



CITY OF FITCHBURG

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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

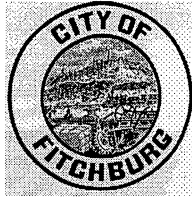
AGENDA ITEMS:* **SEE ATTACHED**

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FITCHEBURG CITY CLERK

MARY DE ALDERETE, 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. Daniel Sarefield, as member of the Board of License Commissioners, term to expire May 1, 2026.
2. Mr. Bryan Breau, as a member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire March 1, 2023.

Appointment Letters

1. Timothy W. Harnden, as a Full-Time Student Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
2. Ryan M. Kreidler, as a Full-time Student Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
3. Ms. Leona Whetzel, as a member of the Fitchburg Cultural Council, term to expire April 1, 2023.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of March 17, 2020

New Appointments

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire March 1, 2025)

Mr. Brian Gallagher

Associate Member of the Planning Board

(Term to expire March 1, 2023)

Ms. Tracy McGrath

Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire March 1, 2022)

Mr. Gregory Babineau

Finance Committee
Meeting of March 10, 2020

- 059-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services grant in the approximate amount of \$6,448.94 (SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND 94/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase Washer-Extractor equipment.
(Be Adopted)
- 060-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DPW, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, ARBOR WAY REPAIR for the purpose of repairing the retaining walls that support Arbor Way.
(Be Adopted)
- 061-20. ORDERED THAT: There by and hereby is appropriated the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$11,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to the following COUNCIL ON AGING, EXPENSES accounts:
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| HEATING FUEL: | \$4,000.00 |
| BUILDING & GROUNDS: | \$7,000.00 |
- (Be Adopted)

COMMUNICATION: Year 46 Community Block Grant Application.
(Be Adopted)

Legislative Affairs Committee Oral Report
Meeting of March 17, 2020, 6:00 PM

- 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.
- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase 1 of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses as outlined in the Petition.
(Also Referred to a Public Hearing April 7, 2020)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING CANCELLED

- 064-20. Unitil, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, to construct and use a line for 2 new proposed pole locations on Valley Street, approximately 1200' west of Canton Street as outlined in the enclosed petition. (This Public Hearing is cancelled and rescheduled to April 21, 2020.)

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 065-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to Schools signs and Lines Program in the approximate amount of \$6,000.00 (SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose said grant, which is to repair crosswalks and signage in and around Reingold Elementary School.
- 066-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWO THOUSAND, AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) same to be transferred from PURCHASING, PERSONAL SERVICES, BUYER and credited to PURCHASING, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME.
- 067-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS for replacing network switches.
- 068-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, DAMAGES PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

VIII. ORDERS-CDBG

- 069-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWO HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$290,900) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Streetscape Improvements project and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 070-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) same to be credited to Fitchburg Abolitionist Park Phases I & II and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 071-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Downtown Murals Project and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

- 072-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) be appropriated, same to be credited to the LUK, Inc. Sprinkler System at Horizon House and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 073-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$28,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Our Father's House Street Homeless Intervention Program and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 074-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Montachusett Regional YMCA Spartacus Program and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 075-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Police Department Drug Enforcement and Patrol program and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 076-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) be appropriated, same to be credited to the North Star Family Homeless Shelter and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 077-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Community Legal Aid Homelessness Prevention Project and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 078-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to NewVue Communities Small Business Technical Assistance Program and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 079-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Microenterprise Business Development Project and charged against the CDBG Year 46.
- 080-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) be appropriated, same to be credited to Fitchburg State University for the Fitchburg Downtown Coordinator Position and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

081-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of NINETY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$99,270) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Board of Health Code Enforcement program and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

082-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair Project and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

083-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND EIGHTEEN DOLLARS (\$160,018) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Demolition of Abandoned Properties and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

084-20. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$199,244) be appropriated, same to be credited to CDBG Planning and Administration and charged against the CDBG Year 46.

IX. ORDERS-OTHER

085-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Easement Deed between the City and Westminster Pond, LLC, as outlined in the enclosed Order.

086-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute the Easement Deed between the City and 431 Westminster Street, LLC, as outlined in the enclosed Order.

087-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents and take any acts to amend any or all existing Host Community Agreements with Marijuana Entities as outlined in the Order.
(Full order is available electronically)

X. ORDINANCES

057-20. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Portions of the City Code and establishing a Department of Facilities Management and a Director of Facilities as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
(Final Reading)

063-20. AN ORDINANCE: That the General Ordinances of Fitchburg, Chapter 44, Section 10, as most recently amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following:

	EFFECTIVE
UNDER POSITIONS PAID YEARLY	JUL 1, 2019
Chair, Planning Board	\$1,668 (annually)
(Final Reading)	

XI. PETITIONS

- 088-20. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, Councillor Amy Green, and Councillor Bernard Schultz, to amend Chapter 169 of the City Code by adding:
No Parking on Ellis St., north side 350 feet from South St. to Burnap Street. And south side starting 54 feet from South St. to Burnap Street. No Parking Kingsbury Street east and west side from Ellis Street to Drury Lane. No Parking Drury Lane North and South side entire street, Monday-Friday, 8AM to 10AM/2PM to 4PM.
Leave current No Parking at all times in place.
(Public Safety Committee)
- 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.
(Public Safety Committee)
- 090-20. Councillors Paul Beauchemin and Anthony Zarrella, to request Unitil, when removing trees, remove/grind stumps.
(Public Works Committee)

XII. COMMITTEE MATTERS

There are currently no Committee Matters requiring a request for more time.

Next Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2020, 7:00 PM