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AGENDA
CITY OF LEOMINSTER
CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:50 P.M.

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Mechanic St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Mechanic St beginning at a point approximately 130' feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Johnny Appleseed Lane and continuing approximately 45 feet in a north direction. Install midspan pole approximately 40' west of Pole # 89-50 for new service from DOT traffic cameras on I-190. 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- Mechanic St – Leominster - Massachusetts. No. 30611455 July 28, 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 08/28/2023; Public Hearing; 09/11/2023, at 6:50 PM. Majority Vote)

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Maple Ave - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Maple Ave beginning at a point approximately 200' feet north of the centerline of the intersection of Maple Ave and West St. Install new Pole # 1-84 on Maple Ave.

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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

Moment of Silence For All Those That Died on September 11, 2001.

IV. APPROVAL OF RECORDS

- August 14, 2023
- August 28, 2023

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

VI. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

- 7-24 Sgt. Greg Robichaud: Respectfully request that the ordinance governing the parking garage between Merriam Avenue and Colburn Court be revised. This is due to the fact that the existing ordinance references making payments to parking meters that are no longer in service. The current system used at the parking garage is one of free parking in all areas except where posted "Permit Parking Only" with the permits being issued by the Leominster City Hall. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 09/11/2023; Public Hearing 9/25/2023, at 6:50 PM; Majority Vote)*
- 8-24 Sgt. Greg Robichaud: Respectfully request that the ordinance governing the schedule of parking fines be revised. This is due to the fact that there are modifications and corrections to the existing ordinance that need to be made to bring it into conformance with existing and proposed ordinances. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 09/11/2023; Public Hearing 9/25/2023, at 6:51 PM; Majority Vote)*
- 9-24 Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: West St - National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on West St beginning at a point approximately 50' feet NNW of the centerline of the intersection of West St and University St. Install 1 SO Stub Pole # 50-84 to replace tree guy. Location approximately as shown on plan attached.
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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. *(Public Service Committee; Regular Course 09/11/2023; Public Hearing 09/25/2023 At 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

VII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

IX. FINANCE

For Ratification

C-3 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request that the expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024 School Budget for the school, which totals \$99,599,001.00 be reclassified to the following categories.

School Department		
90010000	School Salaries & Wages	\$62,426,431
90020000	School Expenses	31,536,913
90220000	School Transportation	5,588,074
90310000	Crossing Guards	46,428
90320000	Crossing Guard Expense	1,155
	TOTAL:	\$99,599,001

3-24 Claire Freda, Councillor At-large, prohibit the City of Leominster from retaining any equity remaining on a taxpayer’s property after all Municipal tax liability, incurred fees and charges have been satisfied after a foreclosure auction. If a property is sold after the city’s liability has been met, all equity shall be returned to the property owner. Also, that the City shall not engage with any third party that would participate in the practice of “equity theft”. (*Finance Committee; Regular Course 08/14/2023; Majority Vote*)

C-10 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor; Request that an appropriation of \$52,873.38 be made to the Highway Capital Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Capital Stabilization Fund. (*Finance Committee; Regular Course 08/28/2023; 2/3 Vote*)

X. PUBLIC SERVICE

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XI. WAYS AND MEANS

Appointments

C-9 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request the appointment of the following:

Culture Commission: term to expire 4/15/2026

Joy Majwega 25 Malburn Terrace Leominster, MA
Donna Fiore 27 Castle St Leominster, MA
(*Ways & Means Committee; Regular Course 08/28/2023; Majority Vote*)

4-24 Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk; Request that the City Council adopt the Election Order for the November 7, 2023, Municipal General Election. (*Ways and Means Committee; Regular Course 8/28/2023; Majority Vote*)

C-11 Dean J. Mazzarella; Mayor: Request that the attached list of Election workers for the 2023-2024 election season be appointed. (*Ways & Means Committee; Regular Course 8/28/2023; Majority Vote*)

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- Looking for two Councillors to serve on the Committee on Housing

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Oak Hill Solar Field
- JA Festival – September 23, 2023; Rain Date: September 30, 2023

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk