

CITY OF LYNN

**Special City Council Meeting, May 30, 2017
Council President Darren P. Cyr**

**Eleven Councilors Present
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance**

COMMUNICATION FROM MAYOR:

Re: Meals Tax Order / May 9, 2017

Dear Councilors:

I am respectfully vetoing the above-referenced order regarding the imposition of a local options meals tax in the City of Lynn. I am well aware that the City is currently facing a structural deficit in the budget. The Council leadership and I are working diligently to put together a package of measures that will close this deficit at minimum cost to taxpayers, and with an aim to preserve the jobs of all people currently employed by the city. However, I cannot support the creation of a meals tax as one of the remedies to the deficit. Less than two months ago, the citizens of Lynn soundly rejected a tax increase as a way of funding two new middle schools. I do not believe that we should ignore the expressed will of our citizens and impose another tax at this time. Very truly yours,
Judith Flanagan Kennedy, Mayor, City of Lynn.

Motion made by Councilor Capano and seconded by Councilor Colucci to override the Mayor's Veto.

Motion carried by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Lozzi voting NO).

Motion made by Councilor Cahill and seconded by Councilor Colucci to RECONSIDER.

Motion FAILED by the following yea and nay vote:

10 NO 1 YES (Councilor Lozzi voting YES).

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Act amending the Act establishing a Department of Inspectional Services in the City of Lynn

No one appeared in Favor.

No one appeared in Opposition.

Public Hearing Closed.

Council President Cyr asked the City Clerk to read into the records the amended version of the Act.

Motion made by Councilor Barton and seconded by Councilor Trahant to GRANT the amended Act as read into the records.

Councilor Barton attached the following Emergency Preamble:

WHEREAS, A Special Emergency exists involving the peace, health and safety of the people or their property in the City of Lynn.

WHEREAS, An Emergency relative to an Act amending the Act Establishing a Department of Inspectional Services in the City of Lynn as read into the records.

THEREFORE BE IT VOTED BY THE LYNN CITY COUNCIL THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES AN EMERGENCY.

Emergency Preamble was adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Cahill absent at vote).

Emergency Order was then adopted by the following yea and nay vote:

10 YES 0 NO (Councilor Cahill absent at vote).

Motion made by Councilor Colucci and seconded by Councilor Cahill to adjourn.

Notice of this meeting was posted in the City Clerk's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance.

A True Copy Attest:

CITY CLERK