

CITY OF LOWELL
MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 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 AUGUST 1, 2011 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZENS' COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. PENDING COUNCIL PROJECTS REPORT
7. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 AS PINK ARROW PRIDE DAY – ARROW FORCE IV
8. PRESENTATION OF THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT
9. JICE PHARMACEUTICALS (218 S. WASHINGTON AND 350 KENT STREET)) – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER P.A. 198 – PUBLIC HEARING
10. JICE PHARMACEUTICALS (218 S. WASHINGTON AND 320 KENT STREET) – APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) – SET PUBLIC HEARING (9/6)
11. EXTENSION OF HUNT STREET WATER MAIN – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC HEARING
12. APPOINTMENTS TO GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL
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.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Hodges and City Council
FROM: Mark Howe, City Manager
RE: Council Agenda for Monday, August 15, 2011

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7. RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 AS PINK ARROW PRIDE DAY-ARROW FORCE IV.

For the fourth year, the Lowell High School football team and coaching staff have initiated cancer awareness and fund raising event called Pink Arrow Pride Day to be held on Friday, September 9, 2011. The players once again, will wear pink jerseys in a game against Reeths Puffer High School. Funds are being raised for the two scholarships, Gilda's Club of Lowell and Lowell Community Wellness for Pink Arrow Family Support.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY 2010 ANNUAL REPORT.

Kristin Meyer, Englehardt Branch Manager, Charles Myers, KDL Board Chair and Lance Werner, Library Director will present its annual report to the City Council.

9. JICE PHARMACEUTICALS (218 S. WASHINGTON AND 320 KENT STREET) – REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT UNDER P.A. 198 – PUBLIC HEARING.

Jice Pharmaceuticals has petitioned to the City to establish an Industrial Development District under Public Act 198 in order to qualify for property tax abatements in connection with future improvements and addition to its facilities.

After holding the public hearing, the Council may consider the adoption of the resolution establishing the Industrial Development District for Jice Pharmaceuticals.

10. JICE PHARMACEUTICALS (218 S. WASHINGTON AND 320 KENT STREET) – APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE (P.A. 198) – SET PUBLIC HEARING (9/6).

Jice Pharmaceuticals is planning an expansion to their existing office and manufacturing areas and the construction of a 60' x 100' metal building. This totals \$200,000 in building improvements and \$20,000 in machinery and equipment providing \$220,000. This would qualify Jice Pharmaceuticals for a 0.50% tax abatement under Public Act 198 for 2 years under the current City policy. Because the property is entirely within the Downtown Development Authority District any deferred tax revenue would impact only the DDA.

If the resolution discussed under Item 10 establishing an Industrial Development District for Jice Pharmaceuticals is adopted, a public hearing needs to be established for Tuesday, September 6, 2011 to consider their application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (P.A. 198) to the State Tax Commission.

11. EXTENSION OF HUNT STREET WATER MAIN – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC HEARING.

A public hearing was held at the August 1, 2011 meeting to consider the extension of Hunt Street water main and proposed Special Assessment District. When that public hearing was advertised only four properties were involved. Then, the property owner at 1060 Hunt Street expressed interest in the project. A new public hearing was established for the Monday, August 15, 2011 meeting to consider the Hunt Street water main project and the proposed Special Assessment District.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

With the retirement of City Manager David Pasquale, the Council is requested to nominate City Manager Mark Howe as the City of Lowell representative on the following Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Boards and Committees:

- GVMC Board of Directors
- GVMC Transportation Policy Committee
- REGIS Board of Directors

13. MONTHLY REPORTS.

Monthly reports from the various departments and agencies of the City are enclosed.

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.

The City Manager’s Report is attached.

16. APPOINTMENTS.

The following boards or commissioners positions need appointment or reappointment:

Board of Review		<u>Terms Expires</u>
Alternate Position	appointment	

17. ADJOURNMENT.