

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
OF THE CITY OF LOWELL
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014, 6 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor James Hodges and Deputy City Clerk Sue Ullery called the roll.

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

Absent: Councilmember Schwab.

Also Present: City Manager Mark Howe, Deputy City Clerk Sue Ullery, City Treasurer Suzanne Olin, Police Chief Steve Bukala, DPW Director Dan DesJarden

2. REVIEW AGENDA

No comments were received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

WLHS representative Al Eckman spoke regarding the grant request to the Lowell Cable TV Endowment Fund. He disagreed with the Councilmembers who voted against the LCTV Endowment Boards recommendation. Barb Barber of 318 King Street agreed with Eckman. She also stated she was opposed to what the City requested for street repair.

4. REVIEW BOARD MEETING WEBINAR.

Mayor Hodges presented information regarding the recent webinar he attended. Discussion included how meetings are conducted and maintaining order and length of time for discussion and debates.

5. ELECTRIC UTILITY MEMO.

City Manager Howe led the discussion regarding Electric Utility and Charter Provisions. Councilmember Altoft suggested the City Charter and Council responsibilities be added to the next work session. Mayor Hodges suggested Peter Letzmann attend the meeting as well.

6. LCTV ENDOWMENT REVIEW

By general consensus, the Council agreed to review the grant recommendation at the April 7, 2014 meeting.

7. 2014-15 BUDGET DISCUSSION

There was general discussion on the 2014 – 2015 upcoming budget and recommendations.

8. MANAGER EVALUATION FORM

A format was presented for City Manager Howe's evaluation. Any concerns should be directed to Mayor Pro Tem Sharon Ellison.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Altoft referenced parking issues. Particularly where individuals would park who reside in the downtown apartments. There should be a designated area.

Councilmember Hall suggested parking issues be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Altoft commented on the polls that were taken at the Lowell Expo. Howe noted the same boards can be viewed at the library as well as at City Hall on April 17th during “Girls Night Out”.

IT WAS MOVED BY Ellison to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

DATE:

APPROVED:

James W. Hodges, Mayor

Susan S. Ullery, Deputy City Clerk