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CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2020

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The City Council meeting on April 27, 2020 will be held virtually, by a conference telephone call only. All City Councilors, and members of the public interested in participating in the public forum, or a scheduled public hearing, are requested to call the following number : +1 (669) 224-3412 and enter the following code : 785-690-485 (Please note: the call in number and code are different than the call in number and code from the last meeting conducted on April 13, 2020). The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM on Monday, April 27, 2020. The conference phone call will be moderated by the City Council President and all discussion will be strictly limited to matters on the agenda. It is expected that the audio phone call will be broadcast on Leominster Access Television.

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:50 P.M.

This public hearing was originally advertised to occur at 6:30PM, however the hearing notice anticipated an in person public hearing which cannot occur. Therefore, the hearing scheduled for April 27, 2020 is cancelled and will be rescheduled in conformance with teleconference protocols and legal advertising consistent therewith.

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, 3/9/2020, 3/23/2020; Pending Referrals Mayor, Health Director, ZBA; Public Hearing April 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM; Majority Vote*)

PUBLIC HEARING, 6:53 P.M.

55-20 Officer Julio Ramos: Requests to amend Chapter 13 of the Revised Ordinances entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic.” Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Leominster, as follows: Chapter 13, Section 13-34 of the Revised Ordinances entitled “No Parking on Certain Streets” is hereby Amended by inserting the following text: No parking on Research Drive, (both sides) from a point beginning 1163 feet easterly from the intersection with Central Street, through the cul-de-sac, and back westerly to the 1163 feet starting point. (*Legal Affairs; Regular Course 3/23/2020; Public Hearing April 27, 2020 at 6:53 PM; 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

- April 13, 2020

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

APPOINTMENTS

A measure confirming the Mayor’s appointment of **William Connor** to perform the duties of Interim Chief Assessor on a temporary basis for sixty (60) days until the office can be filled by a permanent appointment. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 4/27/2020; Majority Vote*)

A measure confirming the Mayor’s reappointment of **Susan Chalifoux-Zephir** to the Library Board of Trustees; term to expire 4/15/2023. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 4/27/2020; Majority Vote*)

V. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

- 59-20 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: Water St. National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Water St beginning at a point approximately 90 feet southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Prescott St and continuing approximately 17 feet in a southeast direction. Install 1 pole #5-84 across Water St, between poles #4 and #5 as a stub pole with an anchor to support pole #5 when it feeds 3 phase primary down Prescott St for a new service. *(Public Service; Regular Course 04/27/2020; Public Hearing 05/11/2020 at 6:53PM; Majority Vote)*
- 60-20 Sterling Jewelers, Inc.: Renew the Second Hand Dealers License for Kay Jewelers #1285 located at 100 Commercial Road. *(Ways & Means; Regular Course 4/27/2020; Majority Vote)*
- 61-20 Albert D. Mason of Mason Investments Inc.: Renew Bowling Alley License for Mason Recreation Center located at 640 North Main Street. *(Ways & Means; Regular Course 4/27/2020; Majority Vote)*

VI. MATTERS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

VII. CITY OF LEOMINSTER – FINANCIAL REPORT

VIII. FINANCE

- C-60 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$600,000.00 be made to the Pension Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance; Regular Course 4/13/2020; 2/3 Vote)*
- C-61 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$400,000.00 be made to the Pension Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Principal-Debt Service Expense Account. *(Finance; Regular Course 4/13/2020; Majority Vote)*
- C-62 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Relative to the appropriation of \$385,000.00 be made to the School Department Transportation Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance; Regular Course 4/13/2020; 2/3 Vote)*

RE: Pay ongoing bus service costs.

IX. LEGAL AFFAIRS

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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; Further Time 2/24/2020, 3/9/2020; 3/23/2020; Pending Referrals Planning, ZBA,; Public Hearing 3/9/2020 @ 6:45 P.M.; Public Hearing Continued 3/9/2020; Further Time; 04/13/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

LEGAL AFFAIRS, continued

- 53-20 Jill A. Natola: Petition for acceptance of Sheldon Hill Drive and Pheasant Run Circle. (*Legal Affairs; Regular Course 3/23/2020; Pending Referral, Planning; Further Time; 04/13/2020; 2/3 Vote*)
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X. CITY PROPERTY

- C-59 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request that the Council adopt an Order to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to accept an easement from the owners of the property described below. A copy of the easement granted by the owner of the property is attached. (*City Property; Regular Course 4/13/2020; 2/3 Vote*)

170 Main Street, Leominster, MA
174 Main Street, Leominster, MA

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk