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# CITY OF FITCHBURG

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019

**MEETING TIME:** 7:00 AM PM

**MEETING PLACE:** MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Name of building (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Room number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address 615 ROLLSTONE STREET

City FITCHBURG, MA 01420

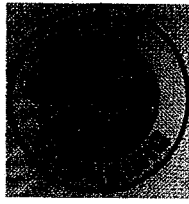
**AGENDA ITEMS:\*** **SEE ATTACHED**

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK  
2019 SEP 12 AM 11:24

ANNA M. FARRELL, CITY CLERK

*Name and title of person submitting this notice*

*\*Please note: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires that all topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates must be listed and that the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.*



## WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL!

This is intended to help you understand the meeting format and assist you with the rules of the Council as they pertain to your participation.

All meetings of the Fitchburg City council are open to the public. This does not mean that the public participates in all aspects of the meeting. It simply means that the meeting itself, including all discussions and votes, is open for public view.

### Executive Session

The only time a Council meeting can be closed to the public is when the Council votes for Executive Session in order to discuss sensitive matters in private, such as pending litigation. Any votes taken however, must be taken in open session.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK DURING A COUNCIL MEETING:

### Public Forum

The Public Forum occurs immediately following the Pledge of Allegiance. The President will ask if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on any matter appearing on the Agenda. If you wish to address the Council, you must stand and be recognized and follow these rules before speaking:

1. State your name and address.
2. Approach the center table and either stand or sit. This allows you to be seen and heard clearly by everyone in attendance.
3. You may speak only on items appearing on the agenda for no more than (2) minutes. Copies of the agenda are available on the center table prior to the meeting.
4. Please state the petition, order, ordinance, or resolution number to which you refer.

### Public Hearings

Public hearings are held on various issues such as Special Permits and Zoning changes. The same rules apply with the following exceptions:

1. You must stand and be recognized either "in favor" or "in opposition" when asked by the Council President.
2. You need not refer to the petition number.

If you have any questions or comments either before or after the meeting, any Councillor would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your interest!

I. PUBLIC FORUM

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor  
Re-Appointment Letters

1. Mr. David Madigan, as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, term to expire April 1, 2024.
2. Mr. Adrian Ford, as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022.

Appointment Letters

1. Ms. Hafsa Ahmed Asfa, as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire October 1, 2022.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report  
September 17, 2019, 6:45 PM

Re-Appointments:

Conservation Commission

(Term to expire January 1, 2022)  
Ms. Tracy Betts Sarefield  
(Term to expire January 1, 2022)  
Mr. Harris Karis

New Appointments:

Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire September 1, 2022)  
Mr. Jamie Darcangelo  
(Term to expire September 1, 2022)  
Mr. Adam Stone

Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority

(Term to expire September 1, 2024)  
Mr. Jarrod Roy

Fitchburg Cultural Council

(Term to expire September 1, 2022)  
Mr. Sean C. Goodlett

Conservation Commission

(Term to expire September 1, 2022)  
Ms. Mary Heline

Permanent Reserve Police Officer

Mr. Timothy J. Stewart

Finance Committee Oral Report

Meeting of September 17, 2019, 6:00 PM

- 212-19. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$75,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL PROJECTS, SOUTH STREET SCHOOL ROOF for the purpose of a schematic design study for replacing the roof of the West Wing.
- 213-19. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL PROJECTS, SOUTH STREET SCHOOL BOILER for the purpose of a schematic design for replacing the boilers in the South Wing.
- 214-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Community Compact Best Practices Program in the approximate amount of \$20,000.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the City's zoning update.
- 215-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Community Compact Best Practices Program in the approximate amount of \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to be allocated to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority to support an update of their Urban Renewal Plan.
- 216-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, State 911 Department grant in the amount of \$140,227.00 (ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support salaries and provide repair and enhancement to the E911 service system in the Police Department.
- 217-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Digital Federal Credit Union gift in the approximate amount of \$7,500.00 (SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is to support the Police Department efforts in providing quality programs to our city's youth.

- 218-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Digital Federal Credit Union gift in the approximate amount of \$7,500.00 (SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is to support the Fire/EMS Equipment Fund, which is used for the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies to keep the firefighters and citizens of Fitchburg safe.
- 219-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency grant in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purposes of said grant, which is to purchase equipment for the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
- 220-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Municipal Small Bridge Program in the approximate amount of \$500,000.00 (FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair the Westminster Hill Road Bridge over Phillips Brook.
- 221-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant in the approximate amount of \$102,000.00 (ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to conduct a preliminary vulnerability assessment of the US Army Corps of Engineer's Nashua Flood Damage Reduction System.
- 222-19. LOAN ORDER: Appropriate \$8,200,000.00 to pay the cost of various sewer separation projects as outlined in the enclosed Loan Order.

**V. RECESSED HEARING**

029-19. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance by amending the Table of Principle Uses concerning Medical Offices and to further define different medical and medical office uses, per vote of the Fitchburg Planning Board January 8, 2019.

\*See attached August 28, 2019 memo from the Planning Board.

**VI. ORDERS-FINANCE**

231-19. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2018 Assistance to Firefighters grant in the approximate amount of \$259,200.00 (TWO HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase 81 sets of firefighter turnout gear.

232-10. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$7,780.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPENSE, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of design services related to the preparation and repainting of the exterior windows of the library building.

**VII. ORDINANCE**

226-19. AN ORDINANCE: To amend the General Ordinances of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 44, Section 10, by striking the following:

Under Positions Paid Yearly	Effective July 1, 2018
City Solicitor	<del>\$97,000.00 (\$1,865.38/week)</del>
Assistant City Solicitor	<del>\$65,000.00 (\$1,250.00/week)</del>

And inserting in its place:

Under Positions Paid Yearly	Effective July 1, 2019
City Solicitor	\$100,000.00 (\$1,937.88/week)
Assistant City Solicitor	\$ 67,516.00 (\$1,298.38/week)

(Final Reading)

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 7:00 PM