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CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

MARCH 9, 2020

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INFORMATION SESSION, 6:20 P.M.

Informational meeting relative to the impact of the Health Alliance Emergency Room on local Fire and Police resources with a vote to invite the Leominster Fire Chief, the Leominster Police Chief and Steve Roach President and Chief Executive Officer of Health Alliance – Clinton Hospital to attend. (*Under Suspension of the Rules 2/24/2020*)

INTERVIEW, 6:42 P.M.

A measure confirming the Mayor's appointment of **Paul Brennan** to the Office of Emergency Management; volunteer. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 2/24/2020; Majority Vote*)

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:43 P.M.

50-20 National Grid: Mechanic Street - Request permission to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Mechanic Street – Leominster - Massachusetts. (*Public Service; Regular Course 2/24/2020; Public Hearing 3/9/2020 @ 6:43 P.M.; Majority Vote*)

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:44 P.M.

51-20 National Grid and Verizon: Mechanic Street- Requests to install 2 Jointly Owned Poles on Mechanic Street beginning at a point approximately 950 feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Mechanic Street and White Pond Road and continuing approximately 510 feet in an east direction. Installing 2 new poles (pole 111-50 & pole 115-50 on Mechanic Street). (*Public Service; Regular Course 2/24/2020; Public Hearing 3/9/2020 @ 6:44 P.M.; Majority Vote*)

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:45 P.M.

38-20 Elizabeth Wood, Planning Director: Petition to Amend Section 22-34.2.1 accordingly:

~~34.2.1 The FP District includes those areas designated as a floodway on the Leominster, Massachusetts Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (the “FBFM”), Community Panel Numbers 250314-0001-0010, effective September 16, 1982, and all special flood hazard areas designated as either Zone A or Zone A-1 through A-30 on the Leominster, Massachusetts Flood Insurance Rate Map (the “FIRM”) Community Panel Numbers 250314-0001-0010, effective September 16, 1982 and Community Panel Number 250314-0003, amended April 3, 1989.~~

The Leominster Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated on the City of Leominster Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the NFIP dated September 16, 1982 as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A1-30 and A99, and the FEMA Flood Boundary & Floodway Map dated September 16, 1982, both maps which indicate the 100-year regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated April 3, 1989. The FIRM, Flood Boundary & Floodway Map, and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Building Official, and Planning and Development Department.

Amend Section 34.2.3.3.2 accordingly:

NFIP State Coordinator, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway St., ~~Suite 500-700~~, 8th floor, Boston, MA 02114-2104; and (*Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/10/2020; Pending Referrals Planning, ZBA, Engineer; Public Hearing 3/9/2020 @ 6:45 P.M.; 2/3 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 timeframe. 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. **ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**
- III. **APPROVAL OF RECORDS PRESENTED BY THE VICE PRESIDENT**

- February 24, 2020

IV. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

APPOINTMENTS

A measure confirming the Mayor's appointment of **Kristin Howlett** to the License Commission; term to expire 4/15/2026. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 3/09/2020; Majority Vote*)

ORDERS

C-57 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$200,000.00 be made to the Police Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 3/9/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

V. **PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA**

52-20 Paul Rouleau: Renew the Second Hand Dealers License for Protech Solutions located at 345 Central Street. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 3/9/2020; Majority Vote*)

VI. **MATTERS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL**

VII. **CITY OF LEOMINSTER – FINANCIAL REPORT**

VIII. **FINANCE**

C-55 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$7,600.00 be made to the Emergency Management Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 2/24/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

C-56 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 2/24/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

IX. LEGAL AFFAIRS

C-54 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request that the City Council submit a request, pursuant to Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (1) of the Amendments of the Constitution, as amended by Article LXXXIX, that State Senator Dean Tran and State Representative Natalie Higgins file special legislation with the General Court, on behalf of the city, seeking to exempt the positions of Police Chief and Police Captain from the Civil Service Law, G.L. c. 31, as follows:

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE POSITIONS OF POLICE CHIEF AND POLICE CAPTAIN IN THE CITY OF LEOMINSTER FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE LAW.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: The positions of police chief and police captain in the City of Leominster shall be exempt from Chapter 31 of the General Laws.

SECTION 2: This act shall take effect upon its passage.
(Legal Affairs; Suspension of the Rules 02/10/2020; Regular Course 02/10/2020; Further Time 2/24/2020; Pending Referral Mayor; Public Hearing TBD; Majority Vote)

26-20 Jeffrey D. Nickel and ten registered voters to accept Dobson Circle as a street in the City of Leominster. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 1/13/2020; Further Time 1/27/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/24/2020; 2/3 Vote)*

27-20 Beth Spinelli and ten registered voters to accept Massapoag Road as a street in the City of Leominster. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 1/13/2020; Further Time 1/27/2020, 2/10/2020, 2/24/2020; 2/3 Vote)*

37-20 The Botanist: Grant a Special Permit to operate a Medical Marijuana Facility located at 1775 Lock Drive. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 02/10/2020; Further Time 2/24/2020; Pending Referrals Mayor, Health Director, ZBA; Public Hearing TBD; Majority Vote)*

LEGAL AFFAIRS, CONTINUED

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XI. WAYS & MEANS

A measure confirming the Mayor’s appointment of **Paul Brennan** to the Office of Emergency Management; volunteer. *(Ways & Means; Regular Course 2/24/2020; Majority Vote)*

42-20 S&F Corp.: Renew the Second Hand Dealers License for Sam and Friends located at 710 N. Main Street. *(Ways & Means; Regular Course 2/10/2020; Further Time 2/24/2020; Majority Vote)*

XII. NEW BUSINESS

1st Reading Ordinance

39-20 Roger Brooks, DPW Water & Sewer Manager: Request to amend Chapter 21, Article III, Section 21-22.3, of the Leominster City Ordinance, as follows: SEE ATTACHED. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 2/10/2020; Pending Referrals Mayor, DPW, Water Department; Public Hearing 2/24/2020 @ 6:37 P.M.; Granted 2/24/2020; 1st Reading 3/9/2020; 2/3 Vote)*

User Class	Factor	Unit	Rate
Residential (includes low strength industrial) (As of March 1, 2020)	metered water	100 cu. Ft.	\$4.56
(As of March 1, 2021)			\$4.70
Minimum sewer charge per quarter			\$25.00
Lunenburg (As of March 1, 2020 Per Intermunicipal Agreement Dated June 24, 1999)	Metered Water	100 cu. Ft.	\$5.18
(As of March 1, 2021)			\$5.32
Out of City (As of March 1, 2020)	Metered water	100 cu. Ft.	\$8.83
(As of March 1, 2021)			\$9.97

1st Reading Ordinance

40-20 Roger Brooks, DPW Water & Sewer Manager: Request to amend Chapter 21, Article II, Section 21-11.1 of the Leominster City Ordinance as follows: *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 2/10/2020; Public Hearing 2/24/2020 @ 6:34 P.M.; Granted 2/24/2020; 1st Reading 3/9/2020; Pending Referrals Mayor, DPW, Water Department; 2/3 Vote)*

Chapter 21, Article II, Sections 21-11.1 of the Revised Ordinances entitled “Water User Rate Schedule” by deleting the provision for metered rates within and outside the city and inserting the following rates in its place:

“Metered rates per unit, 4 units and over – effective March 1, 2020

Within City: \$4.00 per unit

Outside the City: \$5.03 per unit

Metered rates per unit, 4 units and over – effective March 1, 2021

Within City: \$4.15 per unit

Outside the City \$5.18 per unit

Sec. 21-11.1 Water user rate schedule.

The water user rate schedule for residential and industrial use shall be as follows:

Effective

Minimum water charger per quarter:

5/8” meter	\$25.00
3/4” meter	\$25.00
1.0” meter	\$30.00
1.5”meter	\$30.00
2.0”meter	\$30.00
3.0”meter	\$35.00
4.0”meter	\$35.00
6.0”meter	\$45.00
8.0”meter	\$45.00
Out of City	\$45.00

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

2nd Reading Ordinance

28-20 Officer Julio Ramos: Install no parking signs on Research Drive. (*Legal Affairs; Regular Course 1/13/2020; Amended 1/27/2020; 2/10/2020 to “no parking”; Granted 1/27/2020; Public Hearing 2/24/2020 @ 6:46 P.M.; 1st Reading 2/24/2020; 2nd Reading 3/09/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

XIV. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

XV. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk