CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting September 22, 2026
Council President Constantino "Coco" Alinsug

9 Councilors Present (Councilor Field and Councilor Dr. Meaney ABSENT).
Moment of Silence.
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Matul to accept the Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026.
Motion carried

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Councilor Alinsug, Pursuant to Sections 2-8 and 33 of the Lynn City Charter and Section A-509, Subsection E of the Administrative Code, I am hereby appointing Lisa Nerich as the Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department effective immediately. I am respectfully requesting that the Council confirm Ms. Nerich's appointment at your September 22, 2026 Council Meeting. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Hogan to appoint Lisa Nerich as the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Department, effective immediately.

AVERY	**Lisa Nerich**	**MEANEY**	**ABSENT**
FIELD	**ABSENT**	**MEGIE-MADDREY**	**Lisa Nerich**
HOGAN	**Lisa Nerich**	**NET**	**Lisa Nerich**
LAPIERRE	**Lisa Nerich**	**PAEZ**	**Lisa Nerich**
MATUL	**Lisa Nerich**	**ALINSUG**	**Lisa Nerich**
McCLAIN	**Lisa Nerich**		

Dear Council President Alinsug, Pursuant to Sections 2-8 and 3-3 of the Lynn City Charter and Section A-504, Subsection E of the Administrative Code, I am hereby appointing Brendon Duffy as Director of Capital Projects effective Wednesday, September 23, 2026. I am respectfully requesting that the Council confirm Mr. Duffy's appointment at your September 22, 2026 meeting. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to appoint Brendon Duffy as Director of Capital Projects, effective September 23, 2026.

AVERY	**Brendon Duffy**	**MEANEY**	**ABSENT**
FIELD	**ABSENT**	**MEGIE-MADDREY**	**Brendon Duffy**
HOGAN	**Brendon Duffy**	**NET**	**Brendon Duffy**
LAPIERRE	**Brendon Duffy**	**PAEZ**	**Brendon Duffy**
MATUL	**Brendon Duffy**	**ALINSUG**	**Brendon Duffy**
McCLAIN	**Brendon Duffy**		

Dear Councilors: I am hereby appointing Sarita Ago, 71 S. Elm Street, Lynn, MA to serve on the Lynn Licensing Board. Ms. Ago's term is effective immediately and will expire on June 1, 2028. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by McClain to appoint Sarita Ago to serve on the Lynn Licensing Board, effective immediately and will expire on June 1, 2028.

AVERY	**ABSTAIN**	**MEANEY**	**ABSENT**
FIELD	**ABSENT**	**MEGIE-MADDREY**	**Sarita Ago**
HOGAN	**Sarita Ago**	**NET**	**Sarita Ago**
LAPIERRE	**Sarita Ago**	**PAEZ**	**Sarita Ago**
MATUL	**Sarita Ago**	**ALINSUG**	**Sarita Ago**
McCLAIN	**Sarita Ago**		

Communication from His Honor the Mayor:

Re: Local Historic District Study Committee

Dear Councilors: I write to you in partnership with the Lynn Historic Commission to respectfully request a vote to establish a Local Historic District Study Committee (LHDSC) to explore the creation of a local historic district in the Diamond District of Lynn under MGL Chapter 40c.

Some residents of the Diamond District have expressed an interest in the preservation of the neighborhood's historic nature. Given the value of preservation, as well as the tradeoffs that a community may experience in adopting preservation processes, I believe it will be valuable to task a committee with exploring the topic and to understand the potential mechanisms for balancing growth with historical integrity.

The LHDSC will be tasked with conducting an investigation and producing on (i) the historic significance of the buildings, structures, features, sites or surroundings in the Diamond District, (ii) feedback that the LHDSC will solicit from the public and a range of stakeholders, and (III) an analysis of the pros and cons o various approaches. It shall submit a final report with its recommendations after a Public Hearing, together with a map of the propose district or districts and a draft of any proposed ordinance, to the City Council.
Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Paez and seconded by Councilor Paez to establish a Local Historic District Study.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilor Field and Councilor Dr. Meaney ABSENT).

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

-Petition of Comcast to excavate and place (1) 3" PVC Conduit 110'± to provide Comcast Service to 75 Market Street. **(Paez)**

-Petition of National Grid to relocate 1 JO Pole on High Street at a point approximately 160 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of High Street and Oxford Street and continuing approximately 2 feet in a southwesterly direction. National Grid to relocate pole #2-1 approximately 45 feet east and 25 feet south of the southern sidewalk on High Street. **(Megie-Maddrey)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Blossom Street beginning at a point approximately 55 feet southeast of the centerline of the intersection of Blossom Street and harbor Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a northeasterly direction. National Grid to install approximately 10' of 4 4-inch (4") conduit from existing handhole 0-5 to private property to provide a permanent underground service at 150 Blossom Street. **(Hogan)**

-Petition of National Grid to install 1 SO pole on Friend Street beginning at a point approximately 50 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Silsbee Street and Friend Street and continuing approximately 0 feet in a northeasterly direction. National Grid proposes to install 1 SO pole #17 on Friend Street, near the intersection of Silsbee Street and Friend Street. **(Megie-Maddrey)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Silsbee Street and Friend Street beginning at a point approximately 20 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Silsbee Street and Friend Street and continuing approximately 65 feet in a northeasterly direction. National Grid to install 65 feet of 2-4 inch conduit encased in concrete from existing MH-6 Silsbee Street to a new pole #17 Friend Street. **(Megie-Maddrey)**

-Petition of National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on James Street beginning at a point approximately 64 feet SSW of the centerline of the intersection of James Street and Stewart Street. National Grid to install 1 JO pole at 10 James Street. **(Paez)**

-Petition of National Grid to relocate 1 JO pole on Riley Way beginning at a point approximately 0 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Riley Way and Marine Boulevard and continuing approximately 820 feet in a southwesterly direction. National Grid to replace/relocate Pole #23-84 ±50 feet northwest. **(Hogan)**

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to set down for Public Hearings.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the September 22, 2026 Council Appointment Sub-Committee recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Interviews / Council Re-Appointments to the Pine Grove Cemetery Commission:**

Brian Fay -Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Matul to re-appoint.
Motion carried.

Stephen Spencer - Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by Councilor Paez to re-appoint.
Motion carried.

2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Women and Gender Equality recommending the following to be accepted:
Discussion with Tony Leone, Program Director, NAGLY, North Shore Alliance of LGBTQ+Youth re: How to best continue to support LGBTQ+youth within our community.
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs and Military Families recommending the following to be accepted:
Discussion with Michael Sweeney, Director of Veterans, regarding the **RESCHEDULED** 2026 North Shore Veterans and First Responders Parade to Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

Request from Louise Dominique, Lynn Disability Network to use the Foyer on Thursday, October 15, 2026 for a White Cane Day event. - **Granted**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:
$4,094.75 From DPW Expense to DPW Bills of Prior Year
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul 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:
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney Absent at vote).
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$2,723.54 From DPW Expense to DPW Bills of Prior Year
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$477.54 From Capital Projects Unit Expense to Capital Project's Unit bill of Prior Year
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$174.00 From Human Resources Expense to Human Resources Bill of Prior Year
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$410,000.00 To the Mayor's Office from the Department of Health and Human Services to fund the Calm Team Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$106,700.00 to the Mayor's Office from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to fund the Lynn Cultural Council Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$75,000.00 to the Mayor's Office from Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs to fund the FY27 Greening the Gateway Cities Program Implementation Grant Award.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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$50,000.00 to the Mayor's Office from the Massachusetts Area Planning Council to fund the FY27 Accelerating Climate Resistance Program Implementation Grant Award.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$5,267,571.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE from the FY27 SPED IDEA FC240 Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$8,557,898.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE to fund the FY27 Title 1 FC306 Program
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$1,090,477.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE to fund the FY27 Title III FC180 Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$660,979.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE to fund the Title IIA FC140 Program

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$635,377.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE to fund the IVA FC309 Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$357,893.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE to fund the FY27 Perkins FC400 Program.
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilors Field and Dr. Meaney absent at vote)

$126,563.00 To the Lynn School Department by DESE for the FY27 SPED IDEA ESCE FC262 Program
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Matul to Grant.
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OTHER BUSINES
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW
Garcia Pozo, Marcos -333 Chatham St. - **Granted**
Rodriguez Zapata, Domingo -172 Washington St. - **Granted**
TAXI OPERATOR - NEW TABLED FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
Castillo, Ramon - 364 Rindge Ave. Cambridge, MA - **Granted**
Villalona Guerrero, Brian – 28 Chatham St. - **Granted**
NEW-SECOND- HAND ARTICLE LICENSE
ECOATM, LLC, 62 MARKET SQUARE (KIOSK CFSC MA5) - **Tabled**
EXTENDED HOURS REEVALUATION:
164 Franklin St La Esquina Sandwiches - **Send Letter / Did not Show Up**
4:00 PM-3:00 AM (7 DAYS)
4:00 PM-1:00 AM-DINE IN
1:00 AM-3:00 AM TAKE OUT ONLY
AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL
100A Central Ave., Los V Tires - **Granted**
101 Central Ave., Los V Tires Corp. - **Granted**
315 R Lynnway, MRP Auto Repair - **Granted**
1071 Western Ave., R & J Auto Repair - **Granted**
SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL - Granted
475R Lynnway, Barrero & Son AutoBody & Repair - **Granted**
88 Union Street, Magali's Market Two, Inc. (NEW) - **Granted**
209 Washington Street, Patio Market #2, Inc. - **Granted**
532 Western Ave., Taco's Plus - Granted - **Granted**
CANNING
Lynn Tech Instinct Swimming (Adults Only) October 25, 2026 and November 1, 2026. - **Granted**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the September 22, 2026 Committee on Ordinance recommending the following to be accepted:

DISCUSSION AND/OR TO SET DOWN FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:
A Proposed Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Sales of Drug Paraphernalia in the City of Lynn. - **Set Down for a Public Hearing (Councilor Avery ABSTAINED).**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update from James Arsenault, Executive Director of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission re: West Lynn CSO Project

Water Ban Update from James Arsenault, Executive Director of the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

AVERY / RESOLUTION – YOUNG PEOPLE IN LYNN

AVERY / So today, I rise from my seat and ask my colleagues to support this resolution—not simply with our votes, but with our willingness to begin the real, difficult conversations and do the hard work necessary to create meaningful change in the lives of our young people.

Let us work together to ensure that every resident, of every age, feels safe, supported and welcomed in our city—while making it clear that those who cause harm must be held accountable.

Accountability must begin at home, but responsibility belongs to all of us. Parents and guardians must do their part—and as a city, we must do ours.

Let us rise together, roll up our sleeves and get to work.

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:

James P. Lamare

CITY CLERK