CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, January 27, 2026
Council President Constantino "Coco" Alinsug

Eleven Councilors Present
Moment of Silence. Council President asked that the Family of Paul Guilmain be remembered. Councilor Hogan asked that the Family of James Franklin be remembered. Councilor Avery asked that his Aunt, Jacqueline De Lois Mims be remembered. Councilor LaPierre asked that the Murphy Family and the Latour Family be remembered.
Pledge of Allegiance

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to Suspend the Rules to have Andrew Hall, DPW Commissioner update Councilors on the recent snow event.
Motion carried.
DPW Commissioner updated Councilors.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:
Petition of Dismas Misael DeLeon and Ronald DeLeon 48 River Street, to allow the transfer of a Class II Dealer License from Marion St Auto Sales to 19 Camden Street ***(Avery)***

Petition of Good Chemistry of MA located at 696 Western Ave for a Sign Permit. ***(Hogan)***
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to set down for Public Hearings.
Motion carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Report of the January 27, 2026 COUNCIL APPOINTMENT SUB COMMITTEE recommending the following to be accepted:
Motion made by Megie-Maddrey and seconded by Councilor Hogan to appoint Stanley Wotring to the Human Rights Committee. Roll Call

AVERY	**Wotring**	**MEANEY**	**Wotring**
FIELD	**Wotring**	**MEGIE-MADDREY**	**Wotring**
HOGAN	**Wotring**	**NET**	**Wotring**
LAPIERRE	**Wotring**	**PAEZ**	**Wotring**
MATUL	**Wotring**	**ALINSUG**	**Wotring**
MCCLAIN	**Wotring**		

Stanley Wotring appointed to the Lynn Human Rights Commission.
Mr. Wotring thanked the City Council.
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the January 27, 2026 Licensing Committee recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW

Ramon Chocoj Guerra -10 Dowfield Terrace- **Granted**
Dagoberto Marino Castillo - Elmwood Avenue- **Granted**

TABLED TAXI OPERATOR (FROM JAN. 13, 2026)

Anthony Frias - 233 Curwin Circle- **Granted**

LIVERY COMPANY - NEW

Jackie's Transportation - 328 Broadway Suite #203 (Owner Maria A. Reyes) - **Granted**

LIVERY OPERATOR – NEW

Perez, Elvis -15 French St. (Jackie's Transportation) - **Granted**
Perez, Jaleah – 15 French St. (Jackie's Transportation) - **Granted**

CLASS II AUTO DEALER/AUTO BODY/REPAIR/FLAMMABLE

Transfer Ownership from Willy V Motorsports – same location at:

171 Commercial Street, to: Alessandra Rosa Madeira, Owner of A & T Auto Collision Inc. - **Granted**

OLD GOLD LICENSE-RENEWAL

334 Broadway, Cash King- **Granted**

SECOND – HAND LICENSE-RENEWAL

334 Broadway, Cash King - **Granted**

CANNING

Lynn Jets Varsity Hockey Team (Adults Only) – January 30, 2026 and February 1, 2026
Lynn English MCJROTC (Adults Only) – February 20, 21, 22, 2026
Wyoma Little League (Adults Only) – May 1,2,3, 2026
West Lynn Little League (Adults Only) – May 15, 16, 17, 2026
Lynn English Cheerleaders (Adults Only) – June 26, 27, 28, 2026
Lynn Youth Hockey (Adults Only) – October 2, 3, 4, 2026

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the January 27, 2026 Ways and Means Committee recommending the following to be accepted:

Transfer the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($1,202,525.00)

From the Account of	0113252-596001	Wage Stab-Exp	$1,202,525
To the Account of	0113351-511000	CFO-PR	$14,277.00
To the Account of	0113451-511000	Comp-PR	$14,740.00
To the Account of	0114651-511000	Treas/Coll-PR	$19,005.00
To the Account of	0116151-511000	City Clerk-PR	$19,609.00
To the Account of	0115551-511000	IT-PR	$12,277.00
To the Account of	0149051-511000	Parking-PR	$43,569.00
To the Account of	0151051-511000	Health-PR	$19,803.00
To the Account of	0142151-511000	DPW-PR	$22,546.00

To the Account of	0121051-511000	Police-PR	$819,133.00
To the Account of	0122051-511000	Fire-PR	$15,255.00
To the Account of	0119451-511000	Cap Proj-PR	$22,949.00
To the Account of	0124051-511000	ISD-PR	$63,775.00
To the Account of	0112251-511000	Mayor-PR	$17,170.00
To the Account of	0111151-511000	Council-PR	$4,748.00
To the Account of	0114151-511000	Assessor-PR	$19,457.00
To the Account of	0113851-511000	Purchasing-PR	$13,230.00
To the Account of	0115251-511000	Personnel-PR	$13,446.00
To the Account of	0115151-511000	Law-PR	$3,966.00
To the Account of	0121551-511000	Care of Dogs-PR	$2,899.00
To the Account of	0154151-511000	COA-PR	$14,876.00
To the Account of	0154351-511000	Veterans-PR	$8,766.00
To the Account of	0161051-511000	Library-PR	$4,366.00
To the Account of	0117551-511000	Planning-PR	$10,562.00
To the Account of	0167051-511000	GAR-PR	$2,101.00

To fund recently ratified collective bargaining agreement with Local 3147, Lynn Police Association and all City Contracts.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of SEVEN MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($7,250,000.00)

From the Account of	FREE-CASH	$7,250,000.00
To the Account of	38194-497004 195 Market St	$7,250,000.00

Intended use of funds is to fund Phase II build out.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($5,000,000.00)

From the Account of	87005-596007	Capital Stab-Exp	$5,000,000.00

To the Account of 38121504-497003 Pickering MS-Exp $5,000,000.00
To fund Pickering Middle School Construction needs.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($1,200,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $1,200,000.00
To the Account of 26029134-497004 Stat Accts $1,200,000.00
Intended use of funds is to alleviate the need to fund with operating funds in FY27.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of NINE HUNFRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($950,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $950,000.00
To the Account of 38184-497004 Sisson ARP $950,000.00
Intended use of funds is to fund 20% of City Share of ARP.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted 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 38103454-497004 Fayette Fire Station Exp $400,000.00
Intended use of funds is to fund overage on ongoing construction for Fayette Street.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($238,000.00)
From the Account of 87085-596007 ER Stab-Exp $238,000.00
To the Account of 38103454-497003 Fayette Fire Station $238,000.00
To fund Fayette Fire station build out.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted 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 TBD Ford Doors and Windows ARP $175,000.00
Intended use of funds is to fund feasibility study of ARP for Ford School windows and doors.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($150,000.00)
From the Account of FREE-CASH $150,000.00
To the Account of TBD Classical Roof ARP $150,000.00
Intended use of funds is to fund feasibility study of ARP for Classical Roof.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY EIGHT CENTS ($18,305.38)
From the Account of 2295005-596007 State Elections-Exp $18,305.38
To the Account of 0116151-513000 Clerks Expt OT PR $18,305.38
To fund OT for preliminary and final election, training, outreach and public service events.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($440.00)
From the Account of 0154352-530009 Vets-Exp $440.00
To the Account of 0154352-578017 Vets Exp-Bill of PY $440.00
To fund invoice received after clean up warrant done and FY end close process began.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of FOUR HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($440,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn Planning Department by the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (DFA) to assist in restoring the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Building via the Underutilized Properties Program.
Grant Period 02/01/26-01/31/30
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($8,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26 FC644H
21ST CCLC HQPBL Grant Program. Grant Period 10/29/25-06/30/26 CFDA: 84.287
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Certify as an "Available Fund" the amount of SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($70,000.00) as allotted to the City of Lynn School Department by the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) for FY26
FC320 MassGrad Grant Program. Grant Period 12/03/25-06/30/26 CFDA: 84.010A
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City of Lynn has appropriated the amount of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($150,000.00) from its Free Cash line item for the purpose of paying costs related to ~~of~~ a Feasibility Study/Schematic Design Study for a potential roof replacement on the Lynn Classical High School, located at 235 O'Callaghan Way, 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 educational program, and for which the City of Lynn has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction the School Building Committee. 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 any costs the City of Lynn incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Lynn. Further ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Project Funding Agreement Between the City of Lynn and the Massachusetts School Building Authority under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and all other necessary documents relating thereto for a possible roof replacement at the Lynn Classical High School; and that if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on a proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Lynn and the Massachusetts School Building Authority; and that this vote be adopted as read. The City of Lynn has previously been invited into the Accelerated Repair Program for said possible roof replacement.
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Ordered that the City of Lynn has appropriated the amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($175,000.00) from its Free Cash line item for the purpose of paying costs related to ~~of~~ a Feasibility Study/Schematic Design Study for window/door replacement on the Robert L. Ford Elementary School, located at 49 Hollingsworth Street, 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 educational program, and for which the City of Lynn has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction the School Building Committee. 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 any costs the City of Lynn incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Lynn. Further ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Project Funding Agreement Between the City of Lynn and the Massachusetts School Building Authority under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and all other necessary documents relating thereto for a possible window/door replacement at the Robert L. Ford Elementary School; and that if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on a proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Lynn and the Massachusetts School Building Authority; and that this vote be adopted as read. The City of Lynn has previously been invited into the Accelerated Repair Program for said possible window/door replacement.

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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:
11 YES 0 NO
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the January 27, 2026 Ordinance Committee recommending the following to be accepted:
PUBLIC HEARING: A Proposed Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Drug Paraphernalia in the City of Lynn
No one appeared in Favor.
Councilor LaPierre asked City Clerk to read into the record a letter from Dr. Elizabeth Quinn, Director of Addiction Services, Lynn Community Health Center, Lynn, MA
No one appeared in Opposition.
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Field to refer the Proposed Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance to the Health Director for review.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the January 27, 2026 Public Property and Parks Committee recommending the following to be accepted:

Ordered that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute a Grant of Easement between the City of Lynn and the Massachusetts Electric Company to install an Underground Electric Distribution System at or near 55 Magnolia Avenue and all other documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this Order.

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

Order to allow Cameron Foley, the city's Energy Advocate to use the Foyer to host office hours for residents every second Tuesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. If these overlap with events held in the Foyer, the Energy Advocate will move to the second floor by the Auditorium Doors.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion relative to current vacancy on the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission:

Councilor President Alinsug asked the City Clerk to read into the records the Resignation Letter submitted by Councilor Dr. Meaney, resigning as the Council Representative to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.
Letter Accepted for the Files.
Motion made by Councilor Megie-Maddrey and seconded by Councilor McClain to nomination Obed Matul as the Council Representative to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.
Councilor McClain made a motion to close nominations.
Council President Alinsug asked for a Roll Call.

AVERY	***Matul***	***MEANEY ABSTAINED***
FIELD	***Matul***	***MEGIE-MADDREY Matul***
HOGAN	***Matul***	***NET Matul***
LAPIERRE	***Matul***	***PAEZ Matul***
MATUL	***Matul***	***ALINSUG Matul***
MCCLAIN	***Matul***	

Councilor Matul thanked his colleagues.

Discussion relative to conduct of current Lynn City Council Appointments to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

Council President Alinsug passed the gavel to Council Vice-President Hogan.

Council President Alinsug: As my colleagues know, I was honored to serve as a member of the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, as the City Council appointee from 2023-2025. During my tenure, I am proud to have played a role in many of the recent accomplishments of the Commission, which included the most serious efforts yet to clean King's Beach, the near completion of the West Lynn Sewer Separation Project, and the much-needed infrastructure improvement with funding from the American Recovery Act.

During my final meeting as a member of the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission on December 15, 2025, the Commission, unanimously voted to reappoint Michael Celona, as Chairman of the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission for a one-year term. At the time of the vote, there was no voiced dissatisfaction over Mr. Celona's performance as Chairman, in fact there was absolutely no discussion at all by any member of the Commission. Rather, the Commission unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Celona as Chairman and Commissioner Colucci as Vice Chairman for a one-year term. Let me repeat that, we UNANIMOUSLY VOTED on December 15, 2025, to reappoint Mr. Celona, yes, Colucci and Lozzi voted for him. No member filed for a Motion for Reconsideration, with respect to the election of officers within the time period required by Robert's Rules of Order. As such, Chairman Celona and Vice Chairman Colucci were appointed to a one-year term in office. On January 12, 2026, almost 3 weeks after electing Celona, during the very first meeting of the New Year, Vice Chairman Colucci under New Business, made a Motion to Rescind the previously duly held vote to appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman for a period of one year. I am not aware, nor is the City Solicitor's Office aware of any legal basis to rescind these appointments. It is my understanding, that a Motion to Rescind, cannot lawfully be used, to remedy the failure to file, a timely Motion for Reconsideration and such an opinion, spears supported by the legal opinions offered by Attorney Sam Vitali at the January 12, 2026 meeting of the Commission.

In watching and re-watching the January 12, 2026 meeting, I was embarrassed and ashamed by the actions of members Colucci and Lozzi. When I saw that video, it broke my heart, I felt like I was backstabbed being a former Commissioner myself.

Regardless of the lack of legal authority to put forth a Motion to Rescind, members Colucci and Lozzi offered no justification whatsoever of any conduct, misconduct, action, inaction, or dereliction of duty, that had occurred since the December 15, 2025 unanimous appointment vote to warrant the removal of the Chairman.

As City Council appointments to the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, I believe members Colucci and Lozzi owe it to the Council, but more importantly the citizens of the Greater Lynn area, to act in a professional and lawful manner. The most recent municipal election last November here in the City of Lynn signaled a new day in Lynn politics. For the first time in Lynn's history, has the City been represented by a majority minority City Council. The days of backroom politics and horse trading are over. Transparency and citizen participation will be paramount moving forward.

I strongly believe the January 12, 2026 unlawful vote to remove Chairman Celona was not based on Member Colucci and Member Lozzi's attempt to look out for the best interests of the ratepayers of the City. In attempting to justify the unlawful Motion to Rescind, Member Lozzi stated that I was a lame duck at the December meeting, where the Commission unanimously voted to appoint Mr. Celona as Chairman. Had Member Lozzi believed that the appointment should be continued, until after the election of my replacement to the Commission, he was free to so move. He did not voice such a sentiment or concern, period. I do not believe that Member Colucci and Lozzi's vote to remove Mr. Celona was based upon any dissatisfaction with Mr. Celona's performance as Chairman. Assuredly, had such dissatisfaction existed, it would have been voiced at the December 15th meeting where Mr. Celona was unanimously appointed as Chairman.

In truth, I believe the sudden "change of heart" was based upon the October appointment of the new Executive Director at the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission. In the vote, Members Colucci and Lozzi voted to appoint a different candidate to the position of the Executive Director. I believe that the January 12th removal vote was designed to extract retribution against Chairman Celona for not supporting their favored candidate for Executive Director. My belief is borne out by the members' attempts to urge the City Council not to confirm Chairman Celona's reappointment by the Mayor last Fall.

The actions of Member Colucci and Lozzi at the January 12, 2026 meeting to rescind the vote to elect Chairman Celona has raised concern and tarnished the public perception and integrity of the Commission. This vote resulted in a public outcry for action by us, as duly elected City Councilors who appointed these individuals to the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission. Typically, only a handful of Lynn residents watch live meetings or re-airings of the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission. The anger and mistrust directed at the Commission, as a result of this unlawful vote has seen more than a thousand of our own residents, and residents of neighboring cities and towns watch and re-watch the proceedings.

We, as elected City Councilors are the voice of the people. The voters and citizens of Lynn are watching us now. As elected City Councilors, we take an Oath to do what is right and to bring the voice of the people to the Chamber.

Fellow Councilors, the public has spoken and they have demanded that the City Council take immediate action, in response to the unlawful actions of own Commission appointments. We need to bring back dignity, civility, public trust to our Lynn Water and Sewer Commission Board. We also need to protect the sanctity and image of our Council and the Councilors, who is the appointing body. We need to start fresh so we can gain back public trust.

This duty falls squarely on our shoulders and rightfully so. Since the January 12th vote, the City Council has received a petition signed by almost 400 individuals, in support of Commissioner Celona, and requesting us to act to address the unlawful Motion put forth by Member Colucci and seconded by Member Lozzi. Social media has also been a buzz regarding this unlawful vote, and the harm it has done to the institution of the Lynn City Council, and the City as a whole. A great many of these Lynn voters have stated or certainly implied that we, as Councilors, would be neglecting our duties, if we failed to act

decisively in addressing the unlawful vote to rescind the Chairman. If we have the power to appoint, we also have the power to remove. Thank you, Council, Vice-President.
Council President Alinsug took back the gavel.
Madame Clerk, I would respectfully request that you read the petition to the Councilors and the concerned citizenry of Lynn.
City Clerk read petition into the records.
Thank you, Madame Clerk, to my colleagues, the people of Lynn have spoken. They have demanded accountability, professionalism, transparency, and lawfulness. I respectfully request your support in issuing a Preliminary Notice of Removal, for both Members Richard Colucci and Vincent Lozzi, Jr., this evening, for conduct unbecoming Lynn City Council appointments to the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, as authorized by Section 3 of the Enabling Statute, creating the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission.
Council President Alinsug recognized Council Vice-President Hogan:

Thank you Mr. President. I want to echo your thoughts and opinions regarding the attempt to unlawfully remove Mr. Celona as Chairman of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission at the January meeting. We as Lynn City Councilors are all aware that Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure require a motion for Reconsideration to be filed with the City Clerk by the close of business the day following the vote. If Mr. Colucci and Mr. Lozzi were unaware of this basic rule, I believe it demonstrates that they are not fit to serve as members of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission. Conversely, if Mr. Colucci and Mr. Lozzi were aware that the time to file a Motion for Reconsideration had expired and proceed to attempt to remove Mr. Celona as Chairman in violation of Robert's Rules, they likewise are unfit to continue to serve as Commissioners. As such, I hereby make a Motion to request that the Law Department draft a Preliminary Notice of Removal for both Mr. Richard Colucci and Mr. Vincent Lozzi, Jr. for cause and request that the City Clerk's Office cause said Preliminary Notices of Removal to be served upon them both forthwith.
Councilor McClain seconded motion.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 2 NO (Councilors Field and LaPierre voting NO)

Councilor Meaney/Discussion re: Abandonment of Orlando Avenue.
Motion made by Councilor Dr. Meaney and seconded by Councilor Hogan to request the Solicitor's Office to draft an Abandonment Plan for Orlando Avenue and return it to the Council.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Avery to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

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

Special Joint Meeting of the Lynn City Council and Lynn School Committee
(immediately following the Lynn City Council Meeting)

1. **Opening Remarks by His Honor the Mayor**
   a. **Budget Calendar / Timeline**

2. **City Finance Overview**

3. **School Finance Overview**

4. **Update on City Capital Plan**

11 Councilors Present
6 School Committee Members Present

Mayor Nicholson addressed the members of the Lynn City Council and the Lynn School Committee, updating them on the process of the upcoming Budget meetings / hearings.

Meeting Adjourned