



AMENDED
COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026
6:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBER

Roll Call
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
Accept the Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026

REC'D CITY CLERK OFFICE
MAY 26 '26 AM 9:37

COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Petition of Sarah Paulino to operate a retail appliance business focused on retail and servicing of appliances at 762 Western Avenue in the Urban Business District (B2) (**Hogan**)

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Western Avenue beginning approximately 165 feet southwest of Western Avenue and Franklin Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a northwesterly direction. (**Paez**)

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Essex Street beginning approximately 95 feet northeast of the centerline of Essex Street and Jackson Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a northwesterly direction. (**Alinsug**)

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Commercial Street beginning approximately 235 feet northerly of the centerline of Commercial Street and Bennett Street and Franklin Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in an easterly direction. (**Hogan**)

COMMITTEES:

4:00 p.m. – Committee on Public Property and Parks

Discussion re: Approval of Multi-Service Center Development Agreement for 100 Willow Street and 57-61 Liberty Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

4:15 p.m. – Committee on Licensing

AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL

15 Alley St., Hector Auto Body and Repair

165 Commercial St., Tres Amigos Auto Body Inc.

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL

100 Buffum St., USPS Lynn VMF

42 Oakville St., Mass Electrical apparatus Service

41 Stewart St., NRT

FLAMMABLE LICENSE –RENEWAL

896-898 Western Ave., NRT Bus Company

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

22 Bennett Street, VIP Works Auto Center

623 Boston Street, D'Class Beauty Salon

126 Broad Street, D&M Mart

229 Broadway, Richdale

160 Chestnut Street, Kuky's Hair Design

6 Commercial Street, M.C. Heald Liquor

105 Commercial Street, Commercial Market

404 Eastern Avenue, Dr. Hair Locs

3 Market Square, Market Square

522 Lynnway, Kelly Honda

540 Lynnway, Kelly Honda

381A Summer Street, Jed Wireless LLC

232 Union Street, Lynn Dental Center

616 Washington Street, Evolution Artistic Hair Design

CANNING:

Lynn Tech Football Boosters (Adults Only) – July 10, 11, 12, 2026

Lynn Tech Cheerleading (Adults Only) – July 24, 25, 26, 2026

OTHER BUSINESS

4:30 p.m. – Committee on Ways and Means

1. Financial Transfers

2. **ORDERED** that the City of Lynn hereby appropriates the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS (\$225,000.00) from its Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design costs related to a potential Accelerated Repair Project involving the installation of a heat pump system at the Lynn Vocational & Technical Institute, located at 80 Neptune Boulevard, Lynn, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or

related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program, and for which the City has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Comptroller with the approval of the Mayor and City Council, is authorized to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or other enabling authority. The City of Lynn, acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City of Lynn to collaborate with the MSBA on the repair project, any project costs the City of Lynn incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Lynn.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

4:45 p.m. – Sub-Committee on Election

1. Census / Street Listing – Voter Inactivation
2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor McClain / Citation – Pedro Diaz

MCCLAIN / RESOLUTION

****RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR RENT STABILIZATION**

TO PROTECT TENANTS AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY STABILITY**

WHEREAS, The rising cost of housing in the City of Lynn continues to create significant financial strain for renters, placing seniors, working families, and essential workers at risk of displacement and housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Housing affordability remains one of the most pressing concerns among Lynn residents, with regional housing studies conducted through Housing Lynn and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council indicating that more than 42% of Lynn households are housing cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income toward housing costs; and

WHEREAS, Housing instability may contribute to broader community challenges, including disruption to students, classrooms, and families, negative impacts on physical and mental health, and the weakening of neighborhood cohesion; and

WHEREAS, Rent stabilization may help prevent displacement, provide predictability for tenants, and promote long-term community stability; and

WHEREAS, Stabilizing rents may also support the local economy by allowing residents to remain in Lynn, with sustainable housing costs allowing them to contribute even more to local businesses and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Current Massachusetts law prohibits municipalities from enacting rent stabilization policies, necessitating action at the state level; and

WHEREAS, A proposed initiative petition for the November 2026 ballot and legislation currently under consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature both seek to enable rent stabilization policies, including limiting annual rent increases to the rate of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index or 5%, whichever is lower; and

WHEREAS, These proposals include several exemptions, including for owner-occupied buildings with four or fewer units and newly constructed housing during an initial period, with the intention of protecting tenants and small-scale landlords while encouraging new housing development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lynn City Council hereby expresses its support for both the initiative petition entitled "*An Initiative Petition to Protect Tenants by Limiting Rent Increases*" and the legislation entitled "*An Act enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants*"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynn City Council urges the Massachusetts Legislature and voters to take action to advance policies that protect tenants, prevent displacement, and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of Lynn, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and all members of Lynn's legislative delegation.

Filed in Council: May 26, 2026