow the Public Health Division use of the City Hall front lawn (both sides of main entrance) on July 29, 2025 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for a Summer Resource Fair.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Ordered to allow the Public Health Division use of the City Hall Foyer on September 8, 2025 (time TBD) for a National Recovery Month Event.

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

**REPORT ACCEPTED.**

**Report of the June 17, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:**

Certify as an “Available Fund” the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FIVE CENTS (\$128,685.85) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the FY26 Targeted Financial Support to the Massachusetts Large Cities Health Coalition Entities Grant Program. CFDA 21.027  
Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Certify as an “Available Fund” the amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$125,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the FY26 MassCALL Substance Misuse Prevention Grant Program. CFDA Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

Certify as an “Available Fund” the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$100,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the FY25 Community Transit Grant Program.

Grant Period 03/01/25-06/30/26

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

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

**9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent).**

**Adoption/Creation of Revolving Funds:**

Order to accept the adoption of proposed Ordinances to be established via the following Ordinances attached for all existing Revolving Funds the City of Lynn desires to maintain with Caps and Annual Spending Limits for FY26.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>ANNUAL LIMIT</u>
Abandoned/Foreclosed Residential and Commercial Property Revolving Fund (ISD Chief)	\$500,000.00	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Memorial City Hall and Auditorium Revolving Fund (Community Development Director)	Unlimited	\$5,000,000.00
City of Lynn Cannabis Revolving Fund (Chief Financial Officer)	Unlimited	\$3,000,000.00
Comcast PEG Access and Cable Related Revolving Fund (Mayor)	Unlimited	\$1,000,000.00

Verizon PEG Access and Cable Related Revolving Fund (Mayor)	Unlimited	\$1,000,000.00
City of Lynn Community Garden Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$50,000.00
City of Lynn Barkland Avenue Dog Park Revolving Fund (Community Development Director)	Unlimited	\$25,000.00
City of Lynn Parks & Recreation Concerts and Special Events Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$50,000.00
City of Lynn Cultural District Revolving Fund (Community Development Director)	Unlimited	\$20,000.00
City of Lynn Handicap Parking Violation Fine Collection Revolving Fund (Disability Commission)	\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00
City of Lynn Insurance Proceeds Revolving Fund (Treasurer/Collector)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn July Fourth Firework Celebration Revolving Fund (Mayor)	Unlimited	Unexpended monies returned--general fund
City of Lynn Law Enforcement Trust Revolving Fund (Police Chief)	Unlimited	\$200,000.00
City of Lynn Proceeds From Sale of Lynn Library Branches Revolving Fund (Board of Library Trustees)	Unlimited	No cap – one time source of revenue
City of Lynn Parking Meter Receipt Revolving Fund (Parking Director)	Unlimited	\$300,000.00
City of Lynn Pine Grove Cemetery Land Grade Revolving Fund (Pine Grove Cemetery Commission)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00

City of Lynn Pine Grove Cemetery Perpetual Revolving Fund (Pine Grove Cemetery Commission)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Repair Recently Repaved Roadways Caused by Utilities Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Special Needs Camp (Camp Kiwanis) Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Stadium Commission Manning Field/Fraser Field Revolving Fund (Stadium Commission)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund (Treasurer/Collector)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Overflow Trash Bag Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Vaccine Insurance Reimbursement Revolving Fund (Health Director)	Unlimited	\$100,000.00
City of Lynn Park Use Security Deposit Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$75,000.00
City of Lynn Compost Bin Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Traffic Island Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$100,000.00
City of Lynn Arts & Culture Revolving Fund (Planning Director)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Northern Strand Bike Path Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$150,000.00
City of Lynn Senior Center Operations Revolving Fund (Senior Center Director)	Unlimited	\$200,000.00

City of Lynn Grand Army of the Republic Hall Revolving Fund (GAR Board of Trustees)	Unlimited	\$10,000,000.00
City of Lynn Tree Gift Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Creative Advertising Trash Barrel Revenue Revolving Fund (DPW Commissioner)	Unlimited	\$100,000.00
City of Lynn Two State Street Revolving Fund (ISD Director)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn Rhodes Memorial Chapel Restoration Revolving Fund (Cemetery Commission)	Unlimited	\$250,000.00
City of Lynn WIN Innovation Revolving for Civic Events (Mayor's Office)	Unlimited	\$50,000.00Fund
City of Lynn Crown Family Library Revolving Fund for general operating support For the Lynn Public Library (Library Director)	Unlimited	\$50,000.00
City of Lynn Revolving Fund to fund the Newly created position of Poet Laureate of The City of Lynn (Arts and Cultural Planning Department)	Unlimited	\$200,000.00
City of Lynn 195 Market Street Revolving Fund (ISD Director)	Unlimited	\$1,500,000.00

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

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

**7 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent; Councilor Meaney and Megie-Maddrey absent at vote).**

**REORT ACCEPTED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**LAPIERRE/RESOLUTION/Public Transportation Priorities**

WHEREAS, the City of Lynn recognizes that accessible, affordable, and reliable public transportation is essential to the well-being of our families, the strength of our local economy, and the sustainability of our future;

WHEREAS, the MBTA Blue Line currently ends at Wonderland Station in Revere, which leaves Lynn residents dependent on expensive, infrequent commuter rail and ferry services to access Boston, placing unfair expenses on working families and limiting economic opportunity;

WHEREAS, for over 70 years, plans to extend the Blue Line to Lynn have been recommended but not fulfilled, despite similar or newer projects—such as the Green Line Extension to Somerville and Medford---have been completed;

WHEREAS, residents of Lynn overwhelmingly support improved transportation with a recent survey conducted by 8<sup>th</sup> grade Thurgood Marshall Middle School students of 324 community members showing 97% in favor of better service, 91% in favor of a Blue Line extension, and a strong desire for both subway expansion and commuter rail electrification.

WHEREAS, improving transportation in Lynn will increase service frequency, reduce costs for commuters, lower greenhouse gas emissions, boost local businesses, and make Lynn a more connected and competitive city in Massachusetts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lynn City Council calls upon the Massachusetts Bay Transportation authority (MBTA), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, the Massachusetts State Legislature, and federal transportation partners to:

1. Prioritize the extension of the Blue Line to Lynn and beyond, recognizing it as a long-overdue project that will bring transformative benefits to the North Shore;
2. Commit to electrifying the commuter rail as an immediate, parallel step to improve speed, frequency, and environmental outcomes;
3. Secure dedicated funding for planning, design, and construction through local, state, and federal cooperation; and
4. Engage Lynn stakeholders and residents in all stages of project planning to ensure community needs are fully addressed.

Adopted this day by the Lynn City Council in demonstration of its unwavering commitment to advancing equitable, forward-looking transportation solutions for the people of Lynn.

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

**Motion carried.**

**CHAKOUTIS / Order to authorize His Honor the Mayor to execute an agreement for electrical supply services on terms satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer and City Solicitor for a term in excess of three years.**

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

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

**8 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain and Councilor Matul absent; Councilor Dr. Meaney absent at vote).**

Councilor Field read a “thank you” editorial to the Lynn Fire Department

**Motion to accept for the Files.**

**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:

*Janet L. Rowe*  
CITY CLERK