CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting July 7, 2026
Council President Constantino "Coco" Alinsug

11 Councilors Present
Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that the Family of Jerry Waldron be remembered.
Pledge of Allegiance

Citation / Gary Yanco

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026.
Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Council President Alinsug: Pursuant to Section 3-3 of the Lynn City Charter, I hereby appoint Michael J. Donovan to the Office of Commissioner of Public Works. I certify that said person is qualified to perform the duties which will be required and that I make this designation solely in the interests of the City of Lynn. I respectfully request that the City Council confirm this appointment at your July 7, 2026 meeting. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Net to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

Avery	**Michael J. Donovan**	**Meaney**	**Michael J. Donovan**
Field	**Michael J. Donovan**	**Megie-Maddrey**	**Michael J. Donovan**
Hogan	**Michael J. Donovan**	**Net**	**Michael J. Donovan**
LaPierre	**Michael J. Donovan**	**Paez**	**Michael J. Donovan**
Matul	**Michael J. Donovan**	**Alinsug**	**Michael J. Donovan**
McClain	**Michael J. Donovan**		

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Petition for a Special Permit by Palette, LLC to serve alcoholic beverages within 500 feet of a public or private school with grades eight through twelve at 16A City Hall Square (Lynn Zone Ordinance Section 3(C)(5)) **(Paez)**
The following appeared in Favor:

Attorney Michael Cole
No one appeared in Opposition
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Paez and seconded by Councilor Avery to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay votes:
11 YES 0 NO

Petition for a Special Permit by Jolly Vapors to operate a Sensitive Retail Business (Adult Use Tobacco Store) in the Urban Business (B2) Zoning District at 431-433 Chatham Street **(Matul)**
No one appeared in Favor
No one appeared in Opposition
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Matul and seconded by Councilor Field to DENY
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO
PETITION DENIED

Administrative Code for the City of Lynn
The following appeared in Favor:
Mayor Jared C. Nicholson
No one appeared in Opposition
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Field to Grant. No one seconded.
Motion made by Councilor Paez and seconded by Councilor McClain to Table.
9 NO 2 YES
MOTION FAILS
Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Dr. Meaney to DENY.
Councilor Avery stated that Councilors should be able to participate in creating an Administrative Code not only for now, but for years to come.
Councilor LaPierre asked that the Solicitor's Office reach out to the surrounding cities and town for a copy of their Administrative Code. Also, receive input from residents.
Motion made by Councilor Alinsug and seconded by Councilor Avery, pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Lynn City Charter to disapprove His Honor the Mayor's Administrative Code dated June 5, 2026, I further move to request His Honor the Mayor to prepare a revised Administrative Code to be submitted to the City Council which addresses stated concerns of the Lynn City Council. I also recommend that His Honor the Mayor consult with two City Councilors selected by the Council President while preparing the revised Administrative Code for

the City Council's consideration. Also, request the Solicitor's Office to reach out to the surrounding cities and towns for a copy of their Administrative Code. Motion by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to add a Friendly amendment to ask the Mayor to bring two representatives from the Lynn City Council that will be appointed by the Council President . Additional, request the Solicitor's office to research and look up Administrative Codes from other municipalities.

Council President Alinsug stated that there was a Motion on the Floor to Deny.
Roll Call
9 YES 2 NO (Councilor Field and Councilor Net voting NO to deny).
PETITION DENIED

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

-Petition of Extenet for a grant of location for underground work on Pleasant Street by placing 12.7 feet of conduit from existing Extenet manhole. **(Paez)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Maple Street beginning at a point approximately 90 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Maple Street and Euclid Avenue and continuing approximately 10 feet in a westerly direction. National Grid to install 10' of 1-2" conduit from existing pole #45-1 to private property to provide a permanent overhead to underground services from Flax Pond Rest Area. **(Hogan)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Hanson Street beginning at a point 175 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Hanson Street and Lynnway and continuing approximately 70 feet in a southwesterly direction. National Grid to install approximately 70' of 2-3" conduit from existing pole #28-0 on Hanson Street to provide a permanent overhead to underground service for Hanson Street lighting. **(Hogan)**
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to set down for Public Hearings.
Motion carried.

COMMITTIE REPORTS:

Report of the July 7, 2026 Sub-Committee on Elections recommending the following to be accepted:

ELECTION WARRANT

Ordered that the City Clerk be directed to advertise meetings of the qualified voters of the City of Lynn to be held in several polling places designated by the Warrant for the State Primary

Election on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and the Final Election on November 3, 2026. The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. Votes will be cast for: Senator in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, Representatives in Congress, Councillor, Senator in General Court, Representatives in General Court for District 8, 9, 10, and 11, District Attorney, and Register of Probate. Sample Ballots for all Wards and Precincts will be available on the city website and in the Election Office for public viewing.

The Polling locations are:

Ward 1-1	Shoemaker School — 26 Regina Road
Ward 1-2, 2A, 3, 4	Sisson School — 56 Conomo Avenue
Ward 2-All	St. Pius Lower Church Hall — 215 Maple Street
Ward 3-All	Marshall Middle School - 100 Brookline Street
Ward 4-All	Harrington School — 21 Dexter Street
Ward 5-All	Lynn Tech Annex — 90 Commercial Street
Ward 6-All	Lynn Tech Fieldhouse — 80 Neptune Blvd
Ward 7-All	Breed Jr. High School — 90 O'Callaghan Way

Additionally, Early Voting will be held in City Hall on the following dates:

*** SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 PRIMARY:**

August 22 – 28, 2026

Saturday and Sunday, August 22, 23, from 8:00am to 2:00pm.

Mon-Friday August 29-September 2, during regular business hours:

Mon, Wed, Thurs: 8:30am — 4:00pm, Tues 8:30am — 8:00pm and Fri. 8:30am — 12:30pm

*** NOVEMBER 3, 2026 FINAL ELECTION:**

October 17 through October 30, 2026

Regular business hours during the week and 8:00am — 2:00pm on weekends **- Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

Request from Louise Dominique regarding the accessible voting machines for blind voters. Chairman Avery asked Jim Lamanna, Chief of Elections to follow-up on Ms. Dominique's concerns.

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the July 7, 2026 Committee Woman and Gender Equality recommending the following to be accepted:

Presentation by Ariana Contreras from the Essex County Commission on the Status of Woman (ECCSW) re: Initiatives and data on quality of life of women in Essex County

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORT ACCEPTED

Report of the July 7, 2026 Committee on Utilities recommending the following to be accepted:

PUBLIC HEARING / NATIONAL GRID

Petition of National Grid:

Install underground utilities on Shepard Street beginning at Manhole #24 and trenching to Utility Pole 70145-3 for approximately 341' that will provide fiber service to substation Lynn#21. **- Granted**

PUBLIC HEARINGS / VERIZON

Petition of Verizon:

Place two new four-inch (4") conduits approximately 260' in a northeasterly direction from the existing conduit to the southerly side of Hanson Street to an existing pole P25 on the northerly side of Hanson Street. Place two new four-inch (4") conduits approximately 30' in an easterly direction from a replaced handhole located on the northerly said of Hanson Street to existing conduit located on the northerly side of Hanson Street. This petition is necessary to accommodate 780 Lynnway. **- Granted**

Place one new two-inch (2") conduit approximately 106' in a northwesterly direction from existing pole, P52/4 to the intersection of Pierce Road and Ocean Street than turning in a northeasterly direction to a proposed hand hole which will be located at the property line of 104 Ocean Street. This petition is necessary to accommodate services at 104 Ocean Street. **- Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORT ACCEPTED

Report of the July 7, 2026 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

ORDERED, that the Lynn City Council authorize the Mayor to execute a deed for the sale of the property located at 78 Rockdale Avenue to Patrick Heavey and Kevin O'Neil, the highest bidders in response to the City's Request for Proposal #03-637. Said deed shall be drafted by the Law Department.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all documents required by the Law Department to accept and effectuate the above-referenced sale. **- Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the July 7, 2026 Sub-Committee on Council Appointment recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Discussion re: One Opening / Council Representative to the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission:**
   Paul Gouthro
   Francis Harrington
   Ana Cristina Oliveira Silva Jallow **(Withdrew)**
   Jennifer James
   Carmen Maria Osuna Martinez
   Bradley Silsbee
   John (Jay) Walsh

Motion made by Councilor Megie-Maddrey and second by Councilor Field to appoint John M. Walsh.

Avery	**John M. Walsh**	**Meaney**	**John M. Walsh**
Field	**John M. Walsh**	**Megie-Maddrey**	**John M. Walsh**
Hogan	**ABSENT**	**Net**	**John M. Walsh**
LaPierre	**John M. Walsh**	**Paez**	**Jennifer James**
Matul	**John M. Walsh**	**Alinsug**	**John M. Walsh**
McClain	**Jennifer James**		

8=Walsh 2= James 1=ABSENT (Hogan)

2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the July 7, 2026 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW

Guerrero, Elvin – 12 Brookline Ave. **- Granted**

Zacaria, Julio – 36 Rock Ave. **- Granted**

TAXI – TABLED FROM JUNE 23, 2026

Jimenez Miguel – 16 Riverside Ct. Saugus, MA **- Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL – Increase storage capacity to 36,000 gallons - 760 Summer St., A.L. Prime Energy Consultant Inc. (Public Hearing)

Attorney Vitali spoke in Favor. No one spoke in Opposition. Public Hearing Closed. Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant. Motion carried.

CLASS II AUTO DEALER- AUTO BODY/AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE/RENEWAL-transfer

64 Bennett St., Radikal Motors LLC- new owner Christopher Figueroa**- Granted**

EXTENDED HOUR RENEWALS (Tabled from 6/23/26):

65 Boston St CVS Pharmacy 24 Hours- **Granted**
364 Lynnway Crazy Buzzy's Mon-Wed 10:30am-10:00pm - **Granted**
Thurs-Sat 10:30am-3:00am, Sun 12:00pm-10:00pm

SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL

73 Cottage Street, Instyle Barbershop- **Granted**
61 Essex Street, Bibi's Hair Studio- **Granted**
598 Essex Street, Canon's Place Barbershop - **Granted**
201 North Common Street, Supreme Food Inc. - **Granted**
2 Lafayette Park, JBS Joselo Barbershop- **Granted**
64 Lynnfield Street, Nickey's Pizza - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL

100 Buffum St., USPS-VMF - **Granted**

AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL

326 Chatham St., Dostert and Dove LLC- **Granted**
59 Commercial St., Rolando's Auto Repair- **Granted**
180 Commercial St., Progressus Car Care- **Granted**
136 Cottage St., Bay State Auto Service LLC- **Granted**
10 Heath's Ct., Unit 13 & 14, Raffaele Construction- **Granted**
453 Lynnway, Georges Expert Auto- **Granted**
125 Pleasant St., J A Trucking Inc. - **Granted**
725 Summer St., RD Auto- **Granted**
1069A Western Ave., Mell's Tire and Auto Service- **Granted**
105 Willow St., Josue auto Mechanic Inc. - **Granted**

FLAMMABLE LICENSE –RENEWAL

573 Chestnut St., Richdale Convenience Store- **Granted**
517 Lynnway, Mell's Tires- **Granted**
390 Parkland Ave., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
400 Parkland Ave., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
325 Walnut St., Lynn Water and Sewer Commission- **Granted**
625 Western Ave., Petroil Market - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

CANNING

Lynn English Class of 2027 (Adults Only) – August 1,2, 2026- **Granted**

REPORT ACCEPTED

Report of the July 7, 2026 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Financial Transfers**

CERTIFIED:

$12,500.00 To the Lynn Health Department for 2026 Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Grant Program.

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

$70,000.00 To the Lynn Police Department to fund the FY27 Behavioral Health Intervention Program Grant.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Paez voting PRESENT).

$25,000.00 To the Lynn Police Department for the FY27 Jail Diversion Program Grant.
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

$25,000.00 To the Lynn School Department from the Van Otterloo Family Foundation to support a partnership with Cartwheel to remove mental health barriers to student success.
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

$55,000.00 To the Lynn School Department from the Eastern Bank Foundation to support a partnership with Cartwheel to remove mental health barriers to student success.
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

$520,000.00 To the Lynn Library from the Robert Richard Ulfo Revocable Trust to be used to promote and utilize the Lynn Public Library.
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

$54,191.60 To the Lynn Health Department to fully fund the FY26 Formula Grant.
$250,000.00 To the City of Lynn Planning Department to fund the FY27 TDI Equity Project.
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

$100,000.00 To the Lynn Health Department fir the FY27 Regional Mobility Manager: Community Transportation Coordinator Grant Project
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

2. **ORDERED**, that, Lynn City Council hereby authorizes His Honor the Mayor to enter into a contract, on behalf of the Lynn Police Department, with ALL-COMM Technologies, Inc. Said contract will have a five-year term, from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031, during which time ALL-COMM Technologies shall provide communications systems maintenance for LPD communications equipment.

   FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all contracts, agreements, or amendments necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the contract.
   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
3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

REPORT ACCEPTED

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDERED, that, Lynn City Council hereby authorizes His Honor the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Agreement, on behalf of the City of Lynn, with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation ("MassDOT"). Pursuant to the MOA, MassDOT shall provide the City of Lynn with upgraded traffic signal equipment as part of its Vulnerable Road User Assessment Project, said equipment to be installed as provided in the MOA.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all contracts, agreements, or amendments necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of the Memorandum of Agreement.

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and any vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Presentation by Sunil Gulab and Joanna Cacciola re: Lynn Cultural Council / Public Arts Commission

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Megie-Maddrey 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. Lemmons

CITY CLERK