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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of
Oct 20, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time
Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cDvkWbj5QTyU8XAxQ1qH0A

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be sent to the City Clerk's Office by NOON on October 20, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:
cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of October 20, 2020
New Appointments:

Member of the Conservation Commission
(Term to expire October 1, 2023)
Mr. Ralph Baker

Permanent Reserve Police Officer
Fitchburg Police Department
Mr. Grant H. Jensen

Permanent Full Time Police Officer
Fitchburg Police Department
Mr. Grant H. Jensen

Finance Committee
Meeting of October 13, 2020

- 207-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs grant in the approximate amount of \$23,050.00 (TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to replace antiquated audio/video investigative equipment.
(Be Adopted)
- 208-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the FEMA 2019 Assistance to Firefighter grant in the approximate of \$387,710.00 (THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to replace the obsolete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Hazmat Rescue Operations.
(Be Adopted)
- 209-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$38,771.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSED, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to FIRE, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR, FIREFIGHTERS EQUIPMENT for the local share for a grant to replace the obsolete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Hazmat Rescue Operations.
(Be Adopted)

Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting of October 13, 2020

- 192-20. New Vue Communities and 62-82 Academy Street, Inc., to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Smart Grown Zoning District as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Also referred to the Planning Board and Community Development)
(Be Granted)
- 204-20. Jeff Murawski, Deputy Commission of Wastewater, to request changes to the City Code, Chapter 147, Sewers, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Also referred to the Water/Wastewater Commission)
- https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6853/Fitchburg-Sewer-Use-Ordinance-Changes_2020
- https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6854/JAM_Ordinance-Change-Ltr_2020-09-10
(Be Granted as amended, see minutes)

- 028-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to amend ch. 169-58, (Winter Parking Ban), to increase fee from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per day when the winter parking ban is in place.
(Be given leave to withdraw)
- 128-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that all applications for a Dealer's License must be for ten (10) cars, minimum.
(Also referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Building Commissioner)
(Be held in Committee)

Planning Board

Hearing of October 13, 2020

- 192-20. New Vue Communities and 62-82 Academy Street, Inc., to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Smart Grown Zoning District as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Also referred to Community Development)
(Be Granted)

Public Safety Committee Oral Report

Meeting of October 20, 2020

- 089-20. Councillor Bernie Schultz, and resident Alex Freeman of 70 Rainville Avenue, to remove the "No Turn on Red" sign at the intersection of John T. Centrino Memorial Drive and Water Street.
- 128-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that all applications for a Dealer's License must be for ten (10) cars, minimum.
(Also referred to the Public Safety Committee and the Building Commissioner)
- 161-20. Councillor Bernie Schultz and resident Ontaya Lewis of 143 Charles Street to add stop signs on Charles Street in both directions at the intersection of Charles and Forest Streets.
- 173-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Andrew Van Hazinga, to increase the availability of on-street parking along Day Street, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
- 193-20. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, FPD Traffic Unit, and Nicolas Bosonetto, DPW Commissioner, to amend Section 169, ch. 24, Parking Prohibited at all times:
Beech St. East side from Litchfield St. south to Kimball St.
Beech St. West side from Kimball St. to Pratt St.

Water/Wastewater Commission
Meeting of September 9, 2020

- 204-20. Jeff Murawski, Deputy Commission of Wastewater, to request changes to the City Code, Chapter 147, Sewers, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Also referred to the Water/Wastewater Commission)

https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6853/Fitchburg-Sewer-Use-Ordinance-Changes_2020

https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/6854/JAM_Ordinance-Change-Ltr_2020-09-10

(Be granted)

VI. ORDERS

- 214-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the FEMA 2020 Assistance to Firefighter supplemental grant in the approximate amount of \$4,582.00 (FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase additional PPE and disinfecting supplies to combat the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 215-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program grant in the approximate amount of \$81,420.00 (EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement.
- 216-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINE AND 06/100 DOLLARS (\$755,109.06) same to be charged against RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION, INSURANCE RECOVERIES OVER \$150,000 and credited to SCHOOL EXPENSES.

VII. PETITIONS

- 217-20. Montuori Oil Corporation, to sell transfer, and convey to Montuori Oil Corporation a certain parcel of land identified as Parcel C and consisting of 1,120 square feet as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(City Property Committee)
- 218-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to add an apron to 186 Daniels Street to avoid car bottoming out.
(Public Works Committee)

- 219-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to add a streetlight to pole #22, located at the corner of Oak Hill Road and Pratt Road. There had been one on the pole in the past.
(Public Works Committee)
- 220-20. Councillor Marissa Fleming, on behalf of Sean and Daniella Vaillancourt, to petition the city to install a berm at 599 Pearl Hill Road to prevent water runoff from the street.
(Public Works Committee)
- 221-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance by incorporating the following provisions as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Planning Board, Community Development, Legislative Affairs)

Next Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:00 PM