MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE LAWRENCE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: Tuesday December 15, 2020

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REGULAR MEETING of the City Council was held on Tuesday December 15, 7:03 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 200 Common Street, Lawrence, MA.

Council President Kendrys Vasquez welcomed Damarys Ruiz in her capacity as newly appointed Assistant City Clerk and asked Ms. Damarys Ruiz to Call the Roll:

Attendance recorded by roll call of the Council Members as follows:

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B] – Present;
Councilor Ana Levy [Councilor at Large] – Present;
Councilor Celina Reyes [Councilor at Large] – Present;
Councilor David Abdoo [District E] – Present;
Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Present;
Councilor Maria De La Cruz [District A] Present;
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D] Present;
Council Vice President Marc Laplante [District F] – Present;
Council President Kendrys Vasquez [District C] – Present;
Other attendance matters:

A Moment of Silence was held.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Doc #270/20. STATE OF THE CITY, MAYOR DAN RIVERA. At the outset of the Meeting, Council President Kendrys Vasquez asked if someone would entertain a motion to take Document #270/20 Out of Order. Upon a motion, made by Councilor Marc Laplante and Seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes, the Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes [District B] – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy [Councilor at Large] – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes [Councilor at Large] – Yes
Councilor David Abdoo [District E] – Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano [Councilor At Large] — Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz [District A] – Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez [District D] Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante [District F] – Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez [District C] – Yes

Doc. 270/20: Approved to Take the Document Out of Order

Mayor Rivera noted that he submitted two written document to the record as part of this State of the City Address. One is a 19 page Mid-Year Report on the State of the City, and the other is a 23 page update regarding the Status of the City as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Rivera then stated that he was officially informing the City Council that he will be tendering his resignation, and that he expects to resign on January 8th, 2021. He noted that being the Mayor had been the honor of his life. He proceeded to talk about the important work that had been done during his tenure in an effort to make Lawrence better, referencing the Boy Scout adage of his youth, to leave things better than you found it. He acknowledged that many

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problems still exist, but that fact does not diminish the work that was done and the progress that has been made over the past seven years. Mayor Rivera thanked his wife Paula and children, Daniel and Charlotte, for their support, noting that he often had to put the needs of other mothers and other children before them and thanked them for their willingness to make that sacrifice. He also acknowledged the efforts of his staff and the staff and department heads comprising his administration, and their contribution towards his administration’s successes. At the conclusion of the Mayor’s remarks, Council President Vasquez thanked Mayor Rivera for his service as Mayor and recognized that Lawrence will be blessed to have him as a friend and an ally in his new role at MassDevelopment. Councilor Marc Laplante requested to have the floor for a moment to thank Mayor Rivera for his service to our City, his service to the Country, and his tremendous impact on the City in his many capacities over the years.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - The Council President requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 1, 2020 Meeting of the Lawrence City Council. A Motion was made by Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez and seconded by Council Vice President Marc Laplante to approve the Minutes. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Minutes:  Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

The Minutes were accepted without amendment.
II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Council President Vasquez requested those who wished to provide public input and participation to present themselves and address the City Council. Upon the invitation of Council President Vasquez, the following individuals addressed the City Council:

Steven Gil, Lawrence, MA noted that he is the Vice Chair of the Lawrence Board of Health and has been a member for roughly 10 years. He thanked Mayor Rivera for his service as Mayor. He then stated that while he is aware of the seriousness of COVID 19, he was concerned about if there would be a special election or not upon the departure of the Mayor and noted that it was unheartening [sic] that his right to vote might be stolen if a special election did not occur.

The Council paused for a few moments in case anyone else wanted to speak, but no one requested to be recognized.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE

IV: Communication from Mayor, City Officials & City Attorney: -
[DOC 270/20, SEE ABOVE]

V. APPROPRIATIONS-ORDERS-RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions: None

Appropriations-Orders-Requests-Petitions [New Filings only]:


Council President Vasquez called the above item to the attention of the Council Members as appearing on the Agenda, which was referred to sub-committee as indicated.

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VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee Reports:

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante made a request to be allowed to call the items relating to the Police Department first/out-of-order. The Council President asked him if he was making that request in the form of a Motion. Councilor Laplante indicated that he was, he then went on to state that he was Making a Motion to take Documents # 256/20; 257/20; 258/20; 259/20; 260/20; 261/20; and 263/20 out of order and that he would deal with each item individually. His Motion to take these Documents Out of Order was seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Motion to Take Documents 256/20; 257/20; 258/20; 259/20; 260/20; 261/20; and 263/20 Out of Order: Approved

Doc # 256/20 Acceptance of Funds (up to $39,718) under the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent
up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 256/20: Approved

Doc # 257/20 Acceptance of Grant Funds [up to $224,000] under 2021 Senator Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative (CSI)

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 257/20: Approved

258/20 Acceptance of Grant Funds [up to $995,000] under 2021 Massachusetts Municipal Public Safety Staffing Grant

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez inquired as to the use of the funds by the Department. Chief Roy P. Vasque was on the meeting and upon being recognized relayed that the funds allow the Department to maintain their current staffing levels which is 158 Officers plus 10 recruits at the Academy. These funds are earmarked for Overtime and costs associated with the recruits as well.

Upon hearing no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councillor Ana Levy - Yes
Councillor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 258/20: Approved

Doc # 259/20 Acceptance of Grant Funds [$360,967] under the PSAP 911 Support and Incentive Grant

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councillor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councillor Celina Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-8; No-0; Absent-1

Councillor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councillor Ana Levy – Absent
Councillor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councillor David Abdoo - Yes
Councillor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councillor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councillor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 259/20: Approved

Doc # 260/20 Acceptance of Grant Funds [$199,137.67] under the PSAP 911 Training Grant

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councillor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item,
and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 260/20: Approved

Doc # 261/20 Acceptance of Grant Funds [up to $39,573] under the Municipal Road Safety Program

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor David Abdoo. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 261/20: Approved

Doc # 263/20 Appropriation Transfer-[$1,000,000] - From Free Cash to Special Account for New Lawrence Police Dept. Study

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor De La Cruz.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez asked if there could be an update as he had not attended the sub-committee meeting. Chief Roy P. Vasque was on the meeting and reminded the Council that the State had earmarked $49 MIL for the construction of a new Police Station, which has been much needed. This plan relies on the city to provide funds toward the design phase of that construction project. The total design cost the city needs to provide is about $1.4 MIL. The Mayor has designated $400K from other funds, and this appropriate of $1MIL would cover the balance of the costs associated with the design phase of this project.

Upon being granted the floor Councilor De La Cruz thanked the State and the State Delegation Sen, Finegold, Rep Minicucci, Rep Frank Moran and Rep Marcos Devers.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0
Doc # 263/20: Approved

Doc # 238/20  Appropriation Transfer-From Free Cash to Special Account for Police Camera Project-[$150,000]

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made a Motion to BOTH (1) Take the Document out of Order; and (2) Approve the Item, and this was made in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Maria De La Cruz. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 238/20: Approved
Doc # 237/20 Appropriation Transfer-From Free Cash to Special Infrastructure Account for South Common Park Project

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Ana Levy. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 237/20: Approved

Doc # 245/20 Appropriation Transfer-[$225,000] From Free Cash to MVRTA Special Project Account

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes.

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Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez asked if some information could be provided to update the Council on the status of the Free Ridership Program and if that program is successful. Director Martha Velez was recognized and permitted to present on the item on behalf of the Mayor. She noted that there are three buses that qualify for Free Ridership as well as a shuttle in South Lawrence for Students at the High School. She provided data as to the increases in ridership under this program. She noted that this funding will continue the program into 2023.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present,

Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 245/20: Approved

Doc # 246/20  Request Authorization to Expend OVW Grant Funds [$257,500]

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor David Abdoo. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the
Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 246/20: Approved

Doc # 247/20 Request Authorization to Expend Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Home Grant Funds [$5,004,920]

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez inquired as to how someone would apply for this grant. Director Vilma Martinez Dominguez was recognized and she informed the Council that individual would apply through the Office of Community Development and based on income eligibility and the nature of the work to be done there would be an evaluation as to the priority of the project. She informed the council that currently there are about 91 applications waiting to be reviewed. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon
the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by
roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 247/20: Approved

248/20 Request Authorization to Expend Grant Funds From EEOA[$400,000]-Phase II Renovation of Storrow Park

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented
the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent
up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item,
and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor
David Abdoo. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members
present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the
Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll
call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 248/20: Approve
Doc # 249/20  Appropriation Transfer-[$500,000] From Free Cash to DPW City Sidewalk Special Project Account (new account)

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor De La Cruz. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 249/20: Approved

Doc # 250/20  Appropriation Transfer-[$200,000] From Free Cash to DPW Clean Lawrence Special Project Account (3040-5XXX-30402)

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the
Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-8; No-0; Present-1

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Present
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 250/20: Approved

Doc # 251/20 Appropriation Transfer-[$500,000] From Free Cash to DPW Problem Tree Mitigation Special Project Account (3040-5380-30406)-
At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor De La Cruz. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy – Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 251/20: Approved
Doc # 255/20 Appropriation Transfer-[$250,000] From Free Cash to Demolition of Dangerous Buildings-Special Account

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item. He noted that he would be proposing an Amendment to the item, which would require compliance with the Ordinances for Emergency Demolition in order to access the funds. Councilor Laplante read the following Amendment to Doc # 255/20 into the record:

Before funding is released from this special account, it must be approved by the City Council. Because of the nature and exigency of the request, any demolition order will be deemed an emergency and voted upon as an emergency, suspending the council rules, and taken up for a vote when it is first placed on the city council agenda. The item should be accompanied by a report after consultation with a representative of the Lawrence Fire Department, the board of surveyors, the Lawrence Historical Commission and the Lawrence Building Commissioner. Upon passage by the council and adopted by the mayor, the funding can be immediately released.

Councilor Laplante stated that this language is mirrored from current Ordinance 15.37.404, and he made this amended Statement in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Reyes.

Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Rodriguez had questions about the language and the amount of time it might take for these approvals to pass the Council when a building needs to be demolished. He was concerned about delaying the need to demolish a building under this proposed condition. Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz expressed similar
concerns about the amount of time that might be required to access funds in a true emergency. Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano called upon the current Director of Inspectional Services, Fire Capt. Michael Armano, to address the timeline concerns. Capt Armano recognized that this kind of time line could cause delays and asked the Council to consider their “risk tolerance.” Director Armano noted that there could be instances where there is a true emergency and the structure needs to be demolished immediately, however the funds earmarked are intended primarily for situations where there would be a report issued and an analysis performed. Mr. Armano stated that he did not have a problem with the particular amendment and stressed the need to fund this type of account even with the amendment so that there are financial resources available to remove dangerous structures and asked the Council to support the initiative. He noted that the ultimate decision on whether a building needed to be demolished is made by the building commissioner.

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present,

Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as AMENDED as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 255/20: Approved

Doc # 262/20 Appropriation Transfer-[$171,000]- From Free Cash to Other Purchased Services-Planning Dept-Marston Street
At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up from Budget and Finance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, and he made that in the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Estela Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes  
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes  
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes  
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes  
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes  
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes  
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes  
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes  
Council President Kendrys Vasquez - Yes

Doc # 262/20: Approved

**Ordinance Committee Reports:**


At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Estella Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee. Councilor E. Reyes noted that the item was sent up from the Ordinance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Order a Public Hearing on the matter, and she made that in the form of a Motion. Her Motion to Order a Public Hearing was seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and
called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 218/20: Approved to Order a Public Hearing

Doc # 219/20 Request to locate poles, wires and fixtures-National Grid and Verizon-[McKinley Ave. and Lasalle St.]- Pub. Hrg. Ordered

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Estella Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee. Councilor E. Reyes noted that the item was sent up from the Ordinance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Order a Public Hearing on the matter, and she made that in the form of a Motion. Her Motion to Order a Public Hearing was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 219/20: Approved to Order a Public Hearing

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Councilor Estella Reyes presented the report of the Ordinance Committee. Councilor E. Reyes noted that the item was sent up from the Ordinance Committee with a favorable recommendation to Order a Public Hearing on the matter, and she made that in the form of a Motion. Her Motion to Order a Public Hearing was seconded by Councilor De La Cruz. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-8; No-0; Present-1

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Present
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 253/20: Approved to Order a Public Hearing

**Personnel Committee Reports:** None

**Charter Review Committee Reports:** None

**Public Safety Committee Reports:** None

**Committee of the Whole Reports:**

Doc # 242/20 Amend City Clerk Ordinance 2.16.010-City Clerk-Counc. Pres. Vasquez-Cmt. Of the Whole

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented the report of the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was
sent up from Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item, to
Order a Public Hearing on this revised Ordinance and to Waive the 30 Days, and he made that in
the form of a Motion. His Motion to Approve was Seconded by Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez.
Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Maria De La Cruz requested the opportunity to review
the materials for the changes being proposed. It was noted that the information is in the packets
and that there would be time between now and that public hearing to review that information.
Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante inquired as to when the Council President
thought that the Public Hearing might occur. The Council President indicated that having a
Special Meeting on December 29, 2020 might be necessary in the essence of time. Councilor
Laplante indicated that he would support that. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry
offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the
item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council
Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

**Doc # 242/20: Approved for the Ordering of a Public Hearing**

**Doc # 241/20  Posting of the City Clerk Vacancy in the Office of the City Clerk-Counc. Pres. Vasquez-Cmt. Of the Whole**

At the request of Council President Vasquez, Council Vice President Marc Laplante presented
the report of the Committee of the Whole. Councilor Laplante noted that the item was sent up
from Committee of the Whole with a favorable recommendation to Approve the item. Councilor
Laplante noted that it is important to pass any changes to the Ordinance first, pursuant to Doc #242/20, prior to posting the position otherwise the Posting would be subject to the old Ordinance. He therefore made a Motion to Table the item, which was Seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to Table the Item, as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes  
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes  
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes  
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes  
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes  
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes  
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes  
Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes  
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 241/20

VII. WITHDRAWALS. NONE

VIII. TABLED MATTERS.

The Council President inquired if there were any matters to be taken off of the table. By a Motion from Councilor Payano as seconded by Councilor Rodriguez, a Motion was made to take Doc # 124/20 off of the table. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows to take the Document off of the table: Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councillor Ana Levy - Yes
Councillor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councillor David Abdoo - Yes
Councillor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councillor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councillor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 124/20 Resignation of Stephany Infante-Greater Lawrence Tech School Committee

[T][07-21-20]

The Council President noted that an appointment of a new member needs to be made on this item. He asked if anyone would make a Motion to invite the members of the LAE to a joint meeting with the Council to make this appointment. Councilor Rodriguez made the motion, which was seconded by Councilor Abdoo. The Council President reminded the Council members that applications have been submitted and the opportunity to apply for the position has ended. The Councilors would be selecting from amount those two individuals who are applicants. Councilor Payano requested that the council also seek advice from the City Attorney as to what would constitute quorum at this type of meeting and to have her availability in case other items arose at that time. Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to Table the Item, as follows: Yes-9; No-0

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councillor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councillor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councillor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councillor David Abdoo - Yes
Councillor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councillor Ana Levy - Yes
Councillor Estela Reyes - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes
Doc # 124/20: Approved for the issuance of correspondence

Motion was made by Councilor Rodriguez and seconded by Councilor Levy to re-table the Document 124/20. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows to re-table the Document:  Yes-9; No-0

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 124/20: Tabled

By a Motion from Councilor Abdoo as seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes, a Motion was made to take the following three Documents off-of the table as a Block, but to be voted on individually:

206/20 Oliver School Project-Transfer Real Property-96-98 Oak St
207/20 Oliver School Project- Real Property-104-106 Oak St.
209/20 Oliver School Project- Discontinue the use of Cardillo Way

Upon no further discussion, comment or inquiry offered by the Council Members present, Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. Prior to the vote, Councilor Estela Reyes excused herself from the conversation and said she would return after the three items were complete. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows to take all three Document off of the table:  Yes-8; No-0; Absent-1

Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Doc # 206/20 - Oliver School Project-Transfer Real Property-96-98 Oak St

It was noted that these parcels were acquired by the City from the LRA. The next step in the process is for the Council to grant the land to the Lawrence Public Schools. Based on this background and recommended language from the City Attorney, Councilor Payano made a motion that the City Council hereby votes that the land located at 96-98 Oak Street held by the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes is no longer needed for such purposes and is deemed surplus. This motion was seconded by Councilor Abdoo. Upon being granted the floor, Councilor De La Cruz noted that this land abutted a parcel previously lived in by Robert Frost and she found it strange that the Historical Commission had not been asked to weigh in on the matter. The Council President noted that Frost did not live in any of the parcels being released. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - No
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes
The Council President then noted that there was a second vote relating this item. The City Attorney confirmed that with respect to item 206/20 there are two separate votes required. The motion for this second vote was made by Councilor Rodriguez and Seconded by Councilor Abdoo, using the language recommended by the City Attorney, stating the City Council hereby votes to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below, owned by the City of Lawrence and currently under the care, custody, maintenance and control of the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes, to the School Department for school purposes. Said parcel is described as follows: the land located on 96-98 Oak Street in the City of Lawrence, formerly owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority and consisting of 3,000 square feet, more or less, being the premises described in deed dated December 9, 2020, and recorded with Essex North Registry of Deeds in Book 16650, Page 331. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented.

The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Council Vice President Marc Laplante – No
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 206/20: BOTH Motions Approved

207/20 Oliver School Project- Real Property-104-106 Oak St.
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez made a motion that the City Council hereby votes that the land located at 104-106 Oak Street held by the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes is no longer needed for such purposes and is deemed surplus. This Motion was seconded by Councilor
Celina Reyes. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - No
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

The Council President noted that this item also required a second vote. Councilor Celina Reyes made a motion, stating that the City Council hereby votes to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below, owned by the City of Lawrence and currently under the care, custody, maintenance and control of the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes, to the School Department for school purposes. Said parcel is described as follows: the land located on 104-106 Oak Street in the City of Lawrence, formerly owned by the Lawrence Redevelopment Authority and consisting of 3,390 square feet, more or less, being the premises described in deed dated December 9, 2020, and recorded with Essex North Registry of Deeds in Book 16650, Page 331. This Motion was seconded by Councilor Payano. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Council Vice President Marc Laplante – No
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 207/20: BOTH Motions Approved

Doc # 209/20  Oliver School Project- Discontinue the use of Cardillo Way

Upon the Request for a Motion from the Council President, Councilor Abdoo made a motion to
that the City Council vote to discontinue Cardillo Way pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, § 21. This
Motion was seconded by Councilor Ana Levy. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion
on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council
Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-7; No-1; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Yes
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - No
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Atty. Ruano was present on the meeting and she stated that there was a Decision from the
Planning Board that needed to be presented to the Council on this item. Dan McCarthy, the Land
Use Planner, noted that the Planning Board’s Decision relating to this matter is recorded at the
Registry of Deeds already. He then informed the Council that the material aspects of that
Decision are as follows: that pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, a petition was filed to
discontinue a public way. A public hearing was conducted and testimony was taken and at the
end of that hearing findings were made that the discontinuance of this public way was for the betterment of the community. The Planning Board then voted 5-0 to affirmatively recommend the discontinuance of Cardillo Way, with no conditions.

Upon being granted the floor, Council Vice President Laplante noted that Cardillo Way was named for a World War I Veteran and that there is a commitment from the School Department to continue to honor this individual in that area into the future.

Upon a Request for a Motion from the Council President, Councilor Abdoo made a motion to accept the Planning Board Findings. This Motion was seconded by Councilor Pavel Payano. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-6; No-1; Absent-2

Council Vice President Marc Laplante – No
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Absent
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon a Request for a Motion from the Council President, Councilor Celina Reyes made a motion to that the City Council hereby votes that the land known as Cardillo Way held by the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes is no longer needed for such purposes and is deemed surplus. This Motion was seconded by Councilor Ana Levy. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:
Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-6; No-1; Absent-2

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Absent
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - No
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Upon a request for a Motion from the Council President, Councilor Celina Reyes made a motion that the City Council hereby votes to transfer the care, custody, maintenance and control of the land described below, owned by the City of Lawrence and currently under the care, custody, maintenance and control of the City of Lawrence for general municipal purposes, to the School Department for school purposes. Said parcel is described as follows: a public passage way seven feet wide between Oak Street and Haverhill Street, shown on Plan 7797 recorded at the Essex North Registry of Deeds on April 26, 1978. This Motion was seconded by Councilor Ana Levy. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-6; No-1; Absent-2

Council Vice President Marc Laplante – No
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Absent
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Doc # 209/20: All Four (4) Motions Approved

No other tabled matters were taken up by the Council at this meeting. The following items remain tabled:

133/14 Military/Veteran Recognition-Counc. Laplante
221/17 Stop Sign–Intersection of Andover and Foster Streets–Counc. Vice Pres. Laplante–Public Hrg Pending–Traffic Study Ordered
11/18 Creation of City Council Standing Subcommittee on Education – Counc. De La Cruz – Ord. Cmt
85B/18 Rental Insurance Policy Requirement for All Rental Units- [Sec. 15.12.065] - Counc. Payano – Public Hearing
110/18 Haverhill St–One way btwn Prospect and Haverhill Sts–Counc. Levy–Public Hearing Open [8-21-18]
121/18 Recycling Program Ordinance-Counc. Payano-Ord.[PH Closed][ud][01-07-20]
168/18 Americans with Disabilities Act: Poll Accessibility Citations DOJ– [Executive Session Anticipated][T][08-21-18]
189/18 A&M Auto Body, Inc. – 341 South Broadway –Zoning Amendment [Executive Session Anticipated][T][01-29-19]
208/18 Handicapped Parking – 69 Greenwood Street – Counc. DePeña – Ord. Cmt. & Public Hearing to be Ordered
214/18 Board of Health Ordinance Amendment–Counc. Payano–Public Hearing Closed [8-21-18]
326/18 Lawrence Opioid Litigation – Counc. Payano and Council Vice Pres. Rodriguez [T][12-4-18]
328/18 Lawrence Emergency Response- Counc. Payano[T][09-18-18]
355/18 Arlington Street – One Way [30 minutes from 3pm to 3:30pm] in front of the Arlington School –Counc. DePeña-Ord. Cmt. [T] [05-21-19]
142/19 Columbia Gas Update-Mark Kempic, Columbia Gas President/COO-Counc. Pres. Vasquez [ud] [11-12-19]
162/19 Allowing Commercial Vehicles to park on Union St.[East Side]-Counc. Laplante-Ord. Cmt. [T] [09-03-19]
170/19 Resolutions- Recognition of Lawrence Academic Achievers-Counc. Laplante-[T][06-04-19]
224/19 Amend zoning Sec. 29-19 C5-permitted uses “shopping centers” and “car wash” – Counc. DePena [apprvd 02-04-20] [Mayor’s Response dated: 02-19-20][Executive Session Anticipated]
243/19 Request to display and sell produce-127 South Union St-Tropical Mini Market Corp.-Ysidro Polo-Ord. Cmt. [T][09-03-19]
296/19 Museum Square Litigation-[Executive Session Anticipated]-Dan Rivera, Mayor [T][09-03-19]
308/19 Merrimack Street-4 Temporary Resident Parking Spaces Counc. Laplante (various parking ord)-PH Ordered)[T][02-04-20]
315/19 One Side Parking Only-Sunset Ave.-Counc. De Pena [T][PH closed-Motion to Apprv Pending [03-10-20]
354/19 Oliver School Building Project-[Executive Session Anticipated]-Cynthia Paris, Superintendent of Schools [T][11-12-19]
402/19 No Parking-North Parish Road(south side-7:00am to 9:00am on days school is in session only)-Counc. De Pena-Pub. Hrg.
22/20 Museum Square Litigation [Executive Session Anticipated]-Counc. Payano [T][01-21-20]
32/20 Handicapped Parking-[DELETE]-124 Phillips Street-Diana Santos [09-03-20][PH Open]
71/20 JRM Carting Discussion-Counc. Jeovanny Rodriguez [T][03-24-20]
77/20 Appropriation Transfer-Resident Legal Assistance Fund-Mayor Rivera[T][03-24-20]
94/20 Election Update during COVID-Poll Locations-Staffing-City Clerk[T][06-16-20]
94A/20 Ward B-Precinct 1 – Change of Poll Location-North Common Ed. Complex-apprvd
94B/20 Ward D-3 & D-4 Essex Towers – Change of Poll Locations
94C/20 Ward E-Precinct 1-Change of Poll Location-Diamond Springs-apprvd
94D/20 Early Voting-State Primary [apprvd] & Pres. Election
94E/20 89 Day Temporary Personnel-Elections [apprv by Mayor]
94G/20 Ward E1 Relocation to Wetherbee School [apprv 9-15-20]
124/20 Resignation of Stephany Infante-Greater Lawrence Tech School Committee [T][07-21-20]
151/20 Request to Amend a Zoning Ord. per MGL c.40A, section 5-The Proposed Planned Industrial District-Counc. Reyes-Ord. Cmt. [T][10-06-20]
IX. NEW BUSINESS.

Council President Vasquez brought the matters listed below to the attention of the
Council Members present and referred each to the Council Subcommittee as indicated:

Doc # 265/20 National Grid-Petition for installation of underground facilities-Methuen Street
[Pole # 3288]-Intersection of Appleton St. and Methuen St.-Dave Johnson Supervisor, Distr.
Design; TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 266/20 Resident Parking-11 East Haverhill St.-Counc. Estela Reyes; TO ORDINANCE
COMMITTEE
Doc # 267/20 Amendments to the Administrative Code-Raquel Ruano, City Attorney; TO
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 268/20 Home Rule Petition-Waive 4.11.(a) of the Lawrence City Charter-Vacancy in the
Office of Mayor-Special Election- Counc. Estela Reyes; TO ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 271/20 Request for Authorization to Expend Book Grants-$2,109-Cassandra Abou-
Farah, Asst. Director; TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 272/20 Eversource Gas Easement-234 Common Street-Jason Bascom, Land
Agent/Survey Engineer; TO HOUSING COMMITTEE
Doc # 273/20 One way-Willow Street-Counc. Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Celina Reyes; TO
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 274/20 One way-Exchange Street-Counc. Pres. Vasquez & Counc. Celina Reyes; TO
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
Doc # 275/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[433-435 South
Broadway], Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner; TO HOUSING COMMITTEE
Doc # 276/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[421-423 South
Broadway] Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner TO HOUSING COMMITTEE
Doc # 277/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[372-372A South
Broadway]- Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner TO HOUSING COMMITTEE
Doc # 278/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[437-437A South
Broadway]- Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner TO HOUSING COMMITTEE
Doc # 279/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[425-427 South
Broadway]- Daniel McCarthy, Land Use Planner TO HOUSING COMMITTEE

At the request of the Land Use Planner, Dan McCarthy, it was suggested that the Council Vote to
Order the Public Hearing on the following documents so that the hearing can occur on or about
January 5th, 2021 in order to maintain certain construction and funding timelines with the
Commonwealth. Based on this request, the Council President sought a motion to take these items
as a block and Order Public Hearings on each items:

Doc # 275/20 Permanent Easements for Construction & Maintenance-[433-435 South
Broadway]
A Motion to take the items as a block and order the Public Hearings was made by Councilor Ana Levy and seconded by Councilor De La Cruz. Council President Vasquez closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. It was noted that these easements relate to the improvements to the Mt Vernon and South Broadway intersection, and that the planning for this project started immediately prior to the gas explosion in September 2018. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows: Yes-7; No-0; Absent-2

Councilor Estela Reyes - Absent
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Absent
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

**New Business, Doc # 268/20.** Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Laplante inquired as to whether or not there would be a Public Hearing for Doc # 268/20. Atty Ruano was on the meeting and she noted that a Public Hearing was an option but was not required for this Home Rule Petition. She stated that neither the City Ordinances nor the State Law required a Public Hearing for a Home Rule Petition. Councilor Laplante then asked Atty. Ruano to help him determine if he should participate in a vote to order a Public Hearing if he might have a conflict
on the underlying matter when it is eventually voted upon, and she advised against participating in the vote if that were the case. Upon being granted the floor, Councilor Payano made a Motion to order a Public Hearing on Doc # 268/20. This Motion was seconded by Councilor Ana Levy. Council President Vasquez and Council Vice President Laplante both recused themselves due to potential future conflicts. As they were not participating, the gavel was passed to Councilor Estela Reyes as the most senior member of the Council. Councilor Reyes closed the discussion on the item and called upon the Members present to consider the matter presented. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-4; No-1; Present-1; Absent-1; Abstain-2

Council Vice President Marc Laplante – Abstain
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez - Absent
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Present
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes – Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Estela Reyes – No
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Abstain

**Doc # 268/20: Motion to Order Public Hearing: FAILED**

Council President Vasquez then addressed the Committee Chairs to set the date and time for their respective sub-committee meetings. As Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez was no longer present, he asked Vice Chair of Housing, Pavel Payano to set the Housing Committee meeting which was set for Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Councilor Estela Reyes, Chair of the Ordinance Committee, set the Ordinance Committee Meeting for Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Councilor Marc Laplante, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee, set the Budget and Finance Committee Meeting for Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 7 p.m.
Councilor Abdoo noted that there were no agenda items for the Personnel sub-committee.

Council President Vasquez also noted that there would be a Special Meeting on December 29th at 7 p.m. to review Document # 241/20, Document # 242/20 and Document # 268/20.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Levy and seconded by Councilor Celina Reyes. The Council Members present voted by roll call vote to approve the Motion as follows:

Yes-8; No-0; Absent-1

Councilor Estela Reyes - Yes
Councilor Ana Levy - Yes
Councilor Celina Reyes - Yes
Councilor David Abdoo - Yes
Councilor Pavel Payano - Yes
Councilor Maria De La Cruz - Yes
Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez – Absent
Council Vice President Marc Laplante - Yes
Council President Kendrys Vasquez – Yes

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m.