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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: September 22, 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 Stephen A. Kandrotas.

2. MAYOR'S BUSINESS

2.1. Communication Remote/Zoom Participation.

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

2.2. Recognition - Sergeant Major Dors G. "Gene" Musgray.

In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Robinson. So voted. Lowell High School ROTC presented colors in the Chamber. M. Gitschier read citation and presented Key to the City to Sergeant Major Musgray. Sergeant Major Musgray addressed and thanked the Council. **Motion** by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Rourke to address Item #6.19 with this item. So voted.

2.3. Presentation - Latinx Center of Lowell.



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In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Chau, seconded by C. Juran. So voted. Registered speaker, Diego Leonardo - Chair of the Latinx Community Center For Empowerment - (commented on the organization and upcoming events), addressed the Council. M. Gitschier presented the citation.

Motion by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Mercier to take Item #11.2 out of order. So voted.

3. CITY CLERK

3.1. Minutes of City Council Regular Meeting September 8th; Neighborhoods SC September 15th, for acceptance.

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

4. GENERAL PUBLIC HEARINGS (Scheduled for 7PM)

4.1. Ordinance - Amend Zoning - Curb Cuts.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to adopt by C. Scott, seconded by C. Rourke. 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. **Motion** by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Scott to take Item #7.4 here for discussion. So voted. C. Juran questioned the benefit of wider curb cuts and noted the Planning Board discussion indicating that there would be an effect on street parking. Manager Golden, Jr. noted the issue and indicated the ordinance came about through Council request. C. Scott noted the cuts differed from district to district and that was unfair. C. Robinson noted goal to put their cars on their property as it will assist with work that would be done on the road. C. McDonough commented on the issue with curb cuts and parking.

5. UTILITY PUBLIC HEARING (Scheduled for 7PM)



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5.1. National Grid - Request installation of two 4-inch conduits on South Highland Street near Gorham Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted. Alex Birdsong (National Grid) represented the petitioner.

5.2. Boston Gas - Replace existing gas mains on Aiken Street and Avenue, Dalton Street and Court, Exeter Street, due to CSO sewer work.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted. Robert Carlson (Boston Gas) represented the petitioner. C. Robinson noted the cooperation of the utility companies regarding work need to be done around the sewer separation projects.

5.3. Boston Gas - Replace replacement of existing 55 feet of gas main with new gas main at 47 Fulton Street.

In City Council, Given second reading, hearing held. **Motion** to refer to Wire Inspector for report and recommendation by C. McDonough, seconded by C. Liang. So voted. Robert Carlson (Boston Gas) represented the petitioner.

6. CITY COUNCIL - MOTIONS

6.1. C. Mercier - Req. City Mgr. find ways and means to purchase and place outdoor exercise equipment strategically placed out along walking path at Fr. Maquire Park.

In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Mercier noted it was a resident request to spread the equipment throughout the park.



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Motion to take Item #9.1 out of order by C. McDonough, seconded by C. Liang. So voted.

6.2. C. Scott - Req. City Mgr. contact the state's Executive Office of Health and Human Services and Lowell's state delegation to advocate for 24-hour shelter services as a condition of state funding, and for access to using state hospitals or properties for shelter programming and expedite these efforts to support Lowell's Winter Protocol Program for this year.

In City Council, seconded by C. Chau, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted the need to research different options and that pressure should be put on State as the City is very productive during this time. C. Rourke noted the closeness of Tewksbury State Hospital.

6.3. C. Scott / C. McDonough - Req. City Mgr. explore ways to permanently commemorate, in the Back Central neighborhood, the contributions of Lowell's Portuguese community who helped build and grow the area.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Scott noted the contributions of St. Anthony's Church in that area. C. Scott noted the number of resources available and that the community celebrates their history. C. McDonough noted it was a vibrant community energized by the neighborhood. C. Mercier commented on the effort of the Portuguese people to develop that area.

6.4. C. Scott / C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. suspend the use of the Flock Safety system while the city completes a thorough policy review of its usage, the company's use of data, and the audit process of the data.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. Adopted per Roll Call vote 6 yeas (M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Nuon, C. Scott), 5 nays (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Mercier, C. Robinson, C. Rourke). So voted. Registered speakers, Ron Peacetree (commented - noted his expertise and favored the technology but it needs oversight) and



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Tina Degree (commented - violated peoples' rights and that there are many violations), addressed the Council. **Motion** by C. Mercier, seconded by C. Nuon to suspend rule and allow Ken Seagal and Emily Gertanmak to address the body. So voted. Mr. Seagal noted the importance of the equipment to combat crime and that any violations are over exaggerated. Ms. Gertanmak noted issue is with the sharing of data. C. Scott noted the support of the use of cameras; however, the issue would be the sharing of data with other agencies and that suspending use while policies are updated would be proper. C. Nuon noted benefit of the system when used correctly. C. Juran questioned the process to suspend use of the camera. Manager Golden, Jr. Indicated that policies and answer to questions are being worked on currently and that suspending use of the system would not be beneficial. C. Juran noted prior direction to bring matter into an executive session. C. Robinson was not supportive of the use of the camera even though it was a valuable tool that is only has good as the policies developed. C. Robinson noted issues could be worked out while system is still in use. C. Rourke noted that the LPD Superintendent indicated that the use of the camera was effective and necessary. C. Chau noted it was a balance between safety and privacy and that more information is needed. Chair was relinquished to Vice Chair Nuon at 9:06 PM. M. Gitschier noted an executive session was needed and that it should not be shut down with no alternative. Manager Golden, Jr. noted his conversations with the Superintendent and that matters are being addressed while system is still in operation. Chair returned at 9:11 PM. C. Scott questioned how an audit of the data is done. Manager Golden, Jr. outlined the process and how department handles request for data. C. Nuon noted a balance was needed and that an executive session would provide necessary information. C. Scott supported discussion in executive session. C. McDonough did not support the use of the camera as there are other tools with less risk. C. Rourke noted suspension of the system would lead to bad consequences.

6.5. C. Liang - Req. City Mgr. have the relevant departments ensure maintenance and upkeep of Olga Nieves Park.



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In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang noted the issue was resolved and withdrew motion with no objections.

6.6. C. Liang - Req. City Mgr. have the relevant departments reassess safety at Dublin and Adams Streets intersection, possibly converting it into a 4-way stop.

In City Council, seconded by C. Descoteaux, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Liang noted Adams Street was a cut through and that needs to be addressed.

6.7. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. have proper department repair damaged fence at the STEM Academy.

In City Council, seconded by C. Mercier, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Nuon noted the condition of the fence and commented on the picture indicating that it has been in that condition for a while.

6.8. C. Nuon - Req. City Mgr. Have the Commissioner of Public Works provide City Council with a report detailing the preparations occurring within the department for the upcoming winter weather and snowstorm season; said report should include a breakdown of the department's available personnel, equipment and anticipated improvements in snow and ice removal operations.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Juran noted a prior motion has not been answered regarding data concerning resources used for snow removal.

6.9. C. Juran - Req. City Manager, City Clerk and City Auditor prepare by end of October a list of goals for 2027 to help the City Council prepare for the evaluation process to be conducted later this year.



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In City Council, seconded by C. Liang, referred to City Manager/City Clerk/City Auditor. So voted. C. Juran noted obligation to review that personnel and that reviews assist with job performance.

6.10. C. Juran - Req. City Mgr. have proper departments clarify for residents and employees, prior to each election, that the regulation of canvassers and solicitors applies only to people selling goods or services and not to political canvassing.

In City Council, seconded by C. McDonough, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Juran noted all interested parties should be aware what the ordinance is used for and not used for.

6.11. C. Descoteaux - Req. City Mgr. have Election Director provide a report regarding DOJ's presence and activities in Lowell during the recent election on 9/1/26.

In City Council, seconded by C. Juran, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Descoteaux questioned the amount of involvement of the DOJ. William Rosenberry (Dir. Of Elections) provided report regarding the oversight by the DOJ indicating it was routine monitoring and discussions following noted that there were no issues of concern.

6.12. C. Descoteaux - Req. City Mgr. have the Law Department draft amendment to City's zoning ordinance to increase setback requirement rules in light of ADU law.

In City Council, seconded by C. Juran, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Descoteaux commented on current law and provided picture of a structure in the Highlands. C. Descoteaux noted that these structures take away from the character of the neighborhood. C. McDonough noted his opposition to the motion and wished to be recorded as a nay.

6.13. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. have the proper department explore a means to install a bench at the reservoir on the shady area of the walking path on the Reservoir Street side.



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In City Council, seconded by C. Rourke, referred to City Manager. So voted.

6.14. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. have the proper department provide an updated fire hydrant operational inventory report to the Council.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted.

6.15. C. Robinson - Req. City Mgr. have the proper department examine and provide a corrective action plan for the walkway in front of 715 Lakeview Avenue to Ennell Street.

In City Council, seconded by C. Scott, referred to City Manager. So voted.

6.16. C. Robinson / M. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. have the proper department provide a list of suitable alternatives to Flock that don't share information to any kind of database.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. So voted. C. Robinson noted the need for suitable alternatives.

6.17. M. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. provide the City Council with a list of all expired board members.

In City Council, seconded by C. Nuon, referred to City Manager. So voted.

6.18. M. Gitschier - Req. City Mgr. have the City Engineer provide the City Council with an updated accident reporting since the new signals were installed on Westford Street at Stedman Street.

In City Council, seconded by C. Descoteaux, referred to City Manager. So voted.



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6.19. Lowell City Council (M. Gitschier, C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott) - Through both the Mayor's Office and City Manager make a request to our federal delegation to award Sergeant Major Dors "Gene" Musgray the United States Congressional Medal of Honor.

In City Council, no second needed, referred to City Manager. 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. See discussion under Item #2.2. C. Rourke noted total support of the Council with this motion and that Sergeant Major Musgray should be recognized for his service and is past due for the Congressional Medal of Honor. C. Robinson noted a wrong should be righted and that the community should bring full support for Congress to present this honor. C. Descoteaux noted the matter should be dealt with swiftly as it is past due. M. Gitschier commented on the support of the state and federal delegation.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER

7.1. Motion Responses.

A) Motion Response - Letter MBTA Additional Safety Measures - In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted. C. Robinson noted the letter sent and that it was important to send it. C. Juran noted the injuries sustained by the Lowell resident.

B) Motion Response - O'Donnell and Oliveria - In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Nuon. So voted. C. Scott noted the project and the steps taken.

C) Motion Response - LFD OT Update - In City Council, **Motion** "To accept and place on file" by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted. C. Mercier noted some reduction on the overtime. C. Juran indicated that the report is concerning as it shows overtime trending upwards to unsustainable levels and that it needs a solution. C. Nuon noted concern as well especially during September and there must be a



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plan to rectify increases. C. Descoteaux noted early optimism with union but that is gone as overtime increases especially as it relates to sick leave. Chief Charron (LFD) commented on the number of disciplinary actions currently in the ranks concerning sick leave. C. Descoteaux noted abuse and that if there is abuse there should be firings. C. Rourke noted prior comments of the union president and that those comments did not come true. C. Rourke commented all the union was given and that there was nothing in return as promised. C. McDonough noted the contract language needs to change and that it needs a fix. M. Gitschier noted the upcoming retirement of Chief Charron and thanked him for his service. Chief Charron thanked body for the opportunity.

7.2. Informational Reports.

Informational Report - City Wide Request Activity YTD - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted. Manager Golden, Jr. commented on the excellent work of his staff in putting report together. C. Robinson questioned how vendors of the City’s performance are measured. Manager Golden, Jr. noted reaching many benchmarks that were put in place.

Informational Report - Data Center - In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Chau. So voted. Yovanni Baez-Rose (DPD) noted an upcoming public meeting regarding data centers and noted there is an online draft of zoning regulations for data centers.

Motion to Waive Rule 5 and continue discussion beyond 10:00 PM by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Rourke (10:00 PM). Adopted per Roll Call vote 9 yeas (C. Chau, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Robinson, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 2 nays (C. Descoteaux, M. Gitschier). So voted.

7.3. Communication - Resignations of Members from Various Boards and Commissions.



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In City Council, **Motion** “To accept and place on file” by C. Liang, seconded by C. Juran. So voted. Hunter Berube resigned from Youth Commission and Sean Callahan resigned from Zoning Board of Appeals. Manager Golden, Jr. indicated that Mr. Callahan had rescinded his resignation. C. Descoteaux noted the term of Mr. Callahan could be extended. C. Juran questioned the effectiveness of the resignation. City Solicitor Williams commented on rescinding resignations. C. McDonough noted the need to open boards to new members. Chair relinquished to Vice Chair Nuon at 10:05 PM. M. Gitschier noted the Manager had accepted the resignation. Chair returned at 10:10 PM.

7.4. Communication - Planning Board Decision regarding proposed zoning code amendment for extending maximum curb cuts in zoning districts.

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

7.5. Communication - City Manager request approval of (1) Out of State Travel LPD.

In City Council, **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. McDonough, seconded by C. Robinson. 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.

Motion to bundle and waive second reading of Items #8.1 - #8.3; and #8.6 by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Mercier. So voted.

8. VOTES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

8.1. Vote - Accept Gift of \$1000 from Conant Family.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon. 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.



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8.2. Vote - Accept/Expend \$142,409 BHOAP Grant.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon. 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 benefit to unhoused elderly which is an area of great concern.

8.3. Vote - Accept/Expend \$51,225 FY26 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon. 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 - Amend Council Meetings Oct., Nov., Dec. 2026.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Scott. Defeated (did not meet 2/3rd) per Roll Call vote 6 yeas (C. Chau, C. Descoteaux, C. Mercier, C. Nuon, C. Rourke, C. Scott), 5 nays (M. Gitschier, C. Juran, C. Liang, C. McDonough, C. Robinson). So voted. C. McDonough objected to second reading. C. Rourke requested point of personal privilege questioning why that was done and noting that the subcommittee has no right to decide ahead of the full Council. City Solicitor Williams indicated the objection to second reading is within Council Rules. C. McDonough outlined reasons for his objections and then withdrew that objection. C. Juran commented on the rules and questioned applicability of Rule 33. C. Scott noted it was only a request to the end of the year. C. Robinson questioned status of the subcommittee. M. Gitschier outlined status of the subcommittee discussions.

8.5. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. 8 Year Contract with Lowell Management Group, Inc.



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In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Mercier. 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.

8.6. Vote - Authorize CM Ex. Contract with Passport Labs, Inc.

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon. 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.

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

In City Council, Given 2nd reading. **Motion** “To Adopt” by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Nuon. 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 nay (C. Juran). So voted. Registered speaker, Vincent Fernandez (commented - on the incident, the false statements made by the retirement board and his dealings with PERAC regarding claim), addressed the Council. Registered speaker, Amy Fernandez (commented - on the disability and the effect on the family noting it was a partial pension), addressed the Council. Registered speaker, William Desrosiers (commented - he was chair of Retirement Board and that they opposed the petition noting the law and the costs to the board, and he clarified earlier remarks made), addressed the Council. C. McDonough questioned time element of the claim. C. Juran commented on the special legislation noting it was a tough situation for the family, but she has a fiduciary duty to protect the finances for all the City. C. Descoteaux questioned if special legislation could delete retroactive part of the bill. C. McDonough noted the petition has been in front of Council many times and that perhaps best suited in a joint Finance / Public Safety SC. C. Rourke commented on the injuries of someone who served this City and that the right thing must be done regardless of costs. C. Scott noted City must do what is right. C. Nuon commented on the violent act that changed his



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entire life and that of his family. C. Robinson questioned the extent of the legislative action. City Solicitor Williams indicated they were case by case specific. C. Liang noted it was not right to prevent it from moving forward.

Motion by C. Descoteaux, seconded by C. Juran to take Item #6.11 out of order. So voted.

8.8. Vote - Transfer \$43k – Salaries.

In City Council, Manager Golden, Jr. withdrew vote. C. Descoteaux questioned reasoning of the vote. M. Gitschier explained the position.

9. ORDINANCES FROM THE CITY MANAGER

9.1. Ordinance - Amend Chapter 176 - Tenant Rights and Housing Stability Notification.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Housing SC by C. Robinson, seconded by C. McDonough. So voted. Registered speakers, Leakena Lunde (commented - noted support to enable fair housing rights and stability); Mary Carmen Alzate (commented - through interpreter (Diego Leonardo) noted tenants need to know their basic rights); and Tim Collins (commented - it was about tenants' rights which are important), addressed the Council. **Motion** by C. Robinson, seconded by C. Nuon to allow Ms. Rodrago to address the Council. So voted. Ms. Rodrago noted she was an advocate for her family and that tenants are protected when they have knowledge. C. McDonough noted the effort of the administration to provide an important ordinance for housing rights. C. Juran questioned process for the beginning this ordinance. C. McDonough noted he was following Council Rules. City Solicitor Williams outlined various means for placing items on agenda. C. Mercier noted the importance of the message. C. Robinson commented on the penalties within the ordinance and that enforcement will be important. City Solicitor Williams outlined the progressive penalty schedule. C. Robinson requested a subcommittee hearing. C. McDonough noted if there is a hearing it should be done in a



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quick fashion. C. Chau supports Housing SC has some questions remain. C. Nuon noted this was an important start to protect tenants' rights. C. Liang noted the importance of the ordinance. C. Juran noted penalties were progressive in the ordinance. C. Robinson noted possible changes to penalty language.

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

10. REPORTS (SUB/COMMITTEE, IF ANY)

10.1. Neighborhoods SC September 15, 2026.

In City Council, C. Scott requested matter be heard at next meeting. No objections.

10.2. Wire Inspector Reports:

- 1) National Grid - Request the installation of a new utility pole at 26 Caddell Avenue; and**
- 2) Boston Gas - Request to replace old cast iron gas main with new plastic gas main on Middlesex Street from Maude Street to Saunders Street.**

In City Council, **Motion** to accept and adopt orders by C. Nuon, seconded by C. Chau. So voted.

11. PETITIONS

11.1. Claim - (1) Property Damage.

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

11.2. Misc. - Edward "Bud" Caulfield request permission to address the City Council regarding motorized scooters and bicycles.

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



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Caulfield noted current ordinance and that changes may be needed to tighten it based on a current situation he encountered which endangered his safety. City Solicitor Williams outlined what the ordinance covered. C. McDonough requested report regarding enforcement of the ordinance.

11.3. Misc. - Mary Avelino request removal of handicap parking sign at 19 Washington Street.

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

11.4. Boston Gas - Request to relocate gas main on Stockbridge Avenue.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on October 6, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted.

11.5. Boston Gas - Request to replace gas mains along Lawrence and Woburn Streets.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on October 6, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted.

11.6. Boston Gas - Request to replace gas mains on Leroy, Canal and Grove Streets.

In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on October 6, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted.

11.7. Boston Gas - Request to replace gas mains on Llewellyn, Beacon, Third and Bennett Streets.



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In City Council, Given 1st Reading. **Motion** to refer to Public Hearing on October 6, 2026 @ 7 PM by C. Liang, seconded by C. Descoteaux. So voted.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

In City Council, C. Mercier wished C. Scott a happy birthday on behalf of the Council and noted the Alternative House Vigil. C. Juran noted upcoming dedication of the Peace Garden on Fort Hill, the tour of Duck Island Water Treatment Plant, Nigerian Flag Raising and the UNESCO Learning Center.

C. Rourke requested moment of personal privilege to announce his resignation from the Lowell City Council, effective immediately. C. Rourke thanked colleagues and administration through his terms of service. C. Rourke noted many accomplishments of the Council and lauded the leadership of City Manager Golden. C. Rourke noted it was right time for him to leave after many years of service to focus on other matters, especially his family, April, Haley and Zach. C. Descoteaux noted the difference C. Rourke made in the City. C. Scott wished him well and that she enjoyed serving with him. C. Chau commented on his service to the City and his leadership as Mayor. C. Juran thanked C. Rourke for his service and noted the help he afforded her as a new member. C. Liang noted it was a short time he has known him and that he had a good heart. C. McDonough commented C. Rourke always did what was in the best interest of the City. C. Mercier noted he was a great colleague and friend, and she has much love for him. C. Nuon noted his work with others and thanked him for his service. C. Robinson noted his relationship with C. Rourke and commented on his leadership. M. Gitschier noted the many years of service with him and how he was a big help to him. Manager Golden, Jr. Commented on his help to the City and himself and stated that Lowell thanked him and his family.

13. ADJOURNMENT



Michael Q. Geary
City Clerk

Angela M. Gitschier
Assistant City Clerk

In City Council, **Motion** to Adjourn by C. Rourke, seconded by C. Scott. So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 PM.

Michael Q. Geary, City Clerk