CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, May 27, 2025
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

Ten Councilors Present (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that the Family of Rev. Paul Vail and the Family of Fran Castle be remembered.
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor McClain to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2025.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:
Dear Councilors:
Pursuant to Sections 3-9 and 10-3 of the Lynn City Charter, I am hereby appointing John Marzec to the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds in the Inspectional Services Department for the City of Lynn effective June 11, 2025. I am respectfully requesting that the Council confirm Mr. Marzec's appointment at your May 27, 2025 Meeting
Sincerely, Mayor Jared C. Nicholson
Motion made by Councilor Alinsug and seconded by Councilor Field to appoint John Marzec to the position of Director of Buildings and Grounds in the Inspectional Services Department of the City of Lynn, effective June 11, 2025.
Motion carried.

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. ***(Chakoutis)***

Petition of Comcast to place one PVC conduit to provide service to 597 Essex St. ***(Chakoutis)***

Set Down a Public Hearing regarding Abandonment of a portion of Franklin Street near the Boys and Girls Club.

Set down a Public Hearing on a Proposed Zone Recodification.

Set Down a Public Hearing for all Extended Hour renewal licenses.

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

414 Broadway – Petition of Chintan Patel to open a Dairy Queen food service establishment.
Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to set down for Public Hearings.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the March 27, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

Appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($640,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $640,000.00
To the Account of 44105-2905 ISD Repairs-Exp $640,000.00
These funds will be used to purchase additional barrels.
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:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($50,000.00)
From the Account of 98035-7800 Reserve-Exp $50,000.00
To the Account of 11725-3000 IT- Exp $50,000.00
Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:
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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:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($50,000.00)
From the Account of 221500-7800 COA-Revolving Exp $50,000.00
To the Account of 65324-1000 COA-PR $50,000.00
To fund operations for the rest of FY25.
Councilor Net attached the following Emergency Preamble:
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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:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Transfer the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($858.00)
From the Account of 11935-2412S ISD-Exp $858.00
To the Account of 98025-1193 ISD-Bill of PY Exp $858.00
To fund Bill of PY
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:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Transfer the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($251,000.00)
From the Account of 11934-1000 ISD-PR $154,000.00
To the Account of 11935-2412 ISD-Exp $154,000.00
From the Account of 11934-1000S ISD-PR $ 97,000.00
To the Account of 11935-8200S ISD-Exp $ 97,000.00
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:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($355,828.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Office of Economic & Community Development by North Shore Workforce Investment Board for 2025 (FY26) Summer YouthWorks Jobs. Grant Period 06/01/2025 – 09/30/2025

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:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

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

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($30,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Early and Secondary Education (DESE) for the FC221 FY25 Teacher Apprenticeship 221 Grant Program.
Grant Period 04/25/25-06/30/25

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:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

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

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($30,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Massachusetts Alliance for College for the FY25 Mass Alliance for Early College Grant Program.
Grant Period 03/11/25-08/31/25

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:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

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

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Report of the May 27, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

ORDERED that the Purchasing Department is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals to sell the Multi-Service Center located at 100 Willow Street and the parking lot at 57-61 Liberty Street. – **Tabled**

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 the new owners of the property at 312-316 Broadway. - **Tabled**

Order to grant permission for Mayor's Office to use the Foyer on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 from 5pm to 6pm for the Lynn Calm Team Launch.- **Granted**
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the May 27, 2025 Committee on Public Safety and Health recommending the following to be accepted:

Constable Re-Appointment
Kenneth Grady, 271 Walnut St Lynn, MA 01905 – **Tabled**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the May 27, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:
LIVERY DRIVERS – NEW
Garcia, Jelame - 3 Circuit Ave,- **Granted**
Garcia, Jeremy - 3 Circuit Ave. ,- **Granted**
Sanchez, Rita - 3 Circuit Ave. ,- **Granted**
SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL
229 Broadway, Fardin Inc / Richdale,- **Granted**
263 Lynnfield Street, Lynnfield Street Market,- **Granted**
381 Summer, Jed Wireless ,- **Granted**
57 Washington Street, Angelina Sub Shop,- **Granted**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the May 27, 2025 Committee on Personnel recommending the following to be accepted:

Interview with John Marzec for the position of Inspectional Services Department / Director of Buildings and Grounds – **Granted and forwarded to the Full Council for Vote**

OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the May 27, 2025 Committee on Veterans recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Update from the Director of Veterans Services - Michael Sweeney and the Veterans Council re: Update on future events and initiatives.

2. **OTHER BUSINESS**
REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:
ORDERED that pursuant to Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, the City of Lynn, through its City Council, hereby approves the increase of the maximum base of COLA (Cost-of-Living Adjustments) to $16,000.00, from the previously approved maximum of $15,000.00.
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 LaPierre absent).

ORDERED that the City of Lynn hereby accepts the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54 and hereby exempt $10,000.00 of the fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed commencing in Fiscal Year 2026.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent; Council President Walsh ABSTAINED)

Hero Acts:
ORDERED that the City of Lynn hereby accepts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, **Clause 22I,** which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by the percentage increase in the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the previous year as determined by the Commissioner of Revenue, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.
Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

ORDERED that the City of Lynn hereby accepts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, **Clause 22J**, which authorizes an annual increase in the amount of the exemption granted under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 22, Clause 22A, Clause 22B, Clause 22C, Clause 22E and Clause 22F by 100% of the personal exemption amount, subject to the conditions in Clause 22J, to be effective for applicable exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.
Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Discussion: Open Meeting Complaint
Motion to authorize the Law Department to respond to an Open Meeting Complaint filed by Mr. Joseph Negri as there was no open meeting violations in that the City Council voted to accept a Grant in the amount of 2.2 million dollars from the DEP in May, 2024.
Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to respond to said Opening Meeting Complaint.
Motion carried by the following yea and any vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor LaPierre absent).

Councilor Megie-Maddrey – Presentation of Citation of recognition for Leslie Greenberg

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