



Lowell City Council

Regular Meeting Agenda

Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Date: June 16, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: City Council Chamber, 375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA / Zoom (Hybrid)

1. ROLL CALL

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote/Zoom Participation:

Meetings Will Be Held In Council Chamber With Public Welcome And By Using Remote Participation As Follows: Members Of The Public May View The Meeting Via LTC.Org (On-Line; Live Streaming; Or Local Cable Channel 6). Those Wishing To Speak Regarding A Specific Agenda Item Shall Register To Speak In Advance Of The Meeting By Sending Email To City Clerk Indicating The Agenda Item And A Phone Number To Call So That You May Be Issued Zoom Link To The Meeting.

Email Address Is MGEARY@LOWELLMA.GOV. If No Access To Email You May Contact City Clerk At 978-674-4161. All Request Must Be Done Before 4:00 PM On The Day Of Meeting. For Zoom - [HTTPS://SUPPORT.ZOOM.US/HC/EN-US/ARTICLES/201362193-JOINING-A-MEETING](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-joining-a-meeting)

2.2. Proclamation - National American Eagle Day.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes Of Technology And Utilities SC May 26th; City Council Regular Meeting (FY27 Budget Hearing) May 26th And June 2nd, For Acceptance.

Documents:

[2026 MAY 26 TECH UTIL SC MINUTES WITH ATTACH.PDF](#)
[2026 MAY 26 AND JUNE 2 CC MINUTES.PDF](#)

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS (Scheduled For 7PM)

4.1. Vote - Approve Amendment To Special Permit.

[HTTPS://WWW.LOWELLMA.GOV/AGENDACENTER/VIEWFILE/ITEM/35018?FILEID=98790](https://www.LowellMA.gov/agendacenter/viewfile/item/35018?fileid=98790)

5. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

5.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Monthly Report To The Council As To The Overtime Spending In The Fire Department.

- 5.2. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. Install Speed Bumps In The Three Hundred Area Of Concord Street, Between Sherman And Rogers Streets.
- 5.3. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Work With The Appropriate Departments To Communicate With The MBTA And Advocate For The Installation Of Fencing, Barriers, Or Other Appropriate Safety Measures Along The Railway Corridor Adjacent To The Butler School In Order To Deter Unsafe Pedestrian Crossings And Improve Student Safety.
- 5.4. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Departments Report To The Finance Subcommittee On Potential Strategies To Reduce Major Stressors On The City's Budget, Including But Not Limited To Health Insurance Costs, Pension Obligations, Charter School Assessments, Overtime Expenditures, And Energy Costs. Further, That The Report Identify Areas Where The City Council Can Advocate For Legislative Relief, Or Policy Changes To Help Mitigate These Financial Pressures.
- 5.5. C. Rourke/C. Nuon - Req. City Council Endorse A Motion To Name The Student Services Center At Lowell High School After Former Mayor, City Councilor, Head Of School William J Samaras.
- 5.6. C. Juran - Req. City Mgr. Provide A Summary Of Any City Regulations Regarding Short-Term Rentals (Including Airbnb Or Similar Programs) And Rooming Houses.
- 5.7. C. McDonough / C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Appropriate Department Provide An Update On The Current Policy Regarding SGAR Use And Integrated Pest Management Requirements On Projects In The City Of Lowell; And Provide An Update On Proposals To Reduce SGAR Use To The Greatest Extent Possible Within The City.
- 5.8. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Provide A Recommended Path Forward To Beautify Areas Of The Reservoir Utilizing The Planting Of Pollinators.
- 5.9. C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Direct The Appropriate Department To Investigate And Report On The Cause Of The HVAC Issues In Lowell Public School Buildings, Including The Controller Connection Issue Involving The New Boiler System, And Provide Recommended Corrective Actions And A Timeline To Ensure Such Failures Do Not Recur.
- 5.10. C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have Proper Department Provide A Written Report On The City's Enforcement Of Short Term Rental Regulations, Including Responsible Departments, Estimated Number Of Active Short Term Rental Violations And Enforcement Actions Over The Past 24 Months.
- 5.11. C. Chau - Req. City Mgr. Have The Traffic Engineer Conduct A Traffic And Safety Study At The Intersection Of Baltimore Avenue And West Albert Street On The Feasibility Of Installing A Stop Sign And Any Other Appropriate Traffic Calming Measures.
- 5.12. M. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. Have The Proper Department Prepare List Of Schools With Air Conditioning And Schools Without Air Conditioning; Further Provide Information Of Schools With Air Conditioning Not Operating And The Plans To Repair Them.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

6.1. Motion Responses

A) Motion Response - LHS Solar Update

- B) Motion Response - Douglas Rd
- C) Motion Response - Culverts
- D) Motion Response - Data Center Public Meeting
- E) Motion Response - Senior Center
- F) Motion Response - Charter School

Documents:

- A) MOTION RESPONSE - LHS SOLAR UPDATE.PDF
- B) MOTION RESPONSE - DOUGLAS RD.PDF
- C) MOTION RESPONSE - CULVERTS.PDF
- D) MOTION RESPONSE - DATA CENTER PUBLIC MEETING.PDF
- E) MOTION RESPONSE - SENIOR CENTER.PDF
- F) MOTION RESPONSE - CHARTER SCHOOL.PDF

6.2. Informational Report

Informational Report - Traffic Ordinance Amendments

Documents:

- INFORMATIONAL REPORT - TRAFFIC ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.PDF

6.3. Communication - Appointment Of New Members To Various Boards And Commissions

Documents:

- COMMUNICATION - APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.PDF

6.4. Communication - Resignation Of Paul Belley From Conservation Commission

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- COMMUNICATION - RESIGNATION OF PAUL BELLEY FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION.PDF

6.5. Communication - Planning Board Recommendation For Special Permit Amendment For The Planned Residential Development ((PRD) Known As Rivers Edge.

Documents:

- 2026 JUNE 16 PLANNING BD REC SPECIAL PERM AMEND RIVERS EDGE.PDF

6.6. Communication - City Manager Request Approval Of Out Of State Travel (1) LPD.

Documents:

- 2026 JUNE 16 OST LPD.PDF

7. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

7.1. Vote - Approve The FY27 Community Preservation Fund Budget

Documents:

[VOTE - APPROVE THE FY27 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND BUDGET \(REV. 2\).PDF](#)

7.2. Vote - 246.1 Market Street CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - 246.1 MARKET STREET CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.3. Vote - 267 Pawtucket Street CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - 267 PAWTUCKET STREET CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.4. Vote - 93 Mammoth Road CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - 93 MAMMOTH ROAD CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.5. Vote - All Wheels Welcome CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - ALL WHEELS WELCOME CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.6. Vote - Cobblestones CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - COBBLESTONES CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.7. Vote - Mass Mills CPC Funding Recommendation

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[VOTE - MASS MILLS CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.8. Vote - Smith Baker Center CPC Funding Recommendation

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[VOTE - SMITH BAKER CENTER CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.9. Vote - St. Anne's CPC Funding Recommendation

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[VOTE - ST. ANNES CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.10. Vote - Suffolk Place CPC Funding Recommendation

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[VOTE - SUFFOLK PLACE CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.11. Vote - Victorian Park CPC Funding Recommendation

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[VOTE - VICTORIAN PARK CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.12. Vote - Affordable Housing Trust Fund CPC Funding Recommendation

Documents:

[VOTE - AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND CPC FUNDING RECOMMENDATION.PDF](#)

7.13. Vote - Accept Francis Street And Canal Street As Public Ways

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT FRANCIS STREET AND CANAL STREET AS PUBLIC WAYS.PDF](#)

7.14. Vote - Accept Gift Of \$22,500 From Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. - Fire

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT GIFT OF 22,500 FROM SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. - FIRE.PDF](#)

7.15. Vote - Accept Gift Of \$22,500 From Spectrum Health Systems, Inc. - LPD

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPT GIFT OF 22,500 FROM SPECTRUM HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC. - LPD.PDF](#)

7.16. Vote - Accept/Expend \$1,275,000 MassDOT Grant

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 1,275,000 MASSDOT GRANT.PDF](#)

7.17. Vote - Accept/Expend \$1,546,800 SSYI Grant - LPD

Documents:

[VOTE - ACCEPTEXPEND 1,546,800 SSYI GRANT - LPD.PDF](#)

7.18. Vote - Transfer 530K - Various Year End

Documents:

[VOTE - TRANSFER 530K - VARIOUS YEAR END.PDF](#)

8. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

8.1. Technology And Utilities SC May 26, 2026.

8.2. Public Safety SC June 16, 2026.

9. PETITIONS

9.1. Claims - (8) Property Damage.

9.2. Misc. - On The Bun (Owner - Hector Rodriguez) Request Installation Of An Overhanging Sign Located At 120 Merrimack Street.

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 ON THE BUN OWNER HECTOR R. RODRIGUEZ REQ TO INSTALL OVERHANGING SIGN AT 120 MERRIMACK ST.PDF](#)

9.3. Misc. -Virgin Cardona Request Installation Of A Handicap Parking Sign Located At 279 High Street (Apt. 1).

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 VIRGEN CARDONA REQ HANDICAP PARKING SIGN 270 HIGH STREET.PDF](#)

9.4. National Grid - Request Permission To Relocate 1 JO Pole On Meadowcroft Street Across From Exchange Place..

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 AGENDA NAT GRID RELOCATE POLE MEADOWCRAFT.PDF](#)

9.5. National Grid - Request Installation Of A Recloser At 88 Wood Street.

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 AGENDA NAT GRID RECLOSER WOOD.PDF](#)

9.6. National Grid - Request Installation Of Sidewalk Guy Wire On Ricardson Street At McPherson Park.

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 AGENDA GUY WIRE RICHARDSON.PDF](#)

9.7. National Grid - Request Installation Of A Heavy-Duty Handhole And Conduits On Meadowcroft Street At The Entrance To 52.1 Bolt Street.

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 AGENDA NAT GRID HANDOLE MEDOW BOLT ST.PDF](#)

9.8. Boston Gas - Request Replacing Existing Gas Main On Saunders Street.

Documents:

[2026 JUNE 16 AGENDA BOSTON GAS SAUNDERS.PDF](#)

10. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1. Executive Session – To Consider And Discuss The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property (40 Market Street; Smith Baker Center, 400 Merrimack Street; Senior Center, 276 Broadway Street) Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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