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AGENDA

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 13, 2023

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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INTERVIEWS, 6:35 P.M.

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(Ways & Means; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Interview 03/13/2023 @ 6:40 PM; Majority Vote)

INTERVIEWS, 6:45 P.M.

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Matthew Valeri 92 Keeneland Circle Leominster, MA

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PUBLIC HEARING, 6:50 P.M.

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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 - Litchfield St - Leominster - Massachusetts. No.# 30378259 February 9, 2023.

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes. *(Public Service Committee; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Public Hearing 03/13/2023 at 6:50 PM; Majority Vote)*

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
- February 27, 2023

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Money Orders

C-53 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Public Safety Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. *(Finance Committee; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote)*

C-54 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that an appropriation of \$400,000.00 be made to the following accounts:

Snow & Ice Expense Account: \$250,000.00
Snow & Ice Overtime Account: \$150,000.00

(Finance Committee; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote)

C-55 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that an appropriation of \$409,033.54 be made to the Treasurer Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from Excess and Deficiency. *(Finance Committee; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote)*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, continued

- C-56 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that an appropriation of \$10,998.83 be made to the Disability Commission Parking Fines Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from Excess and Deficiency. (*Finance Committee; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote*)

Exemptions

- C-57 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that Angela Velez be exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 267A, (20B) Conflict of Interest. Ms. Velez is currently employed by the City of Leominster's Assessor's Office and will be taking a position as a Warden for the election. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote*)

VI. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

- 22-23 Deghan Inc, DBA Hannoush Jewelers: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 100 Commercial Road, Leominster, MA. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course; 03/13/2023; Majority Vote*)
- 23-23 George' Fine Jewelers, Inc: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 255 North Street, Leominster, MA (*Ways & Means; Regular Course; 3/13/2023; Majority Vote*)
- 24-23 Crowne Jewelers: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 12 Lindell Avenue, Leominster, MA (*Ways & Means; Regular Course; 3/13/2023; Majority Vote*)
- 25-23 George's Fine Jewelers, Inc DBA House of Relics: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 1292 Main Street, Leominster, MA. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course; 3/13/2023: Majority Vote*)
- 26-23 Everything Cutie, Inc.: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 901 Central Street, Leominster, MA. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 03/13/2023: Majority Vote*)
- 27-23 Everything Cutie, Inc, Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 1021 Central Street, Leominster, MA. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 03/13/2023: Majority Vote*)
- 28-23 Ginny's Helping Hand Inc, Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 52 Mechanic Street, Leominster, MA (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 03/13/2023: Majority Vote*)

VII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

IX. FINANCE

- C-47 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$12,000.00 be made to the City Council Advertising Account; the same to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. *(Finance; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)*
- C-50 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$4,000,000 be made to the Stabilization Fund; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance). *(Finance; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)*
- C-51 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$382,351.90 be made to the Water Department Capital Outlay Expense Account. The same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. *(Finance; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)*
- C-52 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$902,226.56 be made to the Sewer Department Capital Outlay Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account. *(Finance; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)*

X. LEGAL AFFAIRS

- C-41 Dean J. Mazzarella, 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; Further Time 02/13/2023; 02/27/2023; 03/13/2023; Subcommittee Meeting 03/15/2023 @ 6:00PM; Majority Vote)*

LEGAL AFFAIRS, continued

- C-48 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the City Council accept Orchard Hill Park Extension. See “Leominster City Council Orchard Hill Park Drive Extension” as attached. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)*
- C-49 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the City Council grant the Order of Taking in relation to the extension of Orchard Hill Park Drive. See “ORDER OF TAKING” as attached. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/27/2023; 2/3 Vote)*
- 19-23 William Brady, Ward 1 Councillor: Request to Amend Chapter 13 entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”, Section 13-34 “No parking on certain streets” by inserting the following:

“No parking on Lock Drive, on both sides, for the entirety of the street”
(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Further Time 03/13/2023; Public Hearing 03/27/2023 at 6:50 PM; Majority Vote)

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XII. WAYS & MEANS

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WAYS & MEANS, continued

Second Hand Dealers

- 21-23 Peyton's Flea Market: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 107 Union Street. (Ways & Means; Regular course; 02/27/2023; Majority Vote)

Election of City Clerk

Election of City Clerk- Katelyn Huffman – term to expire April 15, 2028 (Ways & Means; Regular Course 03/13/2023; Majority Vote)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk