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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: July 14, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

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

1. ROLL CALL

Roll Call showed 11 present (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott).

M. Gitschier presiding.

C. Mercier requested moment of silence in darkened chamber for Shaun Shanahan (former City Building Inspector).

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote/Zoom Participation.

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. McDonough, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes of Non-Profit Organization SC June 30th; City Council Regular Meeting June 30th, for acceptance.

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Scott, seconded by C. Rourke. So voted.

Motion by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson to take Item #7.1 (I) out of order. So voted.



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4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS (Scheduled for 7PM)

4.1. Ordinance - Amend Chapter 125 - Canvassers and Solicitors.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to adopt by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted. C. Juran noted language and requirements in the ordinance. City Solicitor Williams commented on identification language in the ordinance. Clerk Geary provided outline of the ordinance. C. Rourke questioned if certain areas in the City could be off limits to solicitation.

Motion by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Robinson to bundle and hold hearing on Items #5.1 to #5.11, inclusive and refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation. So voted.

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING (Scheduled for 7PM)

5.1. National Grid - Request permission to relocate 1 JO pole on Meadowcroft Street across from Exchange Place.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted. Diana Duncan Cuddy (Boston Gas) was present to answer any questions on petitions. Brian Kapler (National Grid) was present to answer any questions on petitions. Christine Kristner, representing a climate justice group, opposed all petitions noting the environmental damage caused by replacing pipes. C. Juran questioned compliance with the regulations. Ms. Cuddy noted the process and the need to get final permit from engineering. C. Nuon questioned leak repairs. Ms. Cuddy commented on the issues with leaks. C. Rourke noted prior event regarding leaks and the cost to repair damage done by explosion.



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5.2. National Grid - Request installation of a recloser at 88 Wood Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.3. National Grid - Request installation of sidewalk guy wire on Ricardson Street at McPherson Park.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.4. National Grid - Request installation of a heavy-duty handhole and conduits on Meadowcroft Street at the entrance to 52.1 Bolt Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted. C. Scott questioned reasoning behind petition. Mr. Kapler noted it was for customer use.

5.5. Boston Gas - Request replacing existing gas main on Saunders Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux,



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M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.6. National Grid - Request installation of underground electric conduit from 240 Central Street to rear of 278 Central Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted. Franklin Bellose, tenant on Central Street, noted the need to keep alley way clear during construction. C. McDonough noted the importance of alley way.

5.7. Boston Gas - Request replacement of existing cast iron gas main with low pressure gas main at 31-52 Queen Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.8. Boston Gas - Request replacement of leak-prone gas main from Jackson Street to Central Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted. C. Juran noted the paving moratorium in that area. Ms. Cuddy noted time frame. Manager Golden, Jr. indicated that moratorium was not impacted.



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5.9. Boston Gas - Request replacement of existing coated steel 3-inch gas main from 230 to 245 Seventh Avenue.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.10. Boston Gas - Request replacement of existing leak-prone gas main from 214 to 221 Sixth Avenue.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

5.11. Boston Gas - Request replacement of existing steel gas main with plastic main at 190-261 Seventh Avenue.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Liang, C. Nuon). So voted.

6. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

6.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. have City Solicitor and License Commission re-visit the law concerning “Bar Licenses” (re: no bars in Lowell) that allow minors to be in said establishments and change this policy, establish a cut off time for minors, look at Curfew Ordinance, call it a bar and revert back to the way it was for the sake of our children.



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In City Council, seconded by C. Descoteaux, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Mercier noted the rules needed updates, and there is a need to look at language changes to protect young people. C. Mercier requested review by the Law Department and the License Commission. C. Robinson noted concern with underage events and that the State allows local regulations. C. Robinson noted most bars are compliant with the regulations; there is only the need to regulate bad bars. C. McDonough noted motion was not meant to hurt businesses, but loopholes must be closed and rules established to be followed. C. Descoteaux noted the ABCC at State level could be of assistance as well. City Solicitor Williams noted changes could be presented to the Council after meeting with appropriate partners. Motion was bundled with Item #6.10 and #6.19.

6.2. C. Mercier/C. Scott/C. Juran - Req. City Mgr. have the appropriate dept. look into creating a Passive, Bicentennial Park in the area of Middlesex and Jackson Sts. that would be a salute to women, marking the 200th Anniversary of the City of Lowell.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Mercier noted the tribute to women. C. Scott noted the contributions made by women. C. Juran noted the need to honor women in all forms.

6.3. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Provide an Update on ICC Status.

In City Council, seconded by C. Chau, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon commented that the City needs to be involved with discussions regarding the future of this site. C. Robinson noted conversations need to be opened and that there may be some debt on the property. Manager Golden, Jr. indicated that conversations have been ongoing.

Motion by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Mercier to take Item #8.5 out of order. So voted.

6.4. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Work with DPD to Identify a Plot of Land for Cambodian American Club.



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In City Council, seconded by C. Liang, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson did not agree with the use of City resources for this type of endeavor. City Solicitor Williams indicated that other methods of assistance could be used, but there are some constraints. C. Nuon noted the only request is to assist with identifying land and nothing beyond that. C. Robinson did not think that the City should be working for private owners. C. Scott noted that the economic development team in the City performs this task every day. C. Juran noted the administration have their procedures for this that apply to all interested parties. C. Liang noted that this should not be an issue. C. Rourke noted the response would provide proper procedures. C. Robinson noted that general request are different from specific ones. Yovani Baez-Rose (DPD) noted City always provides information regarding property available throughout the City. C. Juran noted the request should be for information and not for outcomes. C. Mercier noted the DPD works on these requests constantly. C. McDonough noted all assistance should be available. C. Nuon withdrew this motion after discussion with no objections.

Motion by C. Chau, seconded by C. Descoteaux to take Items #8.2 and #8.3 out of order. So voted.

6.5. C. Liang - Req. that the City Mgr. and the relevant department conduct a walk audit of (1) Columbus Avenue and (2) Samuel Street regarding street safety. Provide approximate timelines and both immediate and long-term solutions to address any identified issues.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang noted the need to explore solutions especially around Columbus Avenue. C. Juran referenced prior report regarding criteria used for road work and selection decisions.

6.6. C. Liang - Req. that the City Mgr. have appropriate departments provide a comprehensive list of advertisement vendors, including news outlets, media organizations, and social media platforms, that have been contracted by the City for various programs and services,



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how they were selected, along with the total expenditure associated with each agency or company over the past 24 months.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang wanted to see a more inclusive process for selection.

6.7. C. Liang - Req. that the City Mgr. and the relevant department conduct an investigation into the complaints regarding the use of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (Quad Bikes) from Swan Street to Boston Road, particularly in the vicinity of Edson Cemetery and Ventura Field.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang noted the concerns of the Swan Street residents.

6.8. C. Liang - Req. the City Mgr. work with the appropriate department to clear debris and dirt from the sidewalks at 230 Mount Vernon and 498 Broadway (the former Muldoon Gas Station) to ensure pedestrian safety. Additionally, conduct a thorough inspection of the property for any violations, including fencing issues, parking concerns, or sanitation problems that could adversely affect the values of the neighborhood and surrounding properties, particularly the corner store and Stoklosa Middle School.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang commented on the work being done and that there is a need for some safety improvements. C. Mercier noted area has needed improvements for many years.

6.9. C. Robinson - Req. the City Mgr. have the proper department provide a copy of the St. Louis Park renovation project contracts to the council as well as update on opening.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson questioned the delay for opening of site.



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6.10. C. Robinson - Req. the City Mgr. have the proper department provide a draft of re classifying establishments that serve alcohol and provide a pathway forward to regulating age requirements.

In City Council, seconded by C. Descoteaux, referred to City Manager. So voted. See discussion under Item #6.1.

6.11. C. Robinson - Req. the City Mgr. have the proper department provide an update on swapping out volleyball surface material at Gage as well as potential pathway to install a seasonal restroom facility.

In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted a small amount of work showed a big improvement, also noted the need for permanent bathroom on site.

6.12. C. Robinson - Req. the City Mgr. have the proper department provide a detailed report on reason for delayed opening of McPherson Pool.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted the unacceptable delay for opening pool and requested update.

6.13. C. Juran - Req. City Mgr. have the proper department(s) describe what happens to yard waste materials, and how residents can ensure that they're not spreading invasive plants through yard waste.

In City Council, seconded by C. Liang, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Juran noted the need to have control over the disposing of invasive plants.

6.14. C. Scott - Req. the City Mgr. have the appropriate department install mobile surveillance cameras at the Lundberg Street Bridge to deter illegal dumping.



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In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted this was a constant issue and that cameras could reduce illegal dumping.

6.15. C. Scott - Req. the City Mgr. provide a report on the feasibility of using Community Preservation Act funds for improvements, including the completion of the original O'Donnell Park renovation plans, the renovation of the restroom facilities and the installation of shade structures for the splash pad at O'Donnell, benches and basketball court improvements, as well as the installation of new playground equipment and other eligible park upgrades, including at Oliveira Park which has no equipment.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted the need to take full advantage of available funding.

6.16. C. Scott - Req. the City Mgr. provide the City Council with an update on the flooding issues on Bourne Street.

In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted that the rain causes issues.

6.17. C. Scott/C. McDonough - Req. the City Mgr. have the appropriate department provide a report explaining why demolition and hydrant permits have been issued for the property located at 2 Tanner Street while the City's data center moratorium remains in effect.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted it was a question of moratorium coverage. C. McDonough noted the need for some clarity on the moratorium.

6.18. C. McDonough/C. Scott - Req. the City Mgr. have the appropriate department draft regulation to prohibit the construction and/or installation of new diesel generators at any site or enterprise with a production capacity of 30 or more megawatt hours.



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In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. Adopted per Roll Call vote 10 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Scott), 1 nay (C. Rourke). So voted. C. McDonough noted the need to look at how land use is regulated in the City. C. Scott noted resident concerns with high emissions. C. Rourke noted the need not to be short sighted as world is pivoting regarding energy use for AI and that motion should not target companies. C. Scott noted any moving forward the residents must be heard. C. Chau questioned the effect on future development in City. Manager Golden, Jr. noted that it is possible for some kind of effect on future projects. Chair relinquished to Vice Chair Nuon at 8:44 PM. C. McDonough commented on energy use in the City by the hospital and the use of generators. M. Gitschier noted motion is a push for green energy which was supported by the Council. Chair returned at 8:47 PM. C. McDonough requested roll call.

6.19. C. McDonough/C. Descoteaux - Req. the City Mgr. work with the appropriate department and license commission to, as quickly as possible, take all necessary steps to create separate licensing requirements for bars/taverns/nightclubs and restaurants.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. See discussion under Item #6.1.

6.20. C. McDonough - Req. that the City Mgr. work with the appropriate department to make all necessary changes to allow resident parking along Richmond Ave. and Hudson St. on the perimeter of Rotary Park.

In City Council, seconded by C. Scott, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. McDonough commented on residents concerns.

6.21. C. McDonough - Req. the City Mgr. work with the appropriate department to explore the installation of an e-bike share location at



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the Leo Roy garage as a continuation of the partnership with a state funded initiative and the LRTA.

In City Council, seconded by C. Liang, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. McDonough noted improvements to the program and that it is all State funded. C. Liang noted safety and liability concerns. City Solicitor Williams commented on contract language regarding liability.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

7.1. Motion Responses.

A) Motion Response – 25MPH - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Liang, seconded by C. Chau. So voted. C. Juran noted progress in reducing speed in the City, and further noted working with MassDOT regarding mapping. Elizabeth Oltman (Transportation Engineer) noted difficulty in mapping locations.

B) Motion Response - E Merrimack - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted. C. Juran recognized the parking plan. Ms. Oltman noted time frame for completion of project.

C) Motion Response – Prism - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Scott, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted. C. McDonough commented there were a lot of moving parts regarding ownership of canals. Ms. Oltman commented on portion of canals that the City owns and need to repair same. C. Juran also questioned ownership status.

D) Motion Response - W Albert - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Chau. So voted. C. Chau recognized the report and the solutions being worked on. C. Descoteaux noted the calming measures were working. C. Juran noted the need for resident assistance.

E) Motion Response - Riverside - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Liang, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted. C.



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McDonough commented on the concerns of residents especially regarding triangle intersections.

F) Motion Response Concord St - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Liang, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted. C. Mercier commented that it was not the answer she was looking for.

G) Motion Response - MBTA Installation Fencing Barriers and Other Safety Measures - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Juran. So voted. C. Scott commented on the report and the plan.

H) Motion Response - Vacant Lot Hildreth St - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Chau, seconded by C. Juran. So voted. C. Robinson commented on the clean-up. C. Mercier noted the size and the location of the property.

I) Motion Response - GLWFB - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted. C. Juran commented on the audit of the organization. Asst. City Manager Machado noted the audit and the corrections made to comply with findings. Chair relinquished to Vice Chair Nuon at 6:40 PM. M. Gitschier noted prior audit and plans moving forward. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on assistance from the State. Ass. City Solicitor Broderick commented on compliance and that major concerns were addressed. M. Gitschier noted information must be provided to the Council and that all grants must be protected. Asst. City Solicitor Broderick noted the grant process. M. Gitschier noted that the Greater Lowell Work Force and the Career Center are distinct organizations that work together. Asst. City Solicitor commented on the differences of the organizations as well as their responsibilities. C. Nuon questioned if possible to consolidate the two. Manager Golden, Jr. noted it was not allowed under law. Chair returned at 6:46 PM.

C. Robinson requested personal privilege to inquire discussions regarding Markley. City Solicitor Williams noted it would be proper to discuss in an open session.



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Motion by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Descoteaux to bundle and take out of order Items #6.1; #6.10; and #6.19. So voted.

J) Motion Response - Fire House Repairs - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Liang. So voted. **Motion** by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Robinson to refer matter to Public Safety SC. So voted. C. Nuon commented on financing report. Conor Baldwin (CFO) noted finance and the discussion to be done in a subcommittee while also looking at construction of a new facility. C. McDonough questioned if Preservation Funding could be used to enhance facilities. Manager Golden, Jr. noted such funds would be available for some projects.

7.2. Informational Report.

Informational Report - Traffic Calming - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Liang. So voted. Manager Golden, Jr. Outlined the report and improvements. Ms. Oltman commented on work being done with Engineering Department regarding ADA compliance. C. Juran commented on the criteria and list of projects. C. Nuon noted the work being done regarding speed bumps. C. Robinson noted the effectiveness of installing speed bumps. C. McDonough noted the need to manage cut through streets.

7.3. Communication - City Manager request approval of Out of State Travel (1) MIS.

In City Council, **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Mercier. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Juran, M. Gitschier, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

7.4. Communication - Appointment of Rithy Uong to License Commission.



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In City Council, **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Mercier. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Juran, M. Gitschier, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

7.5. Communication - Resignation of Andrew Taing from License Commission.

In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Scott, seconded by C. McDonough. So voted

8. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Vote - Accept/Expend \$117,645 Tobacco Control Grant FY27.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Rourke. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

8.2. Vote - Transfer \$1,026,000 - Various Year End.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

8.3. Vote - Transfer \$172k - Wastewater Energy.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

8.4. Vote - Authorize CM to File Special Legislation - Vincent Fernandez.



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In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. Adopted per Roll Call vote 8 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 abstain (C. Juran, C. Nuon), 1 nay (M. Gitschier). So voted. C. Descoteaux noted prior request and if this would set precedent. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on the State process and what they would allow or not allow. C. Juran noted she was not familiar enough with the process or the financial implications.

8.5. Vote - Confirm Executive Session Vote for Smith Baker Center.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Scott, seconded by C. Mercier. Adopted per Roll Call vote 10 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 1 abstain (C. Juran). So voted. Registered speakers, Dennis McCarthy (commented - thanked the Council for the support) and Owen Kelly (commented - presented slides of renderings for the building renovation), addressed the Council. C. Juran noted the need to change date on vote to reflect the Executive Session on the matter. C. Juran requested materials (Lowell Center for the Arts at the Smith Baker Center Proposal) sent to Council prior to vote be a part of the minutes. (**See Link at bottom**) C. Juran noted concern with funding and timelines for the project. City Solicitor Williams commented on LDA with group and issues with defaults under the agreement. C. Juran questioned when there would be an occupancy permit. Mr. Kelly noted a two-year period. C. Juran questioned purchase price for site. Ms. Baez-Rose noted funds would be going to federal government for repayment of grants. C. McDonough commented on possible reversion of property if there is a default. C. Scott noted the effect of demolition alternative of the site. C. Juran noted if property reverts back to City it will be subject to a mortgage.

9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

9.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning - Curb Cuts.



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In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on July 28, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Scott. So voted.

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

In City Council, none.

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Misc. - Tracy Smith request installation of a handicap parking sign at 24 Pollard Street.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Transportation Engineer for report and recommendation by C. Nuon, seconded by C. McDonough. So voted.

11.2. Misc. - Jaime-Lyn Norton Request Installation of a Handicap Parking Sign at 32 Griffin Street.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Transportation Engineer for report and recommendation by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted.

11.3. Misc. - Monica Swaida - Req. 15 Minute Parking Sign at 219 Central Street.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Transportation Engineer for report and recommendation by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted.

11.4. Misc. - James Morgan requests No Parking Sign, on Orford St. and 2nd Ave. from the last driveway on Orford St. up to 2nd Ave.

In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Transportation Engineer for report and recommendation by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted.

11.5. Misc. - Raul E. Velez, D.C. (The Chiropractic Healing Center) Req. to install overhanging sign at 45 Palmer St.



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In City Council, **Motion** to refer to Law Department for report and recommendation by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted.

11.6. National Grid - Request installation of conduit to energize new transformer at 1365 Middlesex Street.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on July 28, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted.

12. CITY COUNCIL - EXECUTIVE SESSION

12.1. Executive Session – To Consider And Discuss The Purchase, Exchange, Lease, Or Value Of Real Property (40 Market Street; HCID Parcels 11, 12; Acre Urban Renewal Parcels; UHC-TIF Plan), Public Discussion Of Which Could Have A Detrimental Effect On The City's Position.

In City Council, M. Gitschier stated purpose of the session, **Motion** to enter executive session and adjourn from that session by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Liang. (9:30 PM). Adopted per Roll Call vote 11 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott). So voted.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS

In City Council, C. Mercier noted upcoming dedication of the City Hall Clock Tower in remembrance of Walter Burns.

14. ADJOURNMENT

In City Council, **Motion** to Adjourn from Executive Session by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

Meeting adjourned from Executive Session at 10:30 PM.



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