

Agenda



May 22, 2012

Roll Call
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Public Hearing to allow public input to the City's Annual Action Plan, including the use of the Department of Housing and Urban Development appropriations for the Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE SET DOWN:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

From the Finance Committee Meeting of May 8, 2012:

Ordered that the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized to make the following Appropriation Transfers:

From the Account of Fire Department expense:
To the Account of Unpaid Bills Prior Year: \$124.84
(prior year bills)

From the Account of Reserve Fund:
To the Account of Police Department Expense: \$45,000.00
(underfunded due to increased fuel costs)

From the Account of Reserve Fund:
To the Account of Judgments and Awards: \$45,000.00
(Brooks vs City of Lynn)

From the Account of Reserve Fund:
To the Account of Veterans Benefits: \$30,000.00
(Benefits under MGL Ch. 115)

From the Account of Veterans Benefits expense:
To the Account of Unpaid Bills Prior Year: \$6,416.97
(unpaid medical bills)

From the Account of Reserve Fund:
To the Account of City Hall Capital Improvement: \$50,000.00
(Auditorium HVAC Design)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee
Public Property
License Committee
Finance Committee

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION – CITY OF LYNN

Councillors Cahill, Crighton, Hong, Capano, Barton

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, Since the 1990s, annual tax revenues are down by more than \$3 billion as a share of the state's economy, and this ongoing structural shortfall is primarily the result of income tax cuts enacted over the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has made \$3 billion in cuts to essential programs since the current recession began, including cuts to K-12 education, higher education, local aid, services for seniors, public safety, human services and other programs; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts continues to face a revenue deficit that will no doubt lead to additional cuts in state and local programs in Fiscal Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, Between the FY2009 enacted budget and the FY2012 current budget, spending on general local aid funding as adjusted for inflation was cut by almost half a billion dollars, or 34%; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lynn has lost \$9.4 million in state aid over the last three years; and

WHEREAS, This aid helps to pay for the critical services on which our community depends, including police and fire departments, garbage collection, road repair, playgrounds, libraries, etc; and

WHEREAS, These services are what make the City of Lynn a good place to live and they enhance the quality of the life for all Lynn residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lynn will continue to struggle with these budget cuts year after year until the state's revenue deficit is addressed; and

WHEREAS, In order to address that deficit the state needs to raise significant new revenue.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Lynn City Council urges the Governor and the state legislature to further invest in our communities, to strengthen our economy and to improve the quality of life of Massachusetts residents by passing legislation that raises substantial new revenue while holding down increases for low and middle income individuals and families.