CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, June 24, 2025
Council President John M. Walsh, Jr.

Eleven Councilors Present
Moment of Silence.
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion made by Councilor LaPierre and seconded by Councilor Field to accept the Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2025.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:
Zone Ordinance and Zone Map Rewrite
The following appeared in Favor:
Mayor Jared C. Nicholson
Aaron Clausen, Planner
Michael Smith, Lynn Fire Department / Emergency Management
Eric Carlson, DCR
Letter from the Planning Board
The following spoke in Opposition:
Bob Morley, -626-680 Lynnway
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Meaney and seconded by Councilor Megie-Maddrey to Adopt the revised Zoning Rewrite with the attached amendments without the inclusion of Section 10(A).
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Councilor Megie-Maddrey and seconded by Councilor Meaney to amend Section 6(A)(4)(a) to read "There shall be no off-street parking requirements for any residential uses in the Central Business District."
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to Table Section 10(A) to be heard at a Special City Council Meeting on July 7, 2025.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY2026 Annual Action Plan
The following spoke in Favor:
Shirley Rowe, Lynn Office of Economic and Community Development
No one spoke in Opposition.
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor Matul to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:
-Set Down a Public Hearing for Bonds for various projects including lighting at McManus Field, Fraser Field, heavy duty snow vehicles, ambulance, and heating systems at English High School, Lynn Tech.

-Petition of First Light Group to trench and install PVC conduit beginning at Boston Street to a proposed handhole on Rollin Ave and continue northerly to the Utility Pole. ***(Walsh)***

-Petition of Julianna Cedrano, a Personal Trainer, for permission to operate a fitness center in her home***. (Meaney)***
Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to sest down for Public Hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of the June 24, 2025 Sub-Committee on Trash / Litter recommending the following to be accepted:
Recognition and Citations for the Winners of the 2025 City-Wide Litter Poster Campaign.

Other Business
REPORT ACCEPTED

Report of the June 24, 2025 Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:
TAXI-OPERATOR – NEW
Bears, William – 285 Lynn Shore Dr. – **Granted**

SECOND-HAND ARTICLE -NEW
732R Lynnway, General Needs Center – **Granted with stipulation that "Inside Only" – no outside sales.**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the June 24, 2025 Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **Discussion re: Harbor Park Deed to the City of Lynn – ORDERED that His Honor the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and accept a Deed for the Harborpark from Lynn HarborPark, LLC to the City of Lynn and all necessary associated documents required to effectuate the transfer of the property, including but not limited to an Operations and Maintenance Agreement, a Lynn Harbor Park Post-Closing Agreement and an Indemnification Agreement. Granted (As of July 8, 2025)**
   Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.
   Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
   11 YES 0 NO

2. **Discussion re: RFP – Lease for Second and Third Floors of the Multi-Service Center - ORDERED that the Purchasing Department is hereby authorized to issue a Request for Proposals to lease a portion of the second and third floors of the Multi-Service Center located at 100 Willow Street for commercial and/office space.**
Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**
REPORT ACCEPTED.

Report of the June 24, 2025 Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

TRANSFERS-LAID OVER FROM JUNE 17, 2025:
Appropriate the sum of ONE MILLION TWENTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY NINE DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($1,020,169.00)

From the Account of FREE-CASH		$1,020,169.00
To the Account of 0142351-513000	S&I-PR	$307,651.39
To the Account of 0142351-519012	S&I-PR	$5,390.00
To the Account of 0142352-529006	S&I-Exp	$494,208.73
To the Account of 0142352-546003	S&I-Exp	$212,918.88

These funds will be used to remove the deficit that exists within these respective DPW Snow and Ice Accounts.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of FIVE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIFTY DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($516,050.00)

From the Account of 0113252-578000	Reserve-Exp	$516,050.00
To the Account of 0115552-530000	IT-Exp	$67,050.00
To the Account of 0149052-530000	Parking-Exp	$74,000.00
To the Account of 0115552-530000	Health Ins-Exp	$375,000.00

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

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($164,000.00)

From the Account of 0124952-521006	Street Lights-Exp	$164,000.00
To the Account of 0124052-524008	ISD- Exp	$164,000.00

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

Transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($198,000.00)
From the Account of 30000005-596007 Off Street Parking-Exp $198,000.00
To the Account of 0149052-530000 Parking Bill of PY-Exp $198,000.00
To fund downtown meters from IPS Proposal.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

RESCIND COUNCIL ORDER, Due to Staff are all being paid from Revolving Funds for the remainder of FY25.
Transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($50,000.00)
From the Account of 221500-7800 COA-Revolving Exp $50,000.00
To the Account of 65324-1000 COA-PR $50,000.00
To fund operations for the rest of FY25.
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

Transfer the sum of SIX HUNDRED NINTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($697.00)
From the Account of 0121552-530007 COD-Exp $697.00
To the Account of 0121552-578017 COD-Bill of PY Exp $697.00
To fund Bill of PY
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
11 YES 0 NO

REVOLVING FUND AMENDMENT:
Order to amend the existing Revolving Fund to:

NAME	CAP	ANNUAL LIMIT
City of Lynn Handicap Parking Violation Fine Collection Revolving Fund (Disability Commission)	Unlimited	Unlimited

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

NEW BUSINESS: RESOLUTION
Ordered that the Mayor be authorized to execute all necessary documents, agreements, applications, and contracts for securing a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant in the amount of $425,000.00 for the design and construction of a renovated Ames Park, located at 30 Strawberry Avenue.

If awarded, the renovations shall include a new playground, multi-purpose court, splash pad, pollinator garden, lawn, and passive recreation facilities, pending the finalization of plans, estimates, and the availability of funding. Further ordered that the City of Lynn shall, through the Office of Economic and Community Development, allocate $616,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds to cover the total project cost ahead of reimbursement through the PARC grant program.

RESOLUTION: To file and accept grants with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program for the renovation of Ames Park.

Whereas: Ames Park is a critical community asset located centrally in Lynn; and

Whereas: Ames Park is located within an Environmental Justice Population as determined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, exhibiting minority, income, and English isolation; and

Whereas: The City of Lynn recognizes the urgent need for more high-quality, accessible, and public recreational areas in our communities; and

Whereas: Ames Park has been used as a playground since as early as 1923, and is protected as parkland in perpetuity due to funding from the Land and Water Conservation Fund received around 1977; and

Whereas: Ames Park is dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursement grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant program; and

Whereas: The renovation of Ames Park is estimated to cost $616,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds, of which $425,000.00 may be reimbursed by the Commonwealth through the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms,

purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Office of Economic and Community Development; and That this resolution shall take effect upon passage.
Motion made by Councilor Chakoutis and seconded by Councilor LaPierre to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Alinsug absent at vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Field to forward her proposed Reproductive and Gender Affirming Care Ordinance to the next Public Safety and Public Health Committee.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Chakoutis 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:

Janet L. Rowe

CITY CLERK