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Pauline M. Cormier



**Councillors-at-Large**  
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Susan Chalifoux-Zephir  
Todd M. Deacon  
Claire M. Freda

**Ward Councillors**  
Ward 1 – William A. Brady  
Ward 2 – Pauline M. Cormier  
Ward 3 – David R. Cormier  
Ward 4 – Mark C. Bodanza  
Ward 5 – Peter A. Angelini

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**MINUTES**

**CITY OF LEOMINSTER**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**MAY 23, 2022**

**JOHN P. MAHAN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PUBLIC HEARING 6:00 PM**

- C-79 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, which totals \$150,624,467.00 be adopted. \$150,416,047 to be raised by Fiscal Year 2023 Revenues, \$133,000 to be transferred from the Gallagher building special revenue fund, and \$75,420.00 to be transferred from the Cemetery Trust Fund. *(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:00 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The public hearing was opened at 6:00 PM.**

**Councillor Bodanza spoke about the subcommittee meetings and the budget process. He spoke on the abstentions that will be taken by various councillors for various reasons. There was no input from council members as well as the public.**

**The public hearing was closed at 6:05 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:15 PM**

- C-80 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests a total of appropriation of \$6,499,451.00 be made to the FY2023 Water Department Budget; the same amount to be raised/offset by Fiscal Year 2023 Receipts as authorized by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:15 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The public hearing was opened at 6:15 PM.**

**Councillor Bodanza spoke about this budget and the one abstention.**

**Councillor Angelini stated that Jake Fleming from the Water Department did a great job explaining this budget at the Finance Subcommittee Meeting. There was no input from the council members or the public.**

**The public hearing was closed at 6:17 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 PM**

- C-81 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests a total appropriation of \$6,538,048.00 be made to the FY2023 Sewer Department Budget; the same amount to be raised/offset by Fiscal Year 2023 Receipts as authorized by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:30 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The public hearing was opened at 6:30 PM.**

**Councillor Bodanza introduced the sewer budget and explained the one abstention.**

**Councillor Brady asked about a line item entitled “banking services” and asked if there could be an explanation.**

**Jennifer Reddington, Comptroller, replied that this line item is for an upcoming bond for the next fiscal year.**

**There was no input from the council members or the public.**

**The public hearing was closed at 6:33 PM.**

## **PUBLIC HEARING 6:45 PM**

- 55-22 Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

MERRIAM AVENUE: Place one (1) solely owned pole numbered T.104S on the east side of Merriam Avenue at a point approximately one hundred sixty-three (163) feet northerly from the center line of Shadow Lawn Drive.

Reason: Place one (1) solely owned pole on Merriam Avenue at the request of an abutter to remove a trespass; and to provide for the distribution of intelligence and telecommunications.

Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires and cables, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked VERIZON No. 1A5F8DP, dated February 16, 2022.

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 petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire and police telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

**The public hearing was opened at 6:45 PM.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir asked if there was a representative from Verizon available. There was not. She stated that there are many questions regarding this petition, and this was echoed by many members of the Council.**

**Susan Naylor, 438 Lindell Avenue, corner of Lindell Avenue and Merriam Avenue, spoke about her issues with Verizon and National Grid**

and pole location on her property. She spoke about the fence issue and debris left on her property as well as on the city streets. She spoke with Mike Hartnet from the Department of Transportation (DOT) who was going to work on fixing the damage to her property. After 5-6 months, she got in touch with National Grid who stated that the pole was NOT on her property. She added that the National Grid representative was rude and indignant. While she was out of town, she was notified that the pole had been removed. Upon returning home, she noticed the pole was still there. The pole that was removed was across the street from her property. National Grid then informed her that Verizon owns the pole she is concerned about. National Grid intends to put their pole back.

John Fratturelli, 660 Merriam Avenue, moved into this home in 2014. He added that there was lots of debris in Ms. Naylor's yard and that it took a long time to clean that up. He wanted to express displeasure at putting the pole back up. He also feels it is unfair of Verizon to place the pole on her property.

Dawn Hunt, 668 Merriam Avenue, corner of Lindell Avenue, said she is concerned about the pole and her property. She would have liked to see Verizon here this evening.

Ms. Naylor added that when she spoke with National Grid they said the pole they removed was somewhat supportive of the pole across the street.

Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir added that, without questions answered and a representative present, this petition will not go to a vote this evening.

Councillor Brady asked if the pole is still there and asked if Ms. Naylor ever gave permission for them to erect a pole or use her property as a parking lot.

Ms. Naylor answered no, permission was never given. She added that they parked on her lawn. They also took down three trees and put the wood on Merriam Ave/Lindell Ave. It took from 2013 until 2019 to remove their debris.

Councillor Angelini said the confusion is the plan that was given from Verizon says "existing pole" but there is no pole there now. However, they did say in the petition that they were remedying a trespass so they are admitting the trespass.

Ms. Naylor said the pole was removed ten days ago.

Councillor Bodanza asked for clarification that the pole was removed ten days ago. He added that the plans they were provided are now obsolete.

**Ms. Naylor added that she would appreciate it if Verizon would come out to her property.**

**Councillor Bodanza asked if they could be contacted and ask them to paint where the pole will go.**

**Councillor Freda added that we need to hear from Verizon and that it isn't the first time they don't show up or have conflicting plans.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir added that DPW has been asked to weigh in on this plan also. The hearing will remain open.**

**The public hearing was closed at 7:24 PM.**

### **PUBLIC HEARING 6:50 PM**

20-22 Elizabeth Wood (on Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the parking of unregistered vehicles.

RE: Overflow lots

*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 06/14/2021; Public Hearing; January 10, 2022 @ 6:50PM; Cont. Public Hearing February 14, 2022 @ 6:50 PM; Cont to 03/14/2022 at 6:50 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 04/11/2022 at 6:50 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 05/23/2022 at 6:50 PM; REFERRALS IN: Planning Director; REFERRALS OUT: Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals; FURTHER TIME 04/25/2022; 2/3 Vote)*

**The public hearing opened at 7:24 PM.**

**Councillor Angelini read a letter from the Planning Board regarding this petition. The Legal Affairs Subcommittee recommended that this petition be TABLED.**

**The public hearing was closed at 7:27 PM.**

## **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.

**The public forum was opened at 7:28 PM.**

**With no one speaking, the public forum was closed at 7:29 PM.**

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### **I. REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, 7:00 P.M.**

**The regular meeting opened at 7:00PM. Councillor Bodanza made a motion to recess. Councillor Ardinger seconded the motion. By a vote of 9—0 the Council went into recess at 7:02 PM. The recess ended at 7:29 PM.**

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

*PRESENT: Council President David Cormier; Council Vice President Pauline Cormier; Councillor Bodanza; Councillor Ardinger; Councillor Angelini; Councillor Brady; Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir; Councillor Deacon; and Councillor Freda.*

*Others present: Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk; Dianne Reardon, Assistant City Clerk*

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### **IV. APPROVAL OF RECORDS**

- May 9, 2022 - **these meeting minutes were approved and placed on file.**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR**

C-82 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Municipal Building Maintenance Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

RE: Completion of copper troughs and gutter system on City Hall.  
(Finance: Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-83 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$14,000.00 be made to the Highway Equipment Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

RE: Purchase of a Utility Gator  
(Finance: Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-84 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request that the following ordinance change be adopted: Amend Chapter 16. Personnel. Section 16-30. Compensation grades. By inserting therein, the following sections: for FY2022 through FY2024: as follows:

6/30/2022	FY22							
	MIN	2	3	MID	4	5	6	MAX
S-1	32,263	33,556	34,898	36,292	37,743	39,260	40,822	41,642
S-2	36,137	37,580	39,084	40,650	42,271	43,965	45,723	46,643
S-3	40,471	42,091	43,772	45,528	47,346	49,245	51,211	52,235
S-4	45,331	47,144	49,030	50,986	53,027	55,148	57,353	58,499
S-5	50,771	52,801	54,909	57,108	59,388	61,765	64,235	65,522
S-6	56,860	59,133	61,504	63,958	66,517	69,178	71,947	73,388
S-7	63,679	66,206	68,881	71,637	74,502	77,477	80,573	82,187
S-8	71,325	74,180	77,144	80,233	83,441	86,774	90,250	92,051
S-9	79,882	83,079	86,402	89,855	93,455	97,192	101,077	103,097
S-10	89,298	93,047	96,769	100,640	104,668	108,851	113,207	115,470
6/30/2023	FY23							
	MIN	2	3	MID	4	5	6	MAX

S-1	33,400	34,739	36,128	37,571	39,074	40,644	42,261	43,109
S-2	37,410	38,905	40,462	42,083	43,761	45,515	47,334	48,287
S-3	41,897	43,575	45,315	47,133	49,015	50,980	53,016	54,077
S-4	46,929	48,806	50,759	52,783	54,896	57,092	59,374	60,561
S-5	52,560	54,663	56,844	59,121	61,482	63,942	66,499	67,831
S-6	58,864	61,218	63,672	66,213	68,862	71,617	74,483	75,975
S-7	65,923	68,540	71,309	74,162	77,128	80,208	83,413	85,084
S-8	73,839	76,794	79,863	83,061	86,382	89,833	93,431	95,296
S-9	82,698	86,008	89,448	93,022	96,750	100,618	104,640	106,731
S-10	92,446	96,327	100,181	104,188	108,358	112,688	117,197	119,540
6/30/2024	FY24							
	MIN	2	3	MID	4	5	6	MAX
S-1	34,235	35,607	37,032	38,510	40,050	41,660	43,318	44,187
S-2	38,346	39,877	41,474	43,135	44,855	46,653	48,518	49,494
S-3	42,945	44,664	46,448	48,311	50,241	52,255	54,342	55,428
S-4	48,102	50,026	52,028	54,103	56,268	58,520	60,859	62,075
S-5	53,874	56,029	58,265	60,599	63,019	65,541	68,161	69,527
S-6	60,336	62,748	65,264	67,868	70,584	73,407	76,345	77,874
S-7	67,571	70,253	73,091	76,016	79,056	82,213	85,498	87,211
S-8	75,685	78,714	81,860	85,138	88,542	92,079	95,767	97,678
S-9	84,766	88,158	91,684	95,348	99,169	103,133	107,256	109,399
S-10	94,757	98,736	102,685	106,793	111,067	115,506	120,127	122,529

*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 5/23/2022; Public Hearing 06/13/2022 at 6:45 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE, and a public hearing was set for June 13, 2022 at 6:45 PM with a vote of 9-0.**

**Councillor Brady asked if this was a result of the salary study.**

**City Clerk, Katelyn Huffman, replied that this is a cost-of-living increase and not associated with the salary study.**



- C-85 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests a RESOLUTION vote of support to enter into a Tax Increment Financing agreement (TIF) with Girouard Tool Corporation located at 561 Research Drive, Leominster, MA.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

**Councillor Freda requested Economic Development and the Assessor to be present at the next meeting.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir added that the Mayor and the principals for the company should also be invited to attend.**

**City Clerk, Katelyn Huffman, will invite all to be present. With a vote of 9-0 these requests will be made.**

- C-86 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$338,550.00 to be made to the DPW Equipment Fund; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance).

RE: Purchase of two sidewalk snowplows that will replace older/failing models

*(Finance; Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

- C-87 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$417,035.00 to be made to the Data Processing Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance).

RE: To replace expiring computer software for Police and Fire Departments.

*(Finance; Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)*

**Councillor Pauline Cormier made a motion to amend the amount from \$417,035.00 to \$418,035.00. This motion was seconded by Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir and passed with a vote of 9-0.**

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE, as amended.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir asked for copies of the quotes. These will be provided by Jennifer Reddington.**

**Councillor Freda made a motion, seconded by Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir, to recess the meeting at 7:40 PM.**

**The Council asked Jennifer Reddington, Comptroller, about Chapter 90 funding.**

**Ms. Reddington stated that Chapter 90 was done differently this year. The money was not borrowed by the stabilization fund. This was for acceptance of a grant.**

**Regarding C-89, Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir asked if there is a capital investment fund?**

**Ms. Reddington replied that yes, we have always had it. She placed funding in there to ensure financial security.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir asked for a copy of this fund.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir asked about the sidewalk account and the streets and asked if these have to go out to bid. She also asked for a list of streets and sidewalks that will be proposed.**

**Ms. Reddington answered that if tonight's petition passes, then they will get a list that will be vetted through Verizon, ensuring that these will not be excavated in the near future.**

**The Council came out of recess and back into session at 7:44 PM.**

C-88 Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 be made to the Stabilization Fund; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance).  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

C-89 Dean J. Mazarella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 be made to the Capital Investment Fund; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account (Undesignated Fund Balance)

RE: These funds are to be set aside for capital items, including the police station  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/23/2022; Majority Vote)*

**This communication was given REGULAR COURSE.**

**VI. MATTERS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL**

**VII. FINANCIAL REPORT - \$20,808,219.00 STABILIZATION FUND BALANCE**

**VIII. FINANCE**

C-75 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$37,000.00 be made to the Snow & Ice Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Snow & Ice Overtime Account.

RE: Equipment Repairs and restocking of consumables  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 9-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 9-0 the order was ADOPTED.**

C-76 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$900,000.00 be made to the School Transportation Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 9-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 9-0 the order was ADOPTED.**

C-77 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$450,000.00 be made to the Street Resurfacing Expense Account and \$550,000.00 be made to the Sidewalk Expense Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 9-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 9-0 the order was ADOPTED.**

C-78 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests an appropriation of \$250,000.00 be made to the Fire Department Overtime Account; the same amount to be transferred from the Excess and Deficiency Account.

RE: Overtime funding for the remainder of the fiscal year.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Majority Vote)*

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a vote of 8-0-1 (D. Cormier abstained) the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0-1 (D. Cormier abstained) the order was ADOPTED.**

C-79 Dean J. Mazzearella, Mayor: Requests the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, which totals \$150,624,467.00 be adopted. \$150,416,047 to be raised by Fiscal Year 2023 Revenues, \$133,000 to be transferred from the Gallagher building special revenue fund, and \$75,420.00 to be transferred from the Cemetery Trust Fund.  
*(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:00 PM; Majority Vote)*

**Councillor David Cormier stated that he will be abstaining from the Fire Department Salary, Wages and Benefits as well as the Disability Commission budgets.**

**Councillor Todd Deacon stated that he will be abstaining from the School Department budgets.**

**Councillor Freda explained that this budget is raising the 2.5% in taxes and she wanted the public to be aware of this. The 2.5% is guided by the budget that is presented.**

**Councillor Bodanza added that there is also new growth and final aid from the state. This budget is the spending that is set for the fiscal year.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir stated that this is the first budget in a long time that she has supported. She noted her objections in the past have been focused on the city's funding of schools. This year, fortunately, with the Student Opportunity Act the funding formula was changed so that Gateway Cities, like Leominster, have a better way of funding our students. The state has recognized the difficulties Gateway communities face and has provided more equitable funding for our students. She feels the children of the City will now get proper**

**funding. She expressed her appreciation for the new comptroller information and her willingness to answer questions.**

**Councillor Ardinger added that the budget hearings went well. He agreed that Chapter 70 funding has always been a bone of contention for him, but no longer.**

**Council President David Cormier gave credit to the comptroller to give us plenty of time to discuss this budget.**

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a roll call vote of 9-0 the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 9-0 the order was ADOPTED.**

C-80 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Requests a total of appropriation of \$6,499,451.00 be made to the FY2023 Water Department Budget; the same amount to be raised/offset by Fiscal Year 2023 Receipts as authorized by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53E. *(Finance; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:15 PM; Majority Vote)*

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir stated that she will be abstaining from this budget vote.**

**The Finance Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the communication. By a roll call vote of 8-0 (Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir abstained) the communication was GRANTED.**

**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0 (Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir abstained) the order was ADOPTED.**

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**ORDERED: By a vote of 8-0 (Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir abstained) the order was ADOPTED.**

## **IX. LEGAL AFFAIRS**

- 20-22 Elizabeth Wood (on Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the parking of unregistered vehicles.

RE: Overflow lots  
*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 06/14/2021; Public Hearing; January 10, 2022 @ 6:50PM; Cont. Public Hearing February 14, 2022 @ 6:50 PM; Cont to 03/14/2022 at 6:50 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 04/11/2022 at 6:50 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 05/23/2022 at 6:50 PM; REFERRALS IN: Planning Director; REFERRALS OUT: Building Inspector, Zoning Board of Appeals; FURTHER TIME 04/25/2022; FURTHER TIME 05/09/2022; 2/3 Vote)*

**This was TABLED FOR STUDY with a vote of 9-0.**

- 48-22 Peter Angelini, Ward 5 Councillor: Requests to amend the City of Leominster Revised Ordinances Section 12-2 as attached. This amendment is proposed to take effect July 1, 2022.

RF: To revise the fee schedule in the City of Leominster to begin July 1, 2022 (FY2023)  
*(Legal Affairs: Regular Course 03/28/2022; Public Hearing 04/11/2022 at 6:45 PM; Public Hearing Continued to 05/09/2022 at 6:30 PM; FURTHER TIME 04/25/2022, 05/09/2022; Public Hearing Continued to 06/13/2022 at 6:50 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**Council President David Cormier noted that we will need to amend out the “beginning July 1, 2022” of this revised ordinance petition.**

**This was given FURTHER TIME with a vote of 9-0.**

## **X. PUBLIC SERVICE**

- 55-22 Verizon New England, Inc. requests permission to locate poles, wires, cables, and fixtures, including the necessary anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures to be owned and used in common by your petitioners, along and across the following public way or ways:

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Wherefore they pray that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, they be granted joint or identical locations for and permission to erect and maintain poles, wires and cables, together with anchors, guys and other such sustaining and protecting fixtures as they may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked VERIZON No. 1A5F8DP, dated February 16, 2022.

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 petitioners agree to reserve space for one crossarm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire and police telephone and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

*(Public Service; Regular Course 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 05/23/2022 at 6:45 PM; Majority Vote)*

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir stated that a Verizon representative needs to be present at the public hearing on June 13, 2022 at 6:44 PM with the following information:**

- 1) **A new plan with existing conditions**
- 2) **The exact marking of the new pole location.**
- 3) **The cost and who will pay**
- 4) **Updated conditions on the pole at 660 Merriam Ave**
- 5) **Answer to underground cable option**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir also wants to see the DPW referral. A Public Service subcommittee meeting will be scheduled later in tonight's meeting.**

**This petition was given FURTHER TIME and a continued public hearing was set for June 13, 2022 at 6:44 PM with a vote of 8-0 (Councillor David Cormier abstained).**

## XI. WAYS AND MEANS

- 53-22 Nellye Molina, on behalf of J & J Consignment: request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 285 Central Street.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 05/09/2022; REFERRALS IN: Treasurer; Police) Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the renewal of the secondhand dealers license. By a vote of 9-0 the secondhand dealers license renewal was GRANTED.**

- 54-22 Paul Rouleau, on behalf of Protechs Solutions: Request to renew license to deal secondhand articles at 345 Central Street.  
*(Ways and Means; Regular Course 05/09/2022; REFERRALS IN: Treasurer; Police; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the renewal of the secondhand dealers license. By a vote of 9-0 the secondhand dealers license renewal was GRANTED.**

- 56-22 Mason Investments Inc.: Renew Bowling Alley License for Mason Bowling Center located at 640 North Main Street.  
*(Ways & Means; Regular Course; 05/09/2022; REFERRALS IN: Treasurer; Police; Majority Vote)*

**The Ways and Means Committee recommended that the City Council GRANT the renewal of the Bowling Alley license. By a vote of 9-0 the Bowling Alley license renewal was GRANTED.**

## XII. NEW BUSINESS

### **First Reading of an Ordinance:**

- 49-22 Elizabeth Wood (On Behalf of the Planning Board) requests to amend the zoning ordinance pertaining to the Solar Ordinance, Article III Table of Uses and Section 22-104 of Zoning, per attached letter.  
*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 03/28/2022; Public Hearing 05/09/2022 at 6:50 PM; Further Time 04/11/2022, 04/25/2022, 05/09/2022; Public Hearing 06/13/2022 @ 6:50 PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**Councillor Angelini read the ordinance into the record.**



**Councillor Bodanza made a motion, seconded by Councillor Pauline Cormier, to authorize the renumbering, as needed, per the City Solicitor's advice. This motion was passed with a vote of 9-0.**

**The Legal Affairs Committee recommended that the City Council ADOPT the first reading of the ordinance, as amended. By a roll call vote of 9-0 the first reading of the ordinance was ADOPTED.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Second Reading of an Ordinance:**

C-69 Dean J. Mazzarella, Mayor: Request that the following sections of the City of Leominster Revised Ordinance, Chapter 16 – Personnel, Article II – Personnel, Wage and Salary Plan, Division 3 – Classification Plan, Section 16-34 'Classification of positions' be amended, effective immediately to replace the existing Classification with the new Classification plan presented below.

Class Title	Classification
Assistant Purchasing Agent	S-5

And inserting in their place the following:

Class Title	Classification
Assistant Purchasing Agent	S-7

*(Legal Affairs; Regular Course 04/11/2022; Public Hearing 04/25/2022 @ 6:50PM; 2/3 Vote)*

**The Legal Affairs Committee recommended that the City Council ADOPT the second reading of the ordinance, as amended. By a roll call vote of 9-0 the second reading of the ordinance was ADOPTED.**

**Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir scheduled a Public Services Subcommittee meeting for the Verizon pole on June 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM.**

**Councillor Freda asked when the city solicitor could come in and update the Council on issues.**

**City Clerk, Katelyn Huffman, stated that she will contact him and reach out to the Mayor's Office for assistance.**

**Councillor Freda added that they have to appear to the Council per the charter.**

**Councillor Brady asked about Route 13 traffic being an issue regarding Amazon deliveries and Dunkin Donuts lines.**

**City Clerk, Katelyn Huffman, said that she will get the contact to Councillor Brady.**

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### **XIII. COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Councillor Pauline Cormier gave a shoutout to the DPW men and women that worked the recycling day on Saturday. There were over 450 cars and trucks that went through the recycling event. She added that this is a great effort and a way to help the City.**

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councillor Chalifoux-Zephir, seconded by Councillor Brady, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 9-0.**

- Katelyn Huffman, City Clerk