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AGENDA

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 27, 2023

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INTRODUCTION FROM LATV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 6:00 P.M.

Introduction of Executive Director of LATV Scott Kurland.

INFORMATION SESSION WITH THE MAYOR, 6:05 P.M.

- Hazard Mitigation Plan
- ARPA Funds Round 2
- C-41
- Free Cash

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:40 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)*

INTERVIEWS, 6:45 P.M.

Dean J. Mazzarella, 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

INTERVIEWS, 6:50 P.M.

Dean J. Mazzarella, 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)*

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 13, 202

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Money Orders, Street Acceptance, Land Taking

- C-47 Dean J. Mazzearella, 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-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)*
- C-50 Dean J. Mazzearella, 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. Mazzearella, 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. Mazzearella, 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)*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, continued

Appointments

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request the appointment of the following individual to the Leominster Housing Authority. Term to Expire 4/15/2026.

Yaw Asante Addow 20C Crossman Avenue Leominster, MA

(Ways & Means; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Interview 03/13/2023 @ 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor, Request the appointment of the following individual to the Cultural Commission. Term to expire 4/15/2026.

Matthew Valeri 92 Keeneland Circle Leominster, MA

(Ways & Means; Regular Course 02/27/2023; Interview 03/13/2023 @ 6:50 PM; Majority Vote)

VI. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

- 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; Majority Vote)

- 20-23 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:

Litchfield St - National Grid to install 1 SO Pole on Litchfield St beginning at a point approximately 630' feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Elm Hill Ave and continuing approximately 20' feet in a western direction. Install 1, 45ft class HI Pole to support a load break switch to deenergize the primary conductor in the location of the upcoming culvert construction by the Leominster DPW.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached.

PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA, continued

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)*

- 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)

VII. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

VIII. FINANCIAL REPORT

IX. FINANCE

- 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)*

FINANCE, continued

- 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*)

Item for Ratification

- 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 02/27/2023; 2/3 Vote*)

X. 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; Further Time 02/13/2023; Majority Vote*)

XI. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

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XII. WAYS & MEANS

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WAYS & MEANS, continued

Resolution

- C-45 Dean J. Mazzeella, 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)*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk