COUNCIL AGENDA
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
6:00 P.M. - COUNCIL CHAMBER

Roll Call
Moment of Silence. Councilor Field asked that State Trooper Kevin Trainor be remembered. Councilor Hogan asked that the Charles Family be remembered. Councilor McClain asked that the Brown Family be remembered.
Pledge of Allegiance

Citations:
James M. Cowdell, Executive Director, EDIC – Retirement
Makayla Mantho (Swimming / 1000-Yard-Freestyle – Ranked 2nd in the Nation)
Greg Byrd (Councilor McClain)

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Avery to accept the Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:
Lynn City Council
Re: Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget
Dear Councilors:
I am pleased to present to this honorable body a balanced budget for the City of Lynn's Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of $577,017,037.
While the pressures on municipal budgets continue, our commitment to fiscal discipline has positioned us well. We are able to maintain services and continue to make important and long-needed upgrades to our public roads, buildings, and equipment.
This budget adds no new positions. We are able to maintain services even in the face of rapidly rising healthcare costs because of our consistent new growth and steady local receipts, both of which are otherwise the most variable sources of our revenue.
This is the last budget year we have to expend American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Thanks to our finance team and many partners on the ARPA projects we have done, we are in a great position to have spent all of our allocation effectively. That includes the new turf fields at McManus Field, pictured on the cover.
By focusing on one-time costs with those funds, we have also for the most part avoided fiscal cliffs due to the expiration of the ARPA funds. The two major exceptions to that are summer youth jobs funding and our language access program.

This year, we have supplemented summer youth job funding with opioid settlement funds, creating opportunities to hire an additional 100 students while providing them education on substance use prevention, as well as $100,000 in surplus ARPA funds. We are also participating in a state pilot program to enlist more private sector support of summer youth jobs. Nevertheless, without a dedicated funding source to maintain our expanded hiring levels, summer youth jobs will continue to be a funding need in the future as it is an important priority.

To sustain our language access program, we have reconfigured the Mayor's Office to bring those responsibilities into permanent positions and will continue to get creative in order to sustain the great work that we have undertaken to remove language barriers for our residents. This includes the provision of a 2-way language access device for many departments in order to facilitate interactions with constituents whose first language is not English.

While we have not added personnel, we have been able to fund programmatic improvements, such as the Lynn Police Department's new "comfort dog" and enhanced information technology to improve daily operations across multiple departments.

One-time capital investments that we will be making through this budget include upgrading the bathrooms at the Western Ave Fire Station, purchasing new police vehicles as well as multiple bicycles for enhanced bicycle patrol and motorcycles for our new motorcycle unit, and a new, secure location for Fire Alarm dispatch.

The full 2027 capital plan called for by our new charter will be available soon. This will be the first comprehensive capital improvement plan that the city has created in-house.

Our school budget has already been approved by the School Committee on the accelerated timeline called for by the new charter. While this year was the last year of the Student Opportunity Act (which continues to increase our per-pupil expenditure), a drop in enrollment last year, representing a reversal in our long-term trend of increased enrollment, made this year's school budget a challenge. The budget is based on the total number of students. Fewer students generate a smaller budget. The School Department has adjusted, but not without sacrifice. We are hopeful that the Commonwealth will provide an offset for this phenomenon, similar to what was provided when enrollment unexpectedly declined during COVID-19, and have been working with our state delegation and similarly situated communities toward that end.

We are proud to have come to agreements within the last fiscal year with almost all of our collective bargaining units, with productive discussions ongoing for the last remaining open contract.

We have closely monitoring and working to counteract funding impacts from the current federal Administration. While cuts have affected us, so far we have been able to reverse the negative impact of the largest. National Grid found another funding source for our Energy Manager position and our federal legislative delegation obtained an earmark for our urban forestry program, restoring funding in both instances that had been cut by the federal government.

Our long-term focus on commercial and industrial growth to grow and balance our tax base continues. Early indications from the relaunch of the Lynn Redevelopment Authority and its mandate to implement an urban renewal plan for the South Harbor have been very positive, particularly regarding opportunities for industrial growth.

Thank you to the entire team who helped with the development of this budget: City Council President Alinsug and Councilor Matul, Chair of the Council's Budget Committee, Chief Financial Officer Michael Bertino and his team, all the department heads and their teams, as well as my team in the mayor's office. I respectfully ask that the City Council accept this budget and set down a public hearing for June 9, 2026.

Mayor. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Matul to set down for a Public Hearing on June 9, 2026.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

Dear Councilors: I am hereby appointing Susan Matatia, 295 Lynn Shore Drive, #308, Lynn, MA to serve on the Council on Aging. Ms. Matatia's term is effective immediately and will expire on September 8, 2028. Sincerely, Jared C. Nicholson, Mayor

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Petition of Fiesta Shows for Carnivals on the following dates for the Lynn Firework Fund: June 21 – June 28, 2026 – Lynn Commons and August 6 – 16, 2026 – Centre Street Lot. Hours of Operation will be on weekdays from 5:00 pm to 10:30 pm. And Saturday and Sunday 1:00 to 10:30 p.m. **(Avery/Hogan)**

No One appeared in Favor.

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

11 YES 0 NO

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

Petition of Singh Realty Group, LLC for permission to construct a multifamily use in a B1 zoned parcel of land at 30-32B Western Avenue. **(Matul)**

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities to provide service to 43 State Street. **(Paez).**

Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Western Avenue from the intersection of 707 Western Avenue to the centerline of the intersection of Western Avenue and South Street. **(Hogan)**

Motion made by Councilor Matul and second by Councilor Hogan to set down for Public Hearings.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

4:30 p.m. – Committee on Public Property and Parks

1. Request from DPW Commissioner Michael J. Donovan to dispose of various equipment and vehicles (List attached). – **Granted**
2. **ORDERED**, that the Lynn City Council authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Lynn, to execute the attached Grant of Easement, granting an Easement to Massachusetts Electric Company (National Grid) for nominal consideration. Said Easement Area is located at or near 5 North Common Street, as set forth in Exhibit A to the Grant of Easement and entitled "EASEMENT, WR #31213485, 5 NORTH COMMON STREET, LYNN, MA." The purpose of said Easement is to allow the Grantee to install an underground electric distribution system and related equipment, for the transmission of high and low voltage electric current and intelligence, to serve the Grantor's property and as required by renovations to the Boys and Girls Club, located adjacent to the Easement Area, as identified on Exhibit A. The acceptance of the Grant of Easement shall be subject to the approval of 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 Grant of Easement. **- Granted**
3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

REPORT ACCEPTED.

4:40 p.m. – Committee on Veterans, Military Affairs, and Military Families

1. Update from Jeff Weeden, LHAND re: Veterans Housing / Armory
2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

REPORT ACCEPTED

5:05 p.m. – Committee on Utilities

PUBLIC HEARINGS / NATIONAL GRID

Install underground utilities at or near Neptune Boulevard beginning approximately 195 feet southeasterly of the centerline of the intersection of Neptune Boulevard and Blossom Street and continuing 30 feet in a southwesterly direction. **- Granted**

JOINT PETITIONS OF NATIONAL GRID AND VERIZON

Install 1 JO Pole on 137 Commercial Street approximately 920 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Commercial at Lynnway. **- Granted**

Install 1 JO Pole on Essex Street beginning 0 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Essex Street and Lincoln Street and continuing approximately 50 feet in a northwesterly direction. **- Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS:

REPORT ACCEPTED.

5:15 p.m. – Committee on Ways and Means

$370.00 From DPW Expense to DPW Prior Year Bill

Motion made by Councilor Net 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

$192.21 From DPW Expense to DPW Prior Year Bill

Motion made by Councilor Net 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

$18,000.00 From Opioid Stabilization Fund to Opioid Working Group to fund Brighter Futures Scholarship initiative

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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

$792,913.00 From Reserve to DPW Sanitation

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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

$52,127.765 To the City Health Department to fund operations and support for the Lynn Senior Center.

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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

$200,000.00 To the Lynn Community Development Department – Lynn Auditorium for Gaming Mitigation Fund Grant

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

$762,940.43 to the Lynn Planning Department for Central Square Complete Street Phase II Project

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Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
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adjacent to the Easement Area, as identified on Exhibit A. The acceptance of the Grant of Easement shall be subject to the approval of the Law Department.

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Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Avery to Grant.
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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
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

5:30 p.m. – Committee on Licensing

TAXI OPERATOR – NEW
Almonte Encarnacion, Javier -12 Parkland Ave.- **TABLED**
Lantigua Rosario, Jose - 5 Baldwin St. - **Granted**
Likaj, Ilirian - 150 Sylvan St. - **TABLED**
Rosario De Los Santos - 137 Eastern Ave. - **Granted**
Vazquez, Jose Antonio – 83 Linwood Rd- **Granted**
TABLED - APRIL 12, 2026
Valoy, Ricardo - 28 Chatham St. - **Granted**
Flammable License (New)
Don Kennett, Inc., 487-491 Lynnway- **Granted**
AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL-New Owner
1071 Western Ave., City Line Auto Body Inc., Morgana Seremin - **Granted**
AUTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL
125 Pleasant St., Caruso's Auto Repair - **Granted**
892 Washington St., Edna's Auto Body of Lynn Inc. - **Granted**
AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL
17A Alley St., ARM Garage- **Granted**
3 Camden St., Abdiel's Auto Repair Inc. - **Granted**
106 Chestnut St., Center Tires LLC- **Granted**
307 Eastern Ave., Top Shop- **Granted**
12 Ellis St., Enrique Auto Center- **Granted**
349 Lynnway, Jose's Garage- **Granted**
800 Western Ave., Valvoline Instant Oil Change- **Granted**
FLAMMABLE LICENSE –RENEWAL
423 Boston St., A.L. Prime Energy- **Granted**
229 Broadway, Richdale- **Granted**
512 Chestnut St., Ghenwa Inc., Lynn Mobil- **Granted**
21 City Hall Square, Verizon New England- **Granted**
91 Commercial St., Exa Infrastructure LLC- **Granted**
10 Heath's Ct., Northeast Oil Delivery Inc. - **Granted**
282 Lynnway, U-Haul Moving & Storage of Lynn- **Granted**

617 Lynnway, Safelite Fulfillment Inc. - **Granted**
760 Summer St., A.L. Prime Energy- **Granted**
149 Walnut St., Richdale Convenience Store- **Granted**
969 Western Ave., A.L. Prime Energy - **Granted**

SECOND-HAND ARTICLE LICENSE-RENEWAL

381A Summer St., JED Wireless - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS

CANNING

Lynn Classical Track (Adults Only) – June 8,9,10, 2026- **Granted**
East Lynn Little League (Adults Only) – May 26, 27, 28, 2026- **Granted**
Lynn Tech Cheerleaders (Adults Only) – July 11, 12, 2026- **Granted**
Lynn Classical Cheer Team (Adults Only) – July 25, 2026- **Granted**

5:45 p.m. – Committee on Lynn Trash and Litter

1. Vote on Winner of the 2026 City-Wide Litter Poster Campaign
   Winner of the 2026 City-Wide Litter Poster Contest – Adrianna Satterwhite
2. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilor Avery and seconded by Councilor Field to set down a Public Hearing for a Sign Permit at A.L. Prime, 760 Summer Street.
Motion carried.

HOGAN / Ordered that the Lynn City Council authorize the Mayor to execute on behalf of the City of Lynn a License Agreement with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), a body corporate and politic and an instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts established pursuant to Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1974, satisfactory to the Mayor, to permit the MWRA to temporarily access, use and occupy certain parcels of land located at Riley Way and Riley Way Extension in Lynn in furtherance of a water project to replace portions of its' current Northern High Service Zone Section 56 Pipeline as part of its' Saugus River Crossing Project. The consideration paid by the MWRA to the City for this License Agreement shall be Forty-Five Thousand ($45,000.00) Dollars per month. Further Ordered, that the Mayor be authorized to execute any and all other documents required by the Law Department to effectuate the above described License Agreement.
Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

LAPIERRE / RESOLUTION TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND PROTECT RESIDENTS OF LYNN FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS BY ICE AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.
Presented By: Marilyn Regan, author, MA North Shore Resolutions Project

Title: RESOLUTION TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY AND PROTECT RESIDENTS OF LYNN FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS BY ICE AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES.

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WHEREAS, the City of Lynn, Massachusetts is known for its diverse immigrant population;

WHEREAS, it played a central role in the abolitionist movement to end enslavement, establishing safe houses for those who escaped enslavement as part of the Underground Railroad and fought for the release of recaptured enslaved people, thereby protecting life, liberty, and happiness as stated in the Declaration of Independence;

WHEREAS, birthright citizenship is guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments ensure that no person, regardless of citizenship status, is deprived of liberty without legal representation and fair legal procedures;

WHEREAS, the 1878 Posse Comitatus Act prohibits the use of the military for policing the civilian population;

WHEREAS, Federal agents, acting under the authority of ICE and other agencies, have removed residents of Lynn from our streets, and their homes and cars;

WHEREAS, President Trump and his appointees have challenged certain provisions of the United States Constitution, including the separation of powers;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts residents are facing aggressive immigration enforcement;

WHEREAS, Federal officials have contested the Temporary Protected Status of our immigrant populations, and have threatened to interrupt activities that are protected free speech under the Constitution; and

NOW THEREFORE, we, the citizens of the City of Lynn, do hereby resolve that these actions should be condemned; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, citizens of the City of Lynn, urge Lynn City Officials to enforce the laws protecting its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, citizens of the City of Lynn, urge the Massachusetts Congressional delegation to continue to push their Congressional colleagues to exercise their legislative authority to enforce the Constitution and to work with the Judicial Branch to protect the separation of powers, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we, citizens of the City of Lynn, commend the Honorable Maura Healey, Governor, and Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell, for their vigorous defense of our rights, the Constitution, our fellow citizens, and our public and private institutions in the Commonwealth, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Lynn shall cause this resolution to be submitted to U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator Edward Markey, U.S. Representative Seth Moulton, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, and Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell.
Voted on this 12th day of May, 2026.
Signed,
Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor McClain to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Presentation / Members of the Affordable Housing Trust

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

Notice of this meeting was poste din the City Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

A True Copy Attest:

CITY CLERK