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REGULAR MEETING OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: City Council Chambers, Lawrence City Hall,
200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA

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@ 11:30 A.M.

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be hybrid, allowing participation both in person in the City Council Chamber and remotely.

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AGENDA

- Roll Call
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes
 - 02/17/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 05/05/2026 Regular Meeting
 - 05/19/2026 Regular Meeting
- Public Participation

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Public Hearings: [None]

Matters Pending a Public Hearing:

- 103B/22 Request to change Ordinances-(Program Coordinator for Economic Development)-Ord. 2.104.060(Human Rights Executive Director)-Mayor Brian A. DePeña.
- 200/21 4 Point Stop Signs-East Haverhill and Berkeley Street-Counc. De La Cruz-Communication received from City Attorney on June 29, 2022 regarding report received from City Engineer on June 28, 2022.
- 112/22 Fifteen Minute Parking-83 Warwick Street [Mon-Fri 8am-6pm]-Nereida Madera-Pub. Hrg. Ordered
- 271/22 Stop Signs on Salem Street (East and West Bound Directions) at the Foster St. Intersection-President Laplante
- 429/23 Discontinue the Use of a Portion of Bay State Road as a Public Way [from McFarlin St to Jordan St]
– Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner
- 437/24 Handicapped Parking, 219 Prospect Street – Cornelio Villa Sanchez [Need Measurements]
- 440/24 Child Care Parking, 6 Knox St. – Counc. Ana Levy [Need Measurements]
- 573/24 Stop Sign, High Street at Highlawn Ave – Counc. Fidelina Santiago
- 46/25 Rezoning a Portion of City Land off of Bay State Road and Jordan Street from General Industrial (I-2) to Open Space Recreation (OCR) – Dan McCarthy, Acting Planning Director
- 48/26 Creation of Billing Analyst Position, Water Department – Caryl M. Garcia Esq., Personnel Director
- 65/26 Proposed Update to Noise Ordinance [ORD # 09.04.040] – Capt. Ariel Montas, Lawrence Police Dept.

Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney:

- 227/26 Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review Schedule and Hearing Process – Councilor Stephanie Infante

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee:

- 133/26 YTD Budget Review – Inspectional Services Department – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO [W]
- 157/26 YTD Budget Review – Department of Public Works – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO [W]
- 164/25 Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Budget – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO and Mayor Brian A. DePeña [W]
- 169/25 Submission of the Annual Audit Report to the City Council [FY24 Financial Statements and FY24 Reports on Federal Award Programs] – Ramona Ceballos, Acting CAFO [W]
- 181/26 Transfer from Litigation Reserve [\$1MIL] and Free Cash [\$1MIL] to Legal Services Account [\$450,000] and Court Judgement Account [\$1,550,000] – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney [**Executive Session Anticipated**]
- 229/26 Auth to Expend [\$1.2 MIL] Earmark from Congressperson Lori Trahan for Municipal Bridge Repair – Daniel McCarthy, Director of Planning
- 230/26 Appropriation Transfer [\$30,000] among City Department ARPA/Free Cash allocations – Susan E. Fink, OPD Manager of Financial and Administrative Services

Housing and Economic Development Committee:

- 84/26 Acceptance of new lay-out plan of Public Ways for part of Short Street, Maple Street, Currier Street and Erving Avenue – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director

Ordinance Committee:

- 489/25 Child Care Parking – 29 Boxford Street – Councilor Celina Reyes and Awilda Bargas [W]
- 189/26 Amend Ordinance 01.16.150 [Municipal Hearing Officer] – Timothy P. Houten, City Attorney [OPH]
- 190/26 Request Sidewalk Access for Produce Display – 274 South Broadway – Counc. Celina Reyes and Raul Gomez Sanchez
- 245/26 Remove Handicapped Parking - 111-113 Olive Avenue – Flora J. De Leon [OPH]
- 246/26 Install One [1] JO Pole on West Street near Hanlon Court [REF # 31208969] - David Johnson, National Grid [OPH]
- 233/26 Resolution Honoring Jacqueline’s Grocery Store – 27 Years of Service to the Lawrence Community – Counc. President Jeovanny Rodriquez and Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 234/26 Renewal of Old Gold and Second-Hand Dealer License – Eric Mane, Henry’s Jewelry, LLC
- 235/26 Renewal of Pawn Broker License – Eric Mane, Henry’s Jewelry, LLC
- 236/26 Renewal of Pawn Broker License – Benny Grullon, Brother’s Jewelry, LLC
- 238/26 Tarde de Alavanza, Campagnone Common, Sunday, June 28th, 2026 3 – 6 PM [SPE26-000032] – Evelisse Roman, St Mary of the Assumption Church
- 239/26 42nd Annual Bread and Roses Heritage Festival, Campagnone Common, Monday, September 7th, 2026 7AM – 8PM [SPE26-000041] – Steve Osemwenkhae, Bread and Roses Heritage Committee [W]
- 240/26 Grace in the Park, Campagnone Common, Sunday June 28, July 19 and August 16th, 2026 8AM – 12PM [SPE26-000045] – Celeste Scott Walker for Grace Episcopal Church
- 241/26 Tree Planting and Creation Care Event, Costello Park, September 26, 2026 8AM – 4PM [SPE26-000047] – Javier Roche, MA Interfaith Power & Light

Personnel Committee: [NO REPORT]

Public Safety and Emergency Management Committee: [NO REPORT]

Committee of the Whole: [NO REPORT]

Old Business: [None]

Tabled Matters: [updated: 05-19-26]:

- 72/16 Residency Requirement-City Employees – Home Rule Petition – Review – Council Pres. Vasquez; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 125/17 Establishing maximum motor vehicle speed city wide to 25mph–Request to Amend Chapter 10.26 – Council Pres. Vasquez & Councilor. Rodriguez -Public Hearing Opened & Closed; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 444/23 Requesting of Voting ID – Counc. Ana Levy and Counc. Gregory Delrosario [OPH]; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 245/25 Adopt new FIRM Floodplain Map for the City and Approve Amendment of the City’s Floodplain Management Ordinance (Chapter 15.32) with latest Regulations from National Flood Insurance Program – Daniel McCarthy, Planning Director [Approved 07-07-2025, Reviewed for Possible Reconsideration] [T] 11-18-2025; Carried forward 12-16-2025 as Rule 12F exception
- 28/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15A Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-1) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director [T] 02-17-2026
- 29/26 Declaration of Surplus Property, 15B Boston Street (Map 73, Lot 2-2) [Home Equity Protection Act] – Charlinett Pascual, Acting Community Development Director [T] 02-17-2026
- 59/26 Handicapped Parking – 136 Bowdoin Street – Counc. Celina Reyes and Counc. Stephany Infante [T] 05-19-2026 [Public Hearing occurred/Closed; Motion to Approve was made. No Vote due to Expired Placard.]
- 98/26 Resolution Honoring 2025 EMT of the Year, Paul Brennan – Councilor Stephany Infante [T] 04-07-2026

New Business:

- 248/26 LPPA Local 125 – Lawrence Police Patrolmen’s Association – Funding Approval – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 249/26 Year End Transfers between Department Accounts – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 250/26 Transfer [\$1,325,743] from FY26 Capital Reserve Fund to Various City Accounts – Ramona Ceballos, CAFO
- 251/26 Net Metering Electricity Offtake Agreement – Simon Pereira, Supervisor of Energy Projects
- 252/26 Appoint Miguel B. Aguilo to the Zoning Board of Appeals – Octavien Spanner, Senior Advisor to the Mayor
- 253/26 Creation of Ordinance Prohibiting City Employees from Serving on City of Lawrence Boards and Commissions – Counc. Franklin Miguel
- 254/26 Request to re-name Municipal Building located at 255 Essex Street in honor of United States Army, Staff Sergeant Alex R. Jimenez – Victor Ortega, Director of Veterans Services
- 255/26 Resident Parking - Gale Street – Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 256/26 Resident Parking - Greenwood Street – Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 257/26 Resident Parking - Essex Street [from Greenwood Street to Warren Street] – Councilor Vivian Marmol
- 258/26 Handicapped Parking – 49 Forest Street – Counc. Gregory Delrosario and Daniel Olivo
- 259/26 Handicapped Parking – 156 Park Street – Awilda Baez
- 260/26 Install One [1] JO Pole on Broadway near Holly Street [REF # 31127752] - David Johnson, National Grid
- 261/26 Review of the Current Sexual Harassment Policy and Reporting Procedures within the City/Government Administration – Wendy Luzon
- 262/26 AMEDAL Family Picnic & Sports Day, O’Connell Park, Saturday, June 20th, 2026 9AM – 4PM [SPE26-000048] – Melani Guerrero, AMEDAL
- 263/26 Auth. to Expend [\$573,000] Federal Highway Administration - Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Signs and Lines Project Grant – Elecia Miller, Mayor’s Health Task Force [LATE FILE]