CITY OF LYNN

City Council Meeting, May 26, 2026
Council President Constantino "Coco" Alinsug

11 Councilors Present
Moment of Silence. Council President Alinsug dedicated this meeting to the former City Clerk, Janet Rowe. May she rest in peace.
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor Hogan to accept the Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Petition of Sarah Paulino to operate a retail appliance business focused on retail and servicing of appliances at 762 Western Avenue in the Urban Business District (B2) **(Hogan)**
The following appeared in Favor:
Sarah Paulino, Owner
No one appeared in Opposition.
Public Hearing Closed.
Motion made by Councilor Hogan and seconded by Councilor Avery 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 National Grid to install underground facilities on Western Avenue beginning approximately 165 feet southwest of Western Avenue and Franklin Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a northwesterly direction. **(Paez)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Essex Street beginning approximately 95 feet northeast of the centerline of Essex Street and Jackson Street and continuing approximately 10 feet in a northwesterly direction. **(Alinsug)**

-Petition of National Grid to install underground facilities on Commercial Street beginning approximately 235 feet northerly of the centerline of Commercial Street and

Bennett Street and Franklin Street and continuing approximately 20 feet in an easterly direction. **(Hogan)**
Motion made by Councilor Field and seconded by Councilor McClain to set down for Public Hearings.
Motion carried.

COMMITTEES:

2:00 p.m. – Committee on Budget recommending the following to be accepted:

1. **FY'2027 BUDGET HEARINGS:**
   Lynn School Department
   Lynn Fire Department
   Lynn Police Department
   Department of Public Works

REPORT ACCEPTED.

4:00 p.m. – Committee on Public Property and Parks recommending the following to be accepted:

Discussion re: Approval of Multi-Service Center Development Agreement for 100 Willow Street and 57-61 Liberty Street.- **Tabled**
OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

4:15 p.m. – Committee on Licensing recommending the following to be accepted:
UTO REPAIR/AUTO BODY/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL
15 Alley St., Hector Auto Body and Repair- **Granted**
165 Commercial St., Tres Amigos Auto Body Inc. - **Granted**
AUTO REPAIR/FLAMMABLE LICENSE RENEWAL
100 Buffum St., USPS Lynn VMF- **Granted**
42 Oakville St., Mass Electrical apparatus Service- **Granted**
41 Stewart St., NRT- **Granted**
FLAMMABLE LICENSE –RENEWAL
896-898 Western Ave., NRT Bus Company- **Granted**
SIGN-LICENSE-RENEWAL
22 Bennett Street, VIP Works Auto Center- **Granted**
623 Boston Street, D'Class Beauty Salon- **Granted**

126 Broad Street, D&M Mart- **Granted**
229 Broadway, Richdale - **Granted**
160 Chestnut Street, Kuky's Hair Design- **Granted**
6 Commercial Street, M.C. Heald Liquor- **Granted**
105 Commercial Street, Commercial Market- **Granted**
404 Eastern Avenue, Dr. Hair Locs- **Granted**
3 Market Square, Market Square- **Granted**
522 Lynnway, Kelly Honda - **Granted**
540 Lynnway, Kelly Honda - **Granted**
381A Summer Street, Jed Wireless LLC- **Granted**
232 Union Street, Lynn Dental Center- **Granted**
616 Washington Street, Evolution Artistic Hair Design - **Granted**

CANNING:

Lynn Tech Football Boosters (Adults Only) – July 10, 11, 12, 2026- **Granted**
Lynn Tech Cheerleading (Adults Only) – July 24, 25, 26, 2026 - **Granted**

OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

4:30 p.m. – Committee on Ways and Means recommending the following to be accepted:

TRANSFERS:

$390,000 From Cannabis Fund to Essex Street – Expense
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field 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:
9 YES 0 NO (Councilor Meaney absent, Avery ABSTAINED
Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:
9 YES 0 NO

$225,000 From Capital Stabilization Expense to LVTI MSBA ARP-Expense
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$99,500 - From Lynn Police Payroll to LPD and Care of Dog Expense
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$4,921,640.00 From Free Cash to DPW Snow and Ice Expense
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$335,000.00 From Free Cash to Fayette Street Expense
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$125,000.00 From Free Cash to Legal Revolving Expense
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$101,000.00 From Free Cash to DPW Expense
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$89,000.00 From Free Cash to Wage Stabilization Fund
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$36,500.00 From Free Cash to IT Postage Expense
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$17,500.00 From Free Cash to ISD HVAC Expense
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$30,000.00 From TNC Expense to Planning Expense
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$6,065.54 From DPW Expense to DPW Prior Year Bill
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$1,443.05 From Clerk Expense to Clerk Prior Year Bill
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$300,693.00 To the Community Development Department for Summer Youth Works Jobs
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$599,500.00 To the Lynn School Department for the FY26 Mass CEC Youth Equity Workforce Program
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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$19,400.00 To the Lynn School Department for the FY26 Building EC Partnership FC612 Program
Motion made by Councilor Net and seconded by Councilor Field to Grant.
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ORDERED that the City of Lynn hereby appropriates the amount of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND ZERO CENTS ($225,000.00) from its Capital Improvement Fund for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design costs related to a potential Accelerated Repair Project involving the installation of a heat pump system at the Lynn Vocational & Technical Institute, located at 80 Neptune Boulevard, 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 education program, and for which the City has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Comptroller with the approval of the Mayor and City Council, is authorized to transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or other enabling authority. 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 if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City of Lynn to collaborate with the MSBA on the repair project, any project costs the City of Lynn incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Lynn.
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OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT ACCEPTED.

4:45 p.m. – Sub-Committee on Election recommending the following to be accepted:

1. Census / Street Listing – Voter Inactivation
2. **OTHER BUSINESS**
3. **REPORT ACCEPTED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor McClain / Citation – Pedro Diaz

MCCLAIN / RESOLUTION

****RESOLUTION URGING SUPPORT FOR RENT STABILIZATION**

TO PROTECT TENANTS AND PRESERVE COMMUNITY STABILITY**

WHEREAS, The rising cost of housing in the City of Lynn continues to create significant financial strain for renters, placing seniors, working families, and essential workers at risk of displacement and housing insecurity; and

WHEREAS, Housing affordability remains one of the most pressing concerns among Lynn residents, with regional housing studies conducted through Housing Lynn and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council indicating that more than 42% of Lynn households are housing cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income toward housing costs; and

WHEREAS, Housing instability may contribute to broader community challenges, including disruption to students, classrooms, and families, negative impacts on physical and mental health, and the weakening of neighborhood cohesion; and

WHEREAS, Rent stabilization may help prevent displacement, provide predictability for tenants, and promote long-term community stability; and

WHEREAS, Stabilizing rents may also support the local economy by allowing residents to remain in Lynn, with sustainable housing costs allowing them to contribute even more to local businesses and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Current Massachusetts law prohibits municipalities from enacting rent stabilization policies, necessitating action at the state level; and

WHEREAS, A proposed initiative petition for the November 2026 ballot and legislation currently under consideration by the Massachusetts Legislature both seek to enable

rent stabilization policies, including limiting annual rent increases to the rate of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index or 5%, whichever is lower; and

WHEREAS, These proposals include several exemptions, including for owner-occupied buildings with four or fewer units and newly constructed housing during an initial period, with the intention of protecting tenants and small-scale landlords while encouraging new housing development;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lynn City Council hereby expresses its support for both the initiative petition entitled *"An Initiative Petition to Protect Tenants by Limiting Rent Increases"* and the legislation entitled *"An Act enabling cities and towns to stabilize rents and protect tenants";* and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lynn City Council urges the Massachusetts Legislature and voters to take action to advance policies that protect tenants, prevent displacement, and strengthen communities across the Commonwealth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby requested to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Attorney General, the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of Lynn, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and all members of Lynn's legislative delegation.

Filed in Council: May 26, 2026

Motion made by Councilor McClain and seconded by Councilor Hogan to grant.
Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:
10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Dr. Meaney absent at vote).

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. Lumas

CITY CLERK