

CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, October 14, 2025

Council President John M. Walsh

Ten Councilors Present (Councilor Field absent)

Moment of Silence. Councilor Alinsug asked that the Family of Grace Meaney be remembered.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2025.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Councilors,

I am hereby appointing Michael Celona, 139 Woodlawn St to serve on the Water and Sewer Commission effective immediately. His term will expire on June 30, 2028.

Council President Walsh stated that Robin Grace, Commissioner at the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission sent in a letter of support.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

6 YES 3 NO (Councilor Field absent; Councilor Hogan voting PRESENT; Councilors LaPierre, McClain, and Meaney voting NO).

I am hereby making the following re-appointments effective immediately:

Pam Edwards, 41 Ocean St to the Council on Aging. Her term will expire on August 9, 2031

Patti Pendexter, 40 Sutcliffe Rd to GAR Board of Trustees. Her term will expire on April 1, 2028

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

To the Library Board of Trustees:

Harry McCabe, 16 Reservoir Rd His term will expire on April 1, 2028

Alysha Bingham, 1 Carroll Way Her term will expire on April 1, 2028

Andrea Williams, 38 Endicott St. Her term will expire on April 1, 2028

Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

COUNCIL RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE PINE GROVE CEMETERY COMMISSION:

Arthur Dulong, 127 Gardiner St. His term will expire on September 30, 2028

Ralph Tyler, 214 Chatham St. His term will expire on September 30, 2028

Mary Wright, 196 Locust St. Her term will expire on September 30, 2028

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

38 Exchange St, Unit 1B, Petition of Trixis Morales Coronado, owner of Trixy Nails and Supply, for a Sign Permit

The following appeared in Favor:

Trixis Morales Coronado, Owner

No one appeared in Opposition

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Matul to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

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

The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Sam Vitali

James Cowdell, EDIC Director

Calvin Anderson, Lynn

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant the following stipulations:

- 1. Hours Monday – Saturday 9am – 7pm***
- 2. NO Sunday Hours***
- 3. All work on property restricted to Tire Sales, service, repair including brakes, suspension, shocks, struts, tire-rods control arms, ball joints, sway bar and links/bushing***

4. *General auto repair such as oil changes, tune ups etc are NOT allowed*
5. *NO outdoor storage of equipment or machinery or stockpiling of materials will be located outside of building.*
6. *Dumpster and any other solid waste bins will be located at rear of property*
7. *Curb opening located at west corner of property shall not be used to mitigate potential vehicular conflicts entering or exiting the site*
8. *Trash shall be stored in the rear of the property.*
9. *Also included are the standard stipulations*

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO

Tax Increment Exemption Agreement for 26 Farrar Street

The following appeared in Favor:

James M. Cowdell, EDIC Director

The following appeared in Opposition:

Ruth Deras, 8 Tacoma Street, Lynn

Joanne Lindner, 302 Linwood Street, Lynn

Jen Forbes, 12 Tacoma Street

Colleen Baez, 10 Laurel Street

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Megie-Maddrey and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant and to grant the P.I.L.O.T. Program (payment in lieu of taxes).

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

Proposed Ordinance securing the rights of individuals seeking gender-affirming care and reproductive healthcare in the City of Lynn.

The following appeared in Favor:

Ruth Deras, 8 Tacoma Street, Lynn

Isaac Simon Hodes, Lynn

Calvin Anderson, Lynn

Jason Mau, 27 Burchstead Place, Lynn

Gabriel Cohen-Glonick, 1262 Broadway #2, Somerville

Letter of Support from Samantha Lambert, 20 Emerald

Public Hearing Closed.

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Petition of John Marshall, 11 Vieira Drive Peabody, for permission to build an accessory structure on his property that is partially in Lynn. (*Meaney*)

Petition of Jose Perez Valdez, 44 Murray Street for an All Alcohol License at a New Restaurant located at 680 Western Ave. (*Hogan*)

Petitions of National Grid to be set down for the following locations:

Bellair St. and 37 Dorinda Circle to install a JO Pole

Bellair St. and 37 Dorinda Circle to install conduit to provide service

21 Oxford St. to install 2 JO poles for service

Oxford and Buffum St. to install conduit to a new heavy duty handhole

Oxford and Buffum St. to install conduit from the handhole to the property line

Lawton and Rogers Ave to install conduit to connect overhead transformer on pole #19

Fairmount Ave and Wonderland Terr in Saugus, to install 2 JO poles for service in a new development

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

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Report of the October 14, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:**

1. ORDERED that various rusted, obsolete, unusable, miscellaneous equipment and parts currently being stored at the Department of Public Works Yard at 250 Commercial Street are declared to be surplus public property with a de minimis value and allow for the disposition thereof in a commercially reasonable fashion in a manner consistent with the written policies of the Purchasing Department for surplus supplies with a resale or salvage value of less than \$10,000.00. - **Granted**

**2. OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.**

Report of the October 14, 2025 Committee on Veterans recommending the following to be accepted.

1. Update from the Director of Veterans Services – Michael Sweeney
2. Update from the Lynn Veterans Council
3. Update from Wendy Joseph re: GAR

4. Discussion with Jeff Weeden (LHAND) re: Veterans' Housing –
RESCHEDULE TO OCTOBER 28, 2025

5. OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 14, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR-NEW

Batia, Felipe - 34 Broad Street- Granted
Tecum Guzman, Jymmy – 347 Chestnut Street - Granted

SECOND HAND ARTICLE LICENSE – NEW

391 Chatham, St., The Appliance Place, Sarah Paulino, Owner- **Tabled**

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

325 Broadway, Primerica - Granted
328A Broadway, Lazy Dog - Granted
234 Chestnut Street, Fleming Towing - Granted
73 Cottage Street, Instyle Barbershop - Granted
200 Essex Street, Lincoln Market - Granted
208 Essex Street, Palacio Auto Music - Granted
274 Essex Street, Couture Nails - Granted
391 Essex Street, Vista Market - Granted
143 Franklin St. New England Laundromat - Granted
2 Lafayette Park, San Francisco Market - Granted
11 Lewis Street, Hair Affair - Granted
13 Lewis Street, Pueblito Market - Granted
76 Lewis Street, Sofia Market - Granted
89 Lewis Street, Bayview Realty - Granted
175 Lewis Street, Minuteman Tax Service - Granted
475R Lynnway, Barrero & Sons Autobody & Repair - Granted
500 Lynnway, Italmarble Company Inc - Granted
260 Maple Street, Primavera Family Day Care - Granted
16 Market Street, Taqueria Mexico Lindo - Granted
23 Market Street, Del Pueblo Market - Granted
10 Munroe Street, The Salvation Army - Granted
28 Oakville Street, McGrath Enterprises Inc - Granted
76 Oakville Street, Mennino Construction- Granted
12 Washington Street, J & S Transport Co., Inc. - Granted

OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the October 14, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Transfers laid over from September 23, 2025:

\$16,808.13 from ISD expense for prior year bills received after cleanup warrant

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

CERTIFIED ORDERS:

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$150,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) for the FY26 MVP Action Grant. Grant Period is 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$24,847.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security for the FY26 State 911 Department Emergency Medical Dispatch Grant. Grant Period is 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" an additional amount of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$102,680.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to support the FY26 Jail/Arrest Diversion Grant Program for a total award of \$127,680.00 for FY26. Grant Period is 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" an additional amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$315,050.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Police Department by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to support the FY26 Behavioral Health Intervention Program for a total award of \$400,050.00 for FY26. Grant Period is 07/01/25-06/30/26

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

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).**

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$4,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Health Department by the Phoenix Food Hub. Grant Period is 10/01/25-09/30/26

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

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).**

ORDERS:

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and all other necessary documentation to allow for the replacement of traffic lights on Broad Street and Lewis Street to provide more efficient bus use along this corridor.

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

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).**

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to purchase software licenses to assist in conducting the census. The City is hereby authorized to enter into a five-year contract to own the ArcGIS software for a period of five years.

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

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).**

ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Site Access Agreement with property owners in the City of Lynn and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. for the purpose of testing and cleaning contaminated land/soil on private property in a form substantially similar to the attached Agreement. Further Ordered that the City Solicitor is authorized to amend the terms of the attached Site Plan Agreement if needed to effectuate the purpose of this Order on an individual basis as required by negotiations with the property owner.

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

**Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).**

ELECTION WARRANT

Ordered that the City Clerk be directed to advertise meetings of the qualified voters of the City of Lynn to be held in several polling places designated by the Warrant for the Local Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. Votes will be cast for: Mayor, Councilors At Large, Ward Councilor and the School Committee. Sample ballots for all Wards and Precincts are available on the City website and in the Election office for public viewing.

The Ward and Precinct Locations are:

Ward 1-1 Shoemaker School
 Ward 1: 2-3-4 Sisson School
 Ward 2-All St. Pius Lower Church Hall
 Ward 3-All Marshall Middle School
 Ward 4-All Harrington School
 Ward 5-All Lynn Tech Annex
 Ward 6-All Lynn Tech Fieldhouse
 Ward 7-All Breed Jr. High School

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

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

NEW BUSINESS:

Meaney/Motion to appoint Donald Castle as a Council Appointment to the Lynn Traffic Commission effective immediately and will expire on September 27, 2026.

Motion made by Councilor Dr. Meaney and seconded by Councilor Hogan to appoint Donald Castle.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field absent).

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor LaPierre 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