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**AMENDED
AGENDA**

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 13, 2023

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, 6:30 P.M.

Leominster Flag Football League Girls' 14U

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:45 P.M.

- 17-23 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Chalmers St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Chalmers St and Relocate 1 JO pole on Chalmers St beginning at a point approximately 35 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Hoover St and continuing approximately 10 feet in a north direction. Install Pole # 15-02 to reconfigure services to house & reduce sag in overhead lines.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked - Chalmers St - Leominster - Massachusetts. *(Public Service Committee, Regular Course 01/23/2023; Public Hearing February 13, 2023, at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:50 P.M.

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Elm St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Elm St beginning at a point approximately 275 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Hill St and continuing approximately 30 feet in a south direction. Install Pole# 54-5 for new underground service.

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PUBLIC FORUM, 6:55 P.M.

The public forum is an opportunity for any member of the audience to speak on a matter specifically listed on the Council Agenda. Speakers will be asked to come to the microphone and state their formal name and address along with identifying the specific item(s) they wish to address. Each speaker is respectfully asked to keep their comments within a two (2) minute time frame. The Council will not be responding or answering any questions; however, at the discretion of the Council President, clarification may be given.

I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

- January 23, 2023

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Money Orders

- C-42 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$32,163.00 be made to the Cemetery Capital PY- Building Rehab Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account. *(Finance, Regular Course 02/13/2023; Majority Vote)*
- C-43 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$9,000.00 be made to the Police Department Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance, Regular Course 02/13/2023; 2/3 Vote)*
- C-44 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$7,100.00 be made to the Collective Bargaining Contract Services Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. RE: Assessment Center for the Police Chief. *(Finance, Regular Course 02/13/2023; 2/3 Vote)*

Resolution

- C-45 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the City Council support a resolution to adopt the City of Leominster's final Hazard Mitigation Plan. *(Ways & Means. Regular Course 02/13/2023; Majority Vote)*

Appointments

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the City Council approve the attached membership of the School Building Committee for Fall Brook Elementary School. (See Attached). *(Ways & Means, Regular Course 02/13/2023; Majority Vote)*

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request the appointment of the following individuals to the Zoning Board of Appeals, terms to expire April 15, 2026.

Mark Piscione 35 Oakwind Hollow Road Leominster, MA

Suzanne Koehler 541 Merriam Avenue Leominster, MA

(Ways & Means, Regular Course 02/13/2023; Interview 02/27/2023 at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)

VI. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, continued

Appointments, continued

Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request the appointment of Robert Sicard, 261 Granite Street, Leominster, MA to the Conservation Commission. Term to expire April 15, 2026. (*Ways & Means, Regular Course 02/13/2023; Interview 02/27/2023 at 6:50 PM; Majority Vote*)

Suspension of the Rules and Emergency Preamble

C-46 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$20,000.00 be made to the Building Department Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance, Regular Course 02/13/2023; Ratification if applicable 02/27/2023; 2/3 Vote*)

VII. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

VIII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

IX. FINANCIAL REPORT

X. FINANCE

C-40 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$51,536.00 be made to the Police Department Replacement Equipment Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 01/23/2023; 2/3 Vote*)

XI. LEGAL AFFAIRS

C-41 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the council authorize the appropriate department(s) to research, develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the City and for other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, and authorize the Mayor to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same. (*Legal Affairs; Regular Course 01/23/2023; Majority Vote*)

XII. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

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XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of an Ordinance

- C-35 Dean J. Mazzarella. Mayor: Request that the following section of the City of Leominster Revised Ordinance, Chapter 8: Fire Protection, Section 8-19: Fees for ambulance service:

The chief of the fire department shall establish the rates to be charged as fees for the city fire department ambulance service within the commonwealth. The rates to be established shall be the local or city limit charge or other city and town charges for ambulance service set at current recommended allowances as set forth by the Medicare program, plus an additional one hundred fifty percent of such charges for Basic Life Support (BLS) service and an additional one hundred fifty percent of such charges for Advance Life Support (ALS) service. The chief of the fire department shall furnish the city treasurer with a list of the persons transported monthly and the fee to be charged, and the city collector shall bill and collect the same.

Be amended to the following:

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XV. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk