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## LYNN ADVANCES GATEWAY PLAN

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*Lynn City Hall. File Photo*

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LYNN — It's onward and upward for the **Gateway Residences** on Washington after a joint meeting of the Lynn City Council and City Planning Board on Tuesday.

Both the Planning Board and City Council approved the project's application, which **Thomas J. O'Malley**, development consultant with AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust, said deals with city taxes and urban redevelopment.

**Peggy Phelps**, director of planning and development for **Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development**, said the application was the final remaining hurdle standing in the way of construction on the project, which now may begin as early as mid-September.

"I think it's a great step forward," said O'Malley about the Gateway project. "It shows the seriousness of the intent in including all people and demographics in the revitalization of Lynn's downtown."

In May, **Gov. Charlie Baker** said the Gateway Residences on Washington will be the first housing development to benefit from a \$100 million fund to create workforce housing.

The Department of Housing and Community Development for low-income units is also set to contribute funding to the project.

When completed, the development will consist of a five-story building with 71 rental units and 2,000-square-feet of retail space on the first floor.

The 2.5-acre parcel of land in question sits at the intersection of Washington, Sagamore and Suffolk Streets.

Phelps said that once construction begins, it will continue on an 18-month timeline.

The joint meeting included a public hearing, during which several speakers took the floor to voice their excitement about the project.

"Today I feel like an uncle and we're having a baby delivered," said Lynn resident **Calvin Anderson**, who spoke during the hearing about the beneficial development of the Washington Street area.

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