

PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION  
OF THE CITY OF LOWELL  
WEDNESDAY, September 17, 2014

**1. CALL TO ORDER; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor James Hodges..

Present: Councilmembers Jim Hall, Sharron Ellison, Jeff Altoft and Mayor Jim Hodges.

Absent: Councilmember Mayer.

Also Present: City Manager Mark Howe, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin and DPW Director Dan DesJarden.

**2. REVIEW AGENDA.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Peggy Covert, 982 N. Washington questioned if it was possible to place a link on the City of Lowell or Lowell Light and Power's website to "You Tube" where the meetings are aired.

**4. PENDING COUNCIL PROJECTS.** Howe asked how to identify items that will appear on the pending council projects report, how the items relate to the strategic plan, and the expectations on how often he should report on progress on items placed in the report. It was discussed, and the consensus of the Council, that items would be placed on the report if there was a majority of council members who agreed to have the item placed on the report and that items would be removed in the same manner. There was a consensus that the following items should be placed on the report: Downtown Tower Removal, Lime Disposal, Underground Electrical Lines, Trash Ordinance and Right-of-Way Ordinance.

**5. STRATEGIC PLAN.** The Council strategic goals for the current year. Howe asked if the council wished to continue with the Strategic Plan and there was a consensus to continue. Howe gave an update on each of the items in the current goals report and stated that he would beginning the process for establishing new goals at the next workshop. Howe also mentioned two Downtown Development Plan meetings have been scheduled for October 23 and November 20 at 6:30 p.m at Lowell City Hall.

**6. STREET MANAGEMENT PLAN.** Howe presented various street asset management plan scenarios. There was discussion on using interest from the LCTV Fund exclusively for street improvements next year. The consensus of the council was that this should be an item on the next regular meeting agenda, and that Howe should begin working with the city attorney to prepare a resolution dedicating all of the interest next year toward city street projects.

**7. LEAF DISPOSAL/COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP.** Howe mentioned most areas in the City suitable for leaf disposal are located in the flood plain and would not be permitted by the

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. There was a consensus that we have fully explored this option and that it is not a feasible alternative to the current yard waste bag program.

8. **CITY MANAGER GOALS.** Councilmember Ellison suggested the strategic plan should be completed as a goal. Hall mentioned that Howe continue to “sell Lowell.” Altoft mentioned a PA425 plan with the Townships. It was also suggested by Altoft to increase the street budget by \$200,000 more in the upcoming year.
9. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.** Councilmember Altoft mentioned odd even parking in the winter.

IT WAS MOVED BY HALL to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

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James W. Hodges, Mayor

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Susan S. Ullery, Deputy City Clerk