CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, February 11, 2025
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

Eleven Councilors Present
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Net to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2025.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending the City of Lynn Zone Ordinance to Regulate Accessory Dwelling Units in the City of Lynn.
The following appeared in Favor:
Lauren Drago, Planning Department
Calvin Anderson, Lynn
The following appeared in Opposition:
Nathanael Dewhurst, 34 Valley Road, Lynn
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
8 YES 2 NO (Councilor Alinsug and Councilor Megie-Maddrey voting NO; and 1 PRESENT (Councilor Dr. Meaney).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the February 11, 2025 recommending the following to be accepted:

TRANSFERS/APPROPRIATIONS LAID OVER FROM JANUARY 28, 2025:
Appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($2,750,000.00)

From the Account of FREE-CASH	$2,750,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD 195 Market St	$2,750,000.00

These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of building out 195 Market St.

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($2,200,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $2,200,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD LPD/LFD D Sys $2,200,000.00
These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining a Public Safety Dispatch System for LPD/LFD.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($1,675,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $1,675,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD 100 Bennett St $1,675,000.00
These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of building out 100 Bennett Street.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($1,000,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $1,000,000.00
To the Account of 71042210-1000 LPD Comp Buy Out $500,000.00
To the Account of 71042240-1000 LFD Comp Buy Out $500,000.00
These funds will be placed in each respective Statutory Account for LPD/LFD Compensation Buy Outs.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED NINETY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($595,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $595,000.00
To the Account of 11935-8500 ISD Repairs-Exp $595,000.00
These funds will be placed in 11935-8500 for Lynn Classical Heating System Control Update.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($500,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $500,000.00
To the Account of 88100003-9520 OPEB Trust $500,000.00
To fund OPEB Trust
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($431,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $431,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD Sisson Repairs $431,000.00
These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of addressing repairs at Sisson School that initially was funded by a Grant, the additional funding is a result of a change order.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($400,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $400,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD Fecteau Leary STEM $400,000.00
These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of building out Fecteau Leary STEM School.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($223,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $223,000.00
To the Account of 88010005-9516 53 Week Stab Fund $223,000.00
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($223,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $223,000.00
To the Account of 88010005-9516 53 Week Stab Fund $223,000.00
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($175,000.00)

From the Account of FREE-CASH	$175,000.00
To the Account of Capital Account TBD Sisson ARP	$175,000.00

These funds will be placed in a Capital Account for the purpose of funding a feasibility study for an Accelerated Repair Project which if awarded would be reimbursed from State at 80% for the Sisson School.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($154,000.00)

From the Account of 98035-7800	Reserve	$154,000.00
To the Account of 43925-3000	Parking-Exp	$154,000.00

To fund operational needs of Department.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND ELEVEN DOLLARS AND TWENTY EIGHT CENTS ($60,011.28)

From the Account of 98035-7800	Reserve	60,011.28
To the Account of 11124-0702	Council	1,178.16
To the Account of 11304-0702	Comptrollers	2,058.52
To the Account of 11304-1000	Comptrollers	30,000.00
To the Account of 11404-0702	Treasurers	2,680.44
To the Account of 11454-0702	Collector	446.31
To the Account of 11604-0702	Clerks	1,734.58
To the Account of 11724-0702	IT	5,824.56
To the Account of 11904-0702	Personnel	256.86
To the Account of 11914-0702	Law Dept	3,808.91
To the Account of 11934-0702	ISD	1,913.34
To the Account of 43924-0702	Parking	3,663.34
To the Account of 44004-0702	DPW	5,450.44
To the Account of 65324-0702	COA	54.96
To the Account of 65824-0702	Veterans	493.34
To the Account of 76424-0702	GAR	448.52

To fund Personal Buy Backs and other various payroll lines projected to be in a deficit per Collective Bargaining.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND FIFTY FIVE DOLLARS AND NINETY FIVE CENTS ($50,055.95)

From the Account of	98035-7800	Reserve	50,055.95
To the Account of	11124-0701	Council	1,829.62
To the Account of	11254-0701	CFO	6,130.11
To the Account of	11304-0701	Comptrollers	5,215.10
To the Account of	11404-0701	Treasurer	2,632.36
To the Account of	11604-0701	City Clerk	4,207.94
To the Account of	11704-0701	Purchasing	2,629.34
To the Account of	11724-0701	IT	1,652.39
To the Account of	11904-0701	Personnel	1,579.42
To the Account of	11914-0701	Law Dept	9,780.49
To the Account of	11934-0701	ISD	3,276.22
To the Account of	43924-0701	Parking	4,237.05
To the Account of	44004-0701	DPW	5,652.56
To the Account of	65824-0701	Veterans	1,233.35

To fund Sick Buy Backs per Collective Bargaining.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($120.00)

From the Account of	11905-3000	PERS-Expo	$120.00
To the Account of	98025-1176	PERS-Bill of PY Expo	$120.00

To fund Bill of PY, sent to wrong department initially.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

CERTIFIED FUNDS:
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 DPW by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the 2025 Treatment of Flax Pond Project to eliminate algea. Grant Period is 02/11/25-06/30/25 This is an earmark from the State Delegation
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FORTY TWO THOUSAND TWO

HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($42,270.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Fire Department by Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) for the 2025 Firefighter Safety Grant Program Grant Period is 01/29/25-06/30/25
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay votes:
11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($60,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn DPW by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the 2025 City of Lynn Parks Repairs Project. Grant Period is 02/11/25-06/30/25 this is an earmark from the State Delegation
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay votes:
11 YES 0 NO
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the February 11, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Discussion re: Easement to erect a fence on the city-owned property located at 83 Willow Street, Lynn, MA**
   Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Matul to grant.
   Motion carried by the following yea and nay votes:
   11 YES 0 NO

2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Request from Lynn Parks and Recreation to use the Foyer on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 to Friday, April 18, 2025 for Pictures with the Easter Bunny: - Granted

Tuesday, April 15th – 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 16th – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 17th – 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, April 18th – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Request from Mayor's Office to use the Foyer on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Student Government Day. – Granted
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the February 11, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:
TAXI OPERATOR – NEW
Gomez Montero's, Esdras – 138 Fayette St. - **Granted**
Ramirez Chile, Marvin – 40 Elvira St. - **Granted**
Smith, Garrett – 44 Essex St. - **Granted**
SIGN LICENCE RENEWAL
555 Boston Street, Boston Street Tattoo- **Granted**
348 Chestnuts, Street, Chestnut St Liquors- **Granted**
119 Fayette Street, Spin City Laundromat- **Granted**
616 Washington Street, Evolution Artistic Hair Design Inc. - **Granted**
423 Union Street, Victorious Barbers - **Granted**
CANNING:
Lynn English MCJROTC (Adults Only) – March 13, 14, 15, 2025 - **Granted**
Wyoma Lions Club (Adults Only) – June 28, 2025- **Granted (Councilor Field voting PRESENT).**
Lynn Youth Hockey (Adults Only) – October 3, 4, 5, 2025- **Granted**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the February 11, 2025 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:
PUBLIC HEARINGS / NATIONAL GRID:

1. Lynnfield St/Parker Ave- Relocate one JO pole at this intersection to solve a clearance issue with trucks making contact with the existing pole when entering the driveway. - **Granted**

2. 112 Jefferson Avenue – Install one JO pole to relocate a permanent overhead service. - **Granted**

3. Hanson Street – Install one JO pole in order for a service to be installed to feed streetlights. - **Granted**

4. Hanson Street - Install underground facilities and conduit in order to feed streetlights. - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS:
REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:
DISCUSSION RE: OPEN MIC SESSION
McClain / Alinsug – Order to create an Advisory Task Force to recommend rules for the Public Comment Period for the Council's Open Mic Session. Council President Walsh will appoint members to the Advisory Task Force to work with the Solicitor's Office to draft rules and procedures.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay votes:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent at vote).

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field 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