

CITY OF LOWELL
MICHIGAN
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOWELL CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010, 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 AND CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF THE JULY 19, 2010 MEETING
4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. PRESENTATION OF THE KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY 2009 ANNUAL REPORT
7. REPORT FROM THE LCTV ENDOWMENT FUND BOARD – RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GRANT APPLICATIONS AND AMENDED TIMEFRAME FOR APPLICATION PROCESS
8. 990 NORTH WASHINGTON – REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION – BRICK OUT BUILDING
9. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUIRING LICENSING OF SOLID WASTE HAULERS – SET PUBLIC HEARING (8/16)
10. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REQUIRING LICENSING OF SNOW PLOW OPERATORS – SET PUBLIC HEARING (8/16)
11. REZONING – 119 LINCOLN LAKE INCLUDING THE VACANT LOT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CHATHAM AND LINOCLN LAKE – FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) AND R-3 (RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) – RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – SET PUBLIC HEARING (9/7)
12. COUNCIL COMMENTS
13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
14. APPOINTMENTS
15. CLOSED SESSION
16. 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 the August 2, 2010 meeting

1. Call to order, pledge of allegiance, roll call.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Approval of the regular and closed session minutes of the July 19, 2010 meeting.
4. Approval of the Accounts Payable
5. Citizens comments for items not on the agenda.
6. Presentation of the Kent District Library 2009 Annual Report. At this time, the Kent District Library will present its annual report to the City Council (see enclosed).
7. Report from the LCTV Endowment Fund Board – recommendations regarding grant applications and amended timeframe for application process. At its July 20, 2010 meeting, the LCTV Endowment Fund Board unanimously recommended approval of the attached ten projects to City Council.

The Board noted the grant requests total \$95,752. With recent allocations involving the amendment to the library exterior improvements project (\$8,700) and unemployment benefits expense (\$724), the grand total this year is \$105,176. This is well below the \$228,718.37 of spendable balance in the Fund.

Also, the Boardmembers recommended an amendment updating the timeframe in the application process.

- Meet in early February to establish precise dates of meetings to follow
- Advertise in early March
- Applications due by mid April
- Board review by the end of April
- Grant selections by early May or May 14th at the latest
- City Council selections in the third week of May.

The Board believed this would allow projects to be completed in a more timely manner, particularly those that involve construction. The Council's approval is requested.

8. 990 North Washington – review and consideration – brick out building. At its June 7, 2010 meeting, the Council discussed the out buildings at 990 North Washington with Gary Dietzel. It was agreed that the block storage building was too costly to repair and is to be demolished. But, Dietzel stated the brick building appears to be structurally sound.

Both Dietzel and Sandy Bartlett would provide a structural engineer's sealed drawings along with an estimate for consideration. The drawings would be submitted to Vergennes Township Building Inspector Mark Fleet for review.

The drawings were completed and found acceptable by Fleet. Dietzel is attempting to provide an estimate. DPW Director Dan DesJarden estimates the project at \$5,000 while Fleet believes it is in the \$5,000 – 6,000 range. The cost to demolish the structure is \$1,900.

The issue before Council is whether to proceed with bids for structurally repair of the brick building.

9. Ordinance Amendment requiring licensing of solid waste haulers – set public hearing (8/16). As directed by City Council, an ordinance amendment is proposed where commercial solid waste haulers must be licensed. The application process provides evidence of insurance in amounts established by the City Manager. Rules and regulations are authorized by the City Manager and approved by Council.

Separate resolutions will be considered regarding license fees and time for collection and transport

A public hearing is recommended to be set for the August 16, 2010 meeting.

10. Ordinance Amendment requiring licensing of snow plow operators – set public hearing (8/16). A license for those who as a business remove snow and ice from private properties is provided by this ordinance amendment. Licensing requirements are provided including for insurance.

Also, fees are established by Council resolution. Reasonable rules and regulations by the City Manager are subject to Council approval.

A public hearing is recommended for the August 16, 2010 meeting.

11. Rezoning – 119 Lincoln Lake including the vacant lot at the southeast corner of Chatham and Lincoln Lake – from PF (Public Facilities) and R-3 (Residential) to C-3 (General Business) – recommendation from the Planning Commission – set public hearing (9/7). The planning Commission held a public hearing on July 26 to consider rezoning the old Masonic Lodge property (currently PF Public Facilities) and the vacant lot immediately north (currently R-3 Residential) to C-3 General Business. The request was made in light of a proposed commercial venture for this property. The Commission was notified that the proposal has been withdrawn.

The Commission did recommend the rezoning because the property is suitable for commercial and makes sense for the future land usage.

The Council should set a public hearing on the zoning ordinance amendment for the September 7, 2010 meeting.

12. Council Comments.

13. City Manager's Report. Attached.

14. Appointments. The following boards or commissions positions need appointment or reappointment.

		<u>Term Expires</u>
Board of Review		
To fill in for Jim Wood's position	appointment	06/30/2013
Planning Commission		
Doug Folsom resignation	appointment	06/30/2011

15. Closed Session. Reviewing Legal Opinion of the City Attorney

16. Adjournment.