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AGENDA

CITY OF LEOMINSTER

CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 23, 2023

JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

LEOMINSTER CITY CLERK
2023 JAN 18 PM 12:21

INTERVIEW, 6:50 P.M.

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request the appointment of James Chambers, 63 Jamestown Road, Leominster, MA to the Conservation Commission. Term to expire April 15, 2026. (*Ways & Means; Regular Course 01/09/2023; 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 9, 2023

V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Money Orders

- C-40 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$51,536.00 be made to the Police Department Replacement Equipment Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. (*Finance; Regular Course 01/23/2023; 2/3 Vote*)

Authorizations

- C-41 Dean J. Mazzarella, 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; Majority Vote*)

I. PETITIONS FIRST TIME ON THE AGENDA

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)*

18-23 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:

Elm St - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Elm St beginning at a point approximately 275 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Hill St and continuing approximately 30 feet in a south direction. Install Pole# 54-5 for new underground service.

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 - Elm St - Leominster - Massachusetts. *(Public Service Committee, Regular Course 01/23/2023; Public Hearing February 13, 2023, at 6:50 PM; Majority Vote)*

II. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

IV. FINANCE

C-36 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$50,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Automotive Repair Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance; Regular 01/09/2023; 2/3 Vote)*

C-37 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request a transfer of funds to/from the following accounts:

Account:	Org/Object:	Amount:
Park Maintenance PY	67090000/524100	\$5,861.52
Park Maintenance	67020000/524100	\$2,119.31
Forestry Exp. PY	29420000/546300	\$4,519.17

To:
Tree Survey Grant Account: 1451490/546300 \$12,500.00
(Finance; Regular Course 01/09/2023; Majority Vote)

C-38 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Request an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Public Safety Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance; Regular 01/09/2023; 2/3 Vote)*

For Ratification

C-39 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor; Request that an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Police Department Emergency Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Stabilization Fund. *(Finance; Regular 01/09/2023; 2/3 Vote)*

V. NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of an Ordinance

C-35 Dean J. Mazzearella. Mayor: Request that the following section of the City of Leominster Revised Ordinance, Chapter 8: Fire Protection, Section 8-19: Fees for ambulance service:

The chief of the fire department shall establish the rates to be charged as fees for the city fire department ambulance service within the commonwealth. The rates to be established shall be the local or city limit charge or other city and town charges for ambulance service set at current recommended allowances as set forth by the Medicare program, plus an additional one hundred fifty percent of such charges for Basic Life Support (BLS) service and an additional one hundred fifty percent of such charges for Advance Life Support (ALS) service. The chief of the fire department shall furnish the city treasurer with a list of the persons transported monthly and the fee to be charged, and the city collector shall bill and collect the same.

Be amended to the following:

The chief of the fire department shall establish the rates to be charged as fees for the city fire department ambulance service within the commonwealth. The rates to be established shall be the local or city limit charge or other city and town charges for ambulance service set at current recommended allowances as set forth by the Medicare program, plus an additional **two hundred fifty percent of such charges for Basic Life Support (BLS) service and an additional two hundred fifty percent of such charges for Advance Life Support (ALS) service.** The chief of the fire department shall furnish the city treasurer with a list of the persons transported monthly and the fee to be charged, and the city collector shall bill and collect the same. (Legal Affairs; Regular Course 12/12/2022; Public Hearing January 9, 2023, at 6:45 PM; 2/3 Vote)

VI. WAYS AND MEANS

Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request the appointment of James Chambers, 63 Jamestown Road, Leominster, MA to the Conservation Commission. Term to expire April 15, 2026. *(Ways & Means; Regular Course 01/09/2023; Majority Vote)*

16-23 Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk: Request a vote to accept the Election Calendar for the 2023 Municipal Elections. Calendar as attached. *(Ways and Means; Regular Course 01/09/2023; Majority Vote)*

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of an Ordinance

10-23 Elizabeth Wood, Planning Director, on behalf of the Planning Board: Request to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to lot width requirement for lots in the Rural Residential Zone. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 9/26/2022; Further Time 10/11/2022; 10/24/2022; 11/14/2022; Public Hearing 11/28/2022 at 6:40 PM; First Reading 12/12/2022; 2/3 Vote)*

11-23 David Cormier Ward 3 Councillor and Pauline Cormier Ward 2 Councillor; Request to amend Chapter 13 Section 13-29 of the revised ordinances entitled Handicapped parking spaces and add the following, add three handicap parking spaces in the Carter Park parking lot on Main Street, Map 24 Parcel 9, at the southern most part of the lot. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 10/11/2022; Public Hearing 11/28/2022 at 6:50 PM, First Reading 12/12/2022; 2/3 Vote)*

13-23 Officer Julio Ramos, Police Department, Request to Amend Chapter 13-24 of the Revised Ordinances entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" Chapter 13, Section 13-24 of the Revised Ordinances entitled "No Parking on certain Streets" is hereby Amending by inserting the following text: State Street (both sides) from point beginning 20 feet from the intersection of North Main Street to a point 302 feet from said intersection. *(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 11-14-2022; Further Time 11-28-2022, 2/3 Vote)*

Appointment of Legal Counsel

VIII. TABLED PETITIONS UPON WHICH ACTION IS PROPOSED

C-63 (2021) Dean J. Mazzezza, Mayor: Request that the City Council establish the creation of a Human Rights Commission for the City of Leominster.

IX. COMMUNITY CALENDAR

X. ADJOURNMENT

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk