



**CITY OF FITCHBURG MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

September 18, 2018

Immediately following the Joint Public Hearing that is scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM

**Memorial Middle School Library
615 Rollstone Street
Fitchburg MA 01420**

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. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of September 18, 2018, 6:45 PM

New Appointments:

Board of Registrars of Voters

(Term to expire April 1, 2020)

Ms. Jacklynn Taylor

Permanent Full Time Firefighter

City of Fitchburg

Mr. Trevor M. Lawler

Finance Committee

Meeting of September 11, 2018

- 220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(Limited waiver of right of first refusal)
- 232-17. 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 with disadvantaged youth and other community programs.
(Be Adopted)
- 233-18. 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 approximate amount of \$139,953.00 (ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE 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.
(Be Adopted)

- 234-18. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division grant in the approximate amount of \$8,637.29 (EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN AND 29/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to enhance traffic safety through high-visibility enforcement patrols and purchase of traffic safety related equipment.
(Be Adopted)
- 235-18. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the FEMA/AFT grant in the approximate amount of \$486,364.00 (FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase a new pumper for the Fire Department.
(Be Adopted)
- 236-18. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$48,636.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to FIRE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENT for the purpose of acquiring a new pumper for the Fire Department.
(Be Adopted)
- 237-18. 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 purpose of said grant, which is to purchase equipment for the city's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).
(Be Adopted)
- 238-18. 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 \$90,000.00 (NINETY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair the Ashburnham Street Bridge.
(Be Adopted)

240-18. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Healthy Summer Youth Jobs Program grant in the approximate amount of \$4,000.00 (FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to fund youth jobs in summer employment.
(Be Adopted)

245-18. Fitchburg Retirement Board, to approve the vote of the Fitchburg Contributory Board taken on June 26, 2018, to increase the supplemental annual allowance from \$6,000 to \$12,000 provided to the surviving spouses of accidental disability retirees who were unable to provide for any annual allowance to be paid to their spouses at the time of their death.
(Be Granted)

Assessor's Office

220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(Office does not offer an opinion)

Conservation Commission **Meeting of August 28, 2018**

220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(No Recommendation)

Historical Commission

220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(Recommend to consider preserving these assets)

Board of Parks Commissioners
Meeting of September 6, 2018

- 220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(No desire to exercise first right of refusal)
- 044-18. Councilors Squailia and Zarrella, and David Thibault-Munoz, to postpone the listing of the 116-118 Day Street property to the side yard sales program in order to explore the possibility of creating a Pocket Park to honor Abolitionist Benjamin Snow.
(No comment)

Planning Board
Meeting of August 14, 2018

- 220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(No Recommendation)

Department of Public Works

- 220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(No interest in the property)

Water Department

- 220-18. Hon. Stephen L. DiNatale, Mayor, to request input from City entities as to whether or not to exercise its right of first refusal to purchase property located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road as outlined in the Petition.
(Property has no value to the Water Department)

IV. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 251-18. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services, first Responder Naloxone grant in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support first responder purchase and administration of naloxone.
- 252-18. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the approximate amount of \$38,500.00 (THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to continue to provide residents with more robust information about waste disposal and recycling, purchase additional carts for the curbside program, and reduce, reuse, and recycle in school cafeterias.

V. ORDER-OTHER

- 253-18. ORDERED THAT: WHEREAS on September 18, 2018, the City Council voted to approve Petition 220-18 which provided for a limited waiver of the right of first refusal for the land located at Pearl Hill Road and High Rock Road consisted of approximately 59.109 acres, more or less, being more particularly described in said petition.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Stephen L. DiNatale execute and deliver any and all documents necessary, convenient, and helpful to facilitate the intent of the council's approval of Petition 220-18, including but not limited to the execution, delivery and recordation of a limited waiver of the right of first refusal, issued pursuant to M.G.L. c. 61A, in a form substantially similar to that which is attached.

(Reference Petition #220-18)

VI. PETITIONS

- 254-18. Mary Jo Bohart, Economic Development Director, pursuant to an economic development strategic planning process that commenced in July 2017, and through technical expertise and consulting support from UMass Boston's Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management, I hereby request that the Fitchburg City Council vote to accept the resulting *Economic Development Strategic Plan* for the City of Fitchburg. (Council as a Whole Committee)
- 255-18. Police Chief Ernest Martineau, to recommend Putnam Street be converted to a one way (1) lane roadway from Main Street to Boulder Drive. The addition of 6 metered parking spots, and one loading zone be approved. (Public Safety Committee)
- 256-18. Police Chief Ernest Martineau, to:
1. Remove 4 spaces, 2 double meters in front of Fitchburg District Court.
2. Replace with "No Parking Anytime".
3. Remove 1 space, 1 parking meter at Elm Street and Oliver Street.
4. Replace with "No Parking Prisoner Loading Area". (Public Safety Committee)
- 257-18. Councillor Michael P. Kushmerek, to repair a section of sidewalk in front of 158 Marshall Street that is sinking and cracking due to the prior removal of a city-owned tree. (Public Works Committee)
- 258-18. Councillor Amy Green, on behalf of Barbara Eisenzopf, to request a berm at 15 Warren Street to stop lawn damage. (Public Works Committee)
- 259-18. Councillor Amy Green, on behalf of various residents of 350 Water Street, to request sidewalk repairs at the 350 Water Street, Fitchburg Green Housing. The said repairs are located at the Middle Street area of Property. Pictures are enclosed. (Public Works Committee)
- 260-18. Councillor Amy Green, on behalf of Peter Tossoni, 52 Albee Street, to request another solution to the knotweed problem destroying the city sidewalk located at the corner of Albee and Haskell Streets. (Public Works Committee)

261-18. Councillors Squailia & Walsh to install a new berm in front of 42 Old Deerfield Road.
(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018, 7:00 PM