

CITY OF LOWELL
MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

AT
LOWELL CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SECOND FLOOR
301 EAST MAIN STREET

1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MINUTES OF THE JUNE 6, 2011 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. PRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
8. RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT A LOWELL AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE RENEWAL MILLAGE BALLOT PROPOSAL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AT THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 GENERAL ELECTION
9. KING MILLING COMPANY (115 S. BROADWAY) – APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE – PUBLIC HEARING
10. RESOLUTIONS TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR TRANSIENT MERCHANTS, PEDDLERS AND IMPOUNDING DOGS AND CATS
11. PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATION SERVICES TO REMOVE TREES ON FOUR PARCELS NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF VERGENNES AND LINCOLN LAKE BY THE LOWELL CITY AIRPORT
12. LOYAL ORDER OF THE MOOSE – REQUEST USE OF SOUTH END OF THE KING MILLING PARKING LOT AND RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO LCC FOR SERVING TO NON-CLUB MEMBERS FOR THE JULY 4 CELEBRATION
13. MONTHLY REPORTS
14. COUNCIL REPORTS AND COMMENTS
15. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
16. APPOINTMENTS
17. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: Any person who wishes to speak on an item included on the printed meeting agenda may do so. Speakers will be recognized by the Chair, at which time they will be required to state their name and will be allowed five (5) minutes maximum to address the Council. A speaker representing a subdivision association or group will be allowed ten (10) minutes to address the Council.

To: Mayor Hodges and the Members of the City Council

From: David M. Pasquale

SUBJECT: Agenda for Monday, June 20, 2011 Meeting

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance, roll call.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the regular minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting.
4. Approval of the Accounts Payable
5. Citizens' comments for items not on the agenda.
6. Old Business
 - a. Streets, sidewalks plan. The Council adopted the sidewalks improvements ordinance upon sale of property at the May 2 meeting. The Council also lifted the moratorium requirement sidewalk improvements at their March 21 meeting.
 - b. Wastewater Treatment update – To schedule door to door surveys to determine where sump pumps are located, certified mail has been sent to a list of residents who the City knows are pumping ground water. Ads in the Ledger, Buyers Guide, Cable TV and City web site will be provided. Four residential meters to monitor flow have been established. A full report will be provided by the engineering firm of Hubbell Roth and Clark, Inc.
 - c. East Riverbank renovations – A Parks and Recreation Master Plan update was completed and approved by the State to qualify for grant assistance. A survey delineating ownership has also been finished. A design charette (getting citizen input) for riverbank improvements was successfully carried out by Design Plus, Inc. on Thursday, January 13. At the Downtown Development Authority meeting of February 17, the Boardmembers recommended purchase of the amphitheater property from Lowell Area Schools for \$25,000. Also, the amphitheater riverfront design was approved along with an allocation of \$50,000 toward the project. At its January 11, 2011 meeting, the Lowell Area Community Fund provided \$50,000 in addition to this task. The Council, at its February 22 meeting approved the purchase of Lowell Area Schools property within the amphitheater area at a cost of \$25,000 as recommended by the DDA.

An application for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant of \$300,000 has been submitted to the State. A LCTV Endowment Fund grant application of \$50,000 was recommended by the LCTV Board for allocations and approved by the City Council.
 - d. Consumers Energy – sidewalk report – DPW Director DesJarden has contacted Consumers involving necessary sidewalk repairs and is awaiting a response.

7. Presentation of the State of the City Address. A State of the City Address will be presented at the meeting and provided to the Lowell Ledger for printing. The attached document gives a brief assessment of the City and establishes goals for the coming year.
8. Resolution recommending that a Lowell Area Historical Museum operation and maintenance renewal millage ballot proposal be submitted to the electors of the City at the November 8, 2011 General Election. At the November 5, 2002 general election (by a vote of 830-448) approved a .25 mill levy to support the maintenance and operation of the Lowell Area Historical Museum for a ten year period ending June 30, 2013.

The Museum has requested a ten year renewal ending June 30, 2023 be placed on the November 8, 2011 general election ballot for consideration.

A resolution which is enclosed will initiate this process.

9. King Milling Company (115 S. Broadway) – Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – public hearing. As noted at the last meeting, King Milling is planning three large capital projects. This totals \$2,700,000 in building improvements and \$8,673,000 in machinery and equipment providing \$11,373,000. This would qualify King Milling a .50% tax abatement under Public Act 198 for 12 years under the current City policy.

After conducting a public hearing, the Council may consider a recommendation for approval to the State Tax Commission involving the King Milling IFT certificate.

10. Resolutions to establish fees and charges for transient merchants, peddlers and impounding dogs and cats. It has been since 1991 that fees and charges were updated for transient merchants, peddlers and impounding dogs and cats. Enclosed are the existing fees and charges as well as those recommended for approval.
11. Proposal for negotiation services to remove trees on four parcels near the intersection of Vergennes and Lincoln Lake by the Lowell City Airport. In order to assist in completing actions necessary to attain General Utility Status for the Lowell City Airport, the Airport Board has recommended to secure the services of Rick Osborn of Homesights, Inc. to negotiate with four property owners involving tree removals near the intersection of Vergennes Road and Lincoln Lake.

The cost will be not to exceed \$3,000 with the State of Michigan reimbursing 90% of these fees and the Airport Fund provided the remainder.

12. Loyal Order of the Moose – request use of south end of the King Milling Parking lot and recommend approval to LCC for serving to non-club members for the July 4 celebration. The Lowell Moose are planning a Fourth of July celebration. For this purpose, the organization wishes to use the south end of the King Milling parking lot. Also, the Moose wishes to secure a temporary liquor license to sell alcoholic beverages to non-members within their building.

The parking lot is owned by King Milling and leased to the City. Brian Doyle, President of King Milling, has no problem with this as long as the City provides approval. Please note that the Moose are aware of the bicycle race event occurring at the same time.

Police Chief Getzen believes this shouldn't be a problem.

I recommend the Council approve usage subject to the Moose having insurance which covers the City and King Milling as additional insured. In addition, the temporary liquor license is recommended for approval.

13. Monthly Reports. The attached reports have been provided:

City Manager Activity	Police	Building
Public Works	Fire	Budget

14. Council Reports and Comments.

Andrew Schrauben Lowell Airport Board
Parks and Recreation Commission
Lowell Area Recreation Authority

Maryalene LaPonsie Planning Commission
Zoning Board of Appeals
Lowell Area Fire and Emergency Services Authority

Jeff Altoft Board of Review
Downtown Development Authority

Sharon Ellison Arbor Board
LCTV Endowment Board

Jim Hodges Lowell Light and Power
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Look Memorial Fund

Commissions without
Representatives: Downtown Historic District Commission
Construction Board of Appeals
Building Authority
Local Officers Compensation Commission

15. City Manager's Report. Attached.

16. Appointments. The following boards or commissioners positions need appointment or reappointment.

		<u>Terms Expires</u>
Board of Review		
Alternate Position	appointment	
Leah Vredenburg	reappointment	6/30/2014
Planning Commission		
Shannon Hanley	reappointment	06/30/2014
David Cadwallader	reappointment	06/30/2014

Board of Light and Power Andy Johnston	reappointment	06/30/2014
Arbor Board Diane LaWarre	reappointment	06/30/2014
Local Officers Compensation Commission Teresa Beachum	reappointment	06/30/2016
Patricia Horn	reappointment	06/30/2016

17. Adjournment.