

CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, September 9, 2025
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

Ten Councilors Present (Councilor McClain absent).

Moment of Silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2025.

Motion carried.

Citation/Lucian Paula, MIAA Championship for Outdoor Track, St. Mary's Track Team

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Councilors.

I write to you to respectfully request you set down a Public Hearing for an Ordinance titled "Cannabis Equity Ordinance in the City of Lynn." Currently, Massachusetts General Laws require municipalities to take proactive steps to ensure equitable access to the cannabis industry. This Ordinance would meet this requirement. This proposal is based off a model ordinance published by the Cannabis Control Commission. By setting a date to formally consider this Ordinance, the city will take an important step toward ensuring that economic opportunities in this emerging industry are distributed justly and that our community leads with principles of equity, accountability, and social justice. Thank you for your consideration of this Ordinance and I would once again request that it be set down for a Public Hearing at your next Council Meeting.

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing for a \$9,000,000.00 New Pickering Middle School Bond Order.

The following appeared in Favor:

Danya Smith, Mayor's Office

Calvin Anderson, 12 Concord Street, Lynn

Paul Gouthro, 14 Cameron Road, Lynn

No one spoke in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Petition of Crown Castle Fiber LLC to upgrade 7 existing small cell wireless facilities at multiple Site

locations throughout the City's Right-of-Way at the following street locations:

1. 565 Chestnut Street (Meaney)
2. 395 Broadway (Meaney)
3. 2 Mason Street (Matul)
4. 653 Eastern Ave (Matul)
5. 163 Essex Street (Alinsug)
6. 51 Liberty Street (Chakoutis)
7. 20 Thorpe Road (Walsh)

Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Net to set down for Public Hearings.

Motion carried.

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities and PVC conduit on Magnolia Ave at intersection of Conomo Ave to feed new Lynn school.

Motion made by Councilor Dr. Meaney and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to TABLE.

Motion carried.

Petition of Melina Polanco, 324 Essex St. Swampscott, MA, owner of Mell's Tire and Auto Service for permission to have an Auto Repair/Flammable License for full service repairs at 517 Lynnway.

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

Motion carried.

Report of the September 9, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Discussion re: RFP / 78 Rockdale Avenue. – Granted to go out to Bid
2. Discussion re: RFP / 34A Essex Street. – Granted to go out to Bid
3. Discussion re: RFP / 2 State Street – Granted to go out to Bid
4. Discussion re: Request from Anna Lally and Lynn Main Street to speak on the Second Annual Pizza Challenge to be held from October 6, 2025 to Columbus Day on October 13, 2025. Pizza Ballot Box to be in Foyer from October 14, 2025 to October 20, 2025.- Granted

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Request from Mayor's Office to use the Foyer for their Annual Halloween Event on Tuesday, October 28, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Granted
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 9, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

CERTIFIED ORDERS:

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED FORTY NINE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY FOUR DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$249,434.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Office of Capital Projects by Department of Energy Resources (ENE) to fund the Green Communities Competitive Grant Program. This grant is intended to fund energy conservation measures, transformers and LED lighting, in municipal facilities including Harrington Elementary, LVTI and LCHS. MOU Period 09/01/2025 – 09/30/2028

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND FIFTY SIX CENTS (\$22,433.56) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the FY26 State 911 Department Training Grant. Grant Period is

07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

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 Police Department (115K) and Planning Department (85K) by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) to fund the purchase of 15 City Cameras, 2 drones and 6 Citation printers and Wayfinding Signage in the amount of 85K. Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/27

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS (\$80,114.40) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the FY26 State 911 Department Training Grant. Grant Period is 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$235,170.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Office of Mayor by National Grid for to fund the Municipal Energy Advocate position in CY25, CY26 & CY27. MOU Period 01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 21ST CCLC Summer FC644 Grant Program. This funding will be used to increase access to high quality academically enriching summer programming. CFDA 84.287C Grant Period 07/01/25-08/31/25

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$25,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Bennett Family Trust for LVTI for FY26. The funding will be used to support auto mechanic program (10K) electronics/IT program (10K) and athletic program (5K). Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$19,200.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC589 Civics T&L Grant Program. This funding will be used to support curriculum, professional development and/or collaborative planning designed to further students' civic knowledge, skills and dispositions. Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$23,500.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC126 Computer Science Engage Grant Program. This funding will be used to establish and promote rigorous, engaging and standards aligned digital literacy and computer science (DLCS) education in public schools for K through 12. Grant Period 07/01/25-08/31/25

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$500.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Connected Nation for Teens Teach Tech Program, harness students' technology skills to provide basic skills training to their families and other new computer/internet users in the community. Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$20,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC422 CTE Improvement & Equipment Grant Program. This funding will be used to provide

additional funding for vocational education. CFDA: 84.048A Grant Period 07/15/25-09/30/25

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THREE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$365,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC460 Early College Support Grant Program. Grant Period 08/13/25-06/30/25

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$130,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC1815 ELE Support Summer Grant Program. This funding will be used to implement new and innovative ELE programs and supports for innovative ELE Programs, while also providing districts with an opportunity to create a more culturally and linguistically diverse workforce. Grant Period 07/01/25-08/31/25

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$385,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Fidelity Foundation for LVTI for FY26. The funding will be used to support equipment upgrades for LVTI's Building Trades Programs Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

**Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$38,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC215 Genocide Ed Grant Program. This funding will be used to develop and/or select curriculum materials, implement professional development, and design other enriching learning experiences intended to further secondary students understanding of the

history and patterns of genocide. Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the MC Wright Memorial Award to support a particular school goal or project chosen in collaboration with the school principal at Hood Elementary School. Grant Period 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY SIX DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$275,236.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC221 RTAP 221 Grant Program. Grant Period 08/13/25-06/30/25

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THIRTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$118,037.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC262 FY26 SPED IDEA ECSE Grant. Grant Period TBD-09/30/27CFDA # 84.173A

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FIVE MILLION TWO HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$5,201,769.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC240 FY26 SPED IDEA Grant. Grant Period TBD-09/30/27 CFDA # 84.027A

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHT MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS

(\$8,802,201.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC305 FY26 Title I Grant. Grant Period TBD-09/30/27CFDA 84.010A

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$13,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the United Way. The funding will be used to support summer programming at LVTI. Grant Period 07/01/25-08/31/25

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$10,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the United Way. The funding will be used to support the Ford School with providing summer programming. Grant Period 06/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$13,120.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the United Way. The funding will be used to support the Washington STEM School for providing STEM activities through Kestrel Learning Adventures. Grant Period 06/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

ORDERS:

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Harbor Engineering/Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. for a term in excess of three (3) years to provide the City of Lynn with engineering services relating to the Seaport Marina.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

ORDERED that pursuant to MGL Chap 44, Sec 53A, the City of Lynn DPW hereby accepts a gift from Apple Studios in the amount of \$5K. The money is intended to be used as a gift for allowing the movie studio to utilize the parking lot at the GE Field on Summer Street while filming on location at 16 Raddin Street.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:

9 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent, Walsh voting PRESENT).

New Business

ORDERED that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Sections 53A and 53A½ the City of Lynn hereby accepts a gift with an approximate value of \$3,400.00 from A Merida Tree Service and Masonry for labor and materials to repair a retaining wall on the Floating Bridge Pond in Lynn, MA.

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

Motion carried by the following ye and nay note:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 9, 2025 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:

Introduction of City's new Energy Manager, Bamidele Akinwolemiwa
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 9, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR — NEW

Acosta Polanco, Victoria-29 Delano Ave. Revere, MA- **Granted**

Espinal, Rafael-43 Child St. Apt 2 - **Granted**

Holguin-Gonzalez, Juan-19 Johnson St.- **Tabled**

Jimenez Romero, Katherine-124 Green St. - **Granted**

Maldonado Alvarez, Diomedede-41 Eutaw Ave. - **Granted**

Tsoumas, Panayiotis-50 Lynnway Apt. 102- **Tabled**

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

361 Boston Street, Boston Market- **Granted**

318 Broadway, Lucky Dragon- **Granted**

155 Central Avenue, Perfumeria Alis- **Granted**
 156 Central Avenue, Gran Penol Lounge (new) - **Granted**
 157 Central Avenue, Luz De La Esperanza- **Granted**
 115 Commercial Street, Polio Royal- **Granted**
 50 Essex Street, Beijing Restaurant- **Granted**
 268 Essex Street, Tipico Restaurant- **Granted**
 602 Essex Street, Tropical Enterprises Inc- **Granted**
 196 Franklin Street, Tony's Pub & Grill- **Granted**
 112 Market Street, Eastern Bank- **Granted**
 471 Western Avenue, Friendly Insurance Agency Inc- **Granted**
 471A Western Avenue, Luxury Tire and Auto- **Granted**
 707 Western Avenue, Domino's Pizza- **Granted**

CANNING

Sewall Anderson Elementary School PTO (Adults Only)

– September 6, 7, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Classical Football (Adults Only) – October 10, 11, 12, 2025- **Granted**

Lynn Classical Girls Basketball (Adults Only) - November 14, 15, 16, 2025- **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 9, 2025 Committee on Public Safety and Public health recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Presentation / Girls, Inc., re: Youth Video that is being released on September 26th regarding Lynn Girls Inc. and the pressures of cigarettes and drug use.**
2. **Discussion re: A request from REVISE, the city's partner under the National Grid and Mass Save's Community First Partnership to hang door hangers on residents' doors to promote the program. – Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to allow REVISE to hand door hangers on resident's doors to promote the program.**

3. OTHER BUSINESS

REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordered that the City of Lynn elects to approve the Purdue Pharmacy Bankruptcy Settlement Plan relating to a lawsuit against Purdue Pharma and the Sackler Family in an ongoing opioid litigation and hereby authorizes his Honor the Mayor to execute all necessary documents in order to effectuate the settlement of this matter.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent)

Motion to allow the first Public Comment Session in the Council Chambers beginning on September 23, 2025 at 5:15 pm. Sessions will be held on second meeting of the month for a time period of 15 minutes with 5 speakers allowed 3 minutes each.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor McClain absent).

Discussion on Tree cutting and maintenance in the city. Motion to send a request to the DPW Commissioner regarding an update on Tree maintenance in the city.

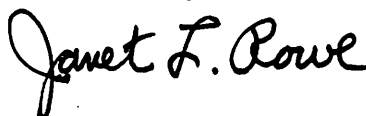
Motion made by Councilor Dr. Meaney and seconded by Councilor Alinsug to grant.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis 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