

Lowell City Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Executive Session at 6:00 pm

Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Fire Station 1
389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452

Members of the public may provide comment or testimony through the following:

- Joining in person or by phone, tablet, or personal computer. For details, click on the event at <www.ci.lowell.or.us>.
 - Mailing written comments to PO Box 490, Lowell, OR 97452 or delivering in person at Lowell City Hall located at 70 N. Pioneer St.
 - By email to admin@ci.lowell.or.us.
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Executive Session Agenda – 6:00 pm (estimated 50 minutes)

Executive Sessions are closed to the public. Representatives of the news media and designated staff may attend Executive Sessions. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the Executive Session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision will be made in this executive session.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Councilors: Mayor Bennett ___ Harris ___ Stratis ___ Weathers ___ Murray___

Executive Session:

The executive session is being held pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of the city with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Adjourn the executive session. Regular meeting to follow.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to City Clerk Sam Dragt at 541-937-2157.

City Council Meeting Agenda

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Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Councilors: Mayor Bennett ___ Harris ___ Stratis ___ Weathers ___ Murray ___

Approval of Agenda

Consent Agenda

Council members may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda to be discussed as the first business item of the meeting.

Public Comments

Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may ask questions but will not engage in discussion or make decisions based on public comment at this time. The Mayor may direct the City Administrator to follow up on comments received. When called, please state your name and address for the record.

Direct all comments to the Council through the Mayor. All speakers are expected to be polite, courteous, and respectful when making their comments. Personal attacks, insults, profanity, and inflammatory comments will not be permitted.

Council Comments (three minutes per speaker)

Staff Reports

New Business

1. Motion to approve a "Retention Bonus Agreement" with Max Baker in the amount of \$15,000 and to authorize the City Administrator to sign. --- Discussion/ Possible action
2. Motion to appoint City Administrator pro tempore during City Administrator Caudle's scheduled vacation from January 5, 2024 to January 10, 2024. – Discussion/ Possible action

Recommended motion: "I move to appoint Mayor Bennett to serve as City Administrator pro tempore from January 5, 2024 to January 10, 2024."

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3. Discussion of draft letter prepared by Representative Jami Cate requesting that Governor Kotek “advocate for a modification to Judge Hernandez’s 2021 injunction.” – Discussion/ Possible action
At this time, the City Council may approve a motion agreeing to sign on to the letter and authorize the city’s logo to signify approval.
4. Motion to approve a “Safe Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Letter of Interest” and to authorize the City Administrator to sign and submit the “Letter of Interest.” – Discussion/ Possible action
5. Motion to approve a “One Stop’ Financing Meetings Information Request” form and to authorize the City Administrator to sign and submit the form. – Discussion/ Possible action

Other Business

Mayor Comments

Community Comments: Limited to two (2) minutes if prior to 9:30 P.M.

Adjourn the Regular Meeting.