



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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**City of Fitchburg  
Massachusetts 01420**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Councillors at Large**

**Marcus L. DiNatale  
Amy Green  
Michael Kushmerek  
Samantha M. Squailia  
Anthony M. Zarrella**

**President**

**Anthony M. Zarrella**

**Vice President**

**Elizabeth R. Walsh**

**Ward Councillors**

**Ward 1 – Bernard J. Schultz III  
Ward 2 – Paul R. Beauchemin  
Ward 3 – Andrew J. Couture  
Ward 4 – Andrew J. Van Hazinga  
Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming  
Ward 6 – Elizabeth R. Walsh**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fitchburg was held over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on January 7, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 7:03 P.M. The Clerk stated the names of the Councillors who have logged in and eleven Councillors were present. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councillor Zarrella.

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Council President Zarrella made a motion to seek unanimous consent regarding taking agenda items out of order. Motion passed by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 1 opposed (Beauchemin).

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**I. PUBLIC FORUM**

**The following statement was issued for anyone wishing to participate the Public Forum:**

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of  
Jan 7, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time  
Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting - January 7, 2021 @ 7pm

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_QDz0QS3gS5qupcozfk5fw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QDz0QS3gS5qupcozfk5fw)

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 January 7, 2021 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:  
[cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov).

City Treasurer Anne Cervantes requested that Order #004-21 be adopted under Suspension of the Rules.

Order was taken under consideration at this time:

004-21. ORDERED THAT: The Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the city authorized by this Council as of the date hereof, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

Order adopted by unanimous consent. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor January 8, 2021.

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President Zarrella addressed the Council by with a brief statement, as below:

"I didn't wish to start off my term as President with anything political, but certain moments in history cannot go unremarked upon, so I will attempt to keep this brief. Yesterday, our democracy came under attack. Armed insurrectionists entered the Capitol Building by force, with the intent of coercing our Legislature to obey their will rather than the law, and four people are dead. I don't care if you're a Republican or a Democrat. I don't care if you think the election was fair or not, although the unanimity of the Courts across the country speak strongly to that issue. As Americans, we should all be agreed that using violence to try and subvert the political process is despicable, inexcusable, and yes, un-American.

Here in Fitchburg, and on this Council, we should count our blessings are recommit ourselves to uphold our consistent tradition of working together for the good of the City without thought for partisan divisions. And now, as Vice-President Pence said to the Senate, 'Let's get back to work'. Thank you."

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## II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Regular Meetings of December 1, 2020 and December 15, 2020 were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted.

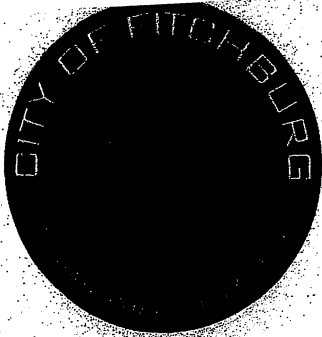
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## III. COMMUNICATION

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His Honor the Mayor  
Appointment Letter

Mr. Mark F. Christian, as a member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire January 1, 2024.



*The City of Fitchburg*

*Massachusetts*

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**STEPHEN L. DINATALE**  
**MAYOR**

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FITCHBURG, MA 01420  
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**AARON TOURIGNY**  
**CHIEF OF STAFF**

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**JOAN DAVID**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE**  
JDAVID@FITCHBURGMA.GOV

December 30, 2020

The Honorable City Council  
Fitchburg Municipal Offices  
166 Boulder Drive, Suite 108  
Fitchburg, MA 01420

DEC 30 AM 10:20  
FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

Dear Honorable Councilors,

I hereby appoint and ask for your confirmation of Mr. Mark F. Christian of 71 Bennett Road, Fitchburg, MA as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term scheduled to expire on January 1, 2024.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen L. DiNatale", is written over a white background.

Stephen L. DiNatale  
Mayor

Appointment read and referred to the Appointments Committee.

**Pension Reserves Investment Management Board**

84 State Street, Suite 250  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

2020 DEC 22 AM 8:42



Deborah B. Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver General, Chair  
Michael G. Trotsky, CFA, Executive Director

**Fitchburg Retirement System**

General Allocation Account

November 01, 2020 to November 30, 2020

Your beginning net asset value for the period was:

Your change in investment value for the period was:

Your exchanges from (to) the Cash Fund for the period were:

Your ending net asset value for the period was:

Month To Date	Fiscal Year To Date	Calendar Year To Date
135,627,515.96	120,226,217.97	132,259,241.63
8,269,507.85	14,639,058.19	9,806,034.53
(1,200,000.00)	7,831,747.65	631,747.65
<u>142,697,023.81</u>	<u>142,697,023.81</u>	<u>142,697,023.81</u>

**Net Change in Investment Value** represents the net change through investment activities as follows:

Gross Investment Income:

Less Management Fees:

Net Investment Income:

Net Fund Unrealized Gains/Losses:

Net Fund Realized Gains/Losses:

**Net Change in Investment Value as Above:**

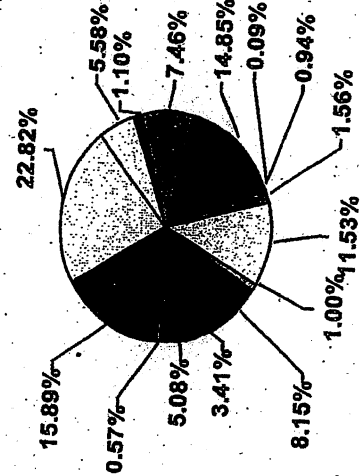
220,512.50	1,119,974.28	2,524,360.87
(13,810.94)	(200,527.53)	(505,785.90)
206,701.56	919,446.75	2,018,574.97
7,237,680.38	10,267,353.40	3,552,540.02
825,125.91	3,452,258.04	4,234,919.54
<u>8,269,507.85</u>	<u>14,639,058.19</u>	<u>9,806,034.53</u>

As of November 30, 2020 the net asset value of your investment in the PRIT Fund was: **\$142,697,023.81**

**PRIT Fund Core Asset Allocation**

**As of November 30, 2020**

- Cash Overlay
- Core Fixed Income
- Domestic Equity
- Emerging Markets
- Equity Hedge
- Hedge Funds
- International Equity
- Liquidating Portfolio
- Other Credit Opportunities
- Private Debt
- Private Equity
- Real Assets
- Real Estate
- Timberland
- Value-Added Fixed Inc.



If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact your Senior Client Services Officer Paul Todisco (617) 946-8423.  
A detailed statement is attached.

# PERAC

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS | PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

PHILIP Y. BROWN, ESQ., *Chairman*

JOHN W. PARSONS, ESQ., *Executive Director*

Auditor SUZANNE M. BUMP | KATHLEEN M. FALLON | KATE FITZPATRICK | JAMES M. MACHADO | ROBERT B. MCCARTHY | JENNIFER F. SULLIVAN

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Fitchburg Retirement Board  
FROM: John W. Parsons, Esq., Executive Director  
RE: Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2022  
DATE: December 11, 2020

Required Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriation: **\$15,263,793**

This Commission is hereby furnishing you with the amount to be appropriated for your retirement system for Fiscal Year 2022 which commences July 1, 2021.

Attached please find summary information based on the present funding schedule for your system and the portion of the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriation to be paid by each of the governmental units within your system.

The current schedule is due to be updated by Fiscal Year 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact PERAC's Actuary, John Boorack, at (617) 666-4446 Extension 935.

JWP/jfb  
Attachments

cc: Office of the Mayor  
City Council  
c/o City Clerk

DEC 28 AM 11:03  
FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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**Fitchburg Retirement Board**

Projected Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2022 - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Aggregate amount of appropriation: **\$15,263,793**

Fiscal Year	Estimated Cost of Benefits	Funding Schedule (Excluding ERI)	ERI	Total Appropriation	Pension Fund Allocation	Pension Reserve Fund Allocation	Transfer From PRF to PF
FY 2022	\$15,262,425	\$15,263,793	\$0	\$15,263,793	\$15,262,425	\$1,368	\$0
FY 2023	\$15,736,889	\$16,179,620	\$0	\$16,179,620	\$15,736,889	\$442,731	\$0
FY 2024	\$16,226,077	\$17,150,397	\$0	\$17,150,397	\$16,226,077	\$924,320	\$0
FY 2025	\$16,730,445	\$18,179,421	\$0	\$18,179,421	\$16,730,445	\$1,448,976	\$0
FY 2026	\$17,250,464	\$19,270,186	\$0	\$19,270,186	\$17,250,464	\$2,019,722	\$0

The Total Appropriation column shown above is in accordance with your current funding schedule and the scheduled payment date(s) in that schedule. Whenever payments are made after the scheduled date(s), the total appropriation should be revised to reflect interest at the rate assumed in the most recent actuarial valuation. Payments should be made before the end of the fiscal year.

For illustration, we have shown the amount to be transferred from the Pension Reserve Fund to the Pension Fund to meet the estimated Cost of Benefits for each year. If there are sufficient assets in the Pension Fund to meet the Cost of Benefits, this transfer is optional.

**Fitchburg Retirement Board**  
**Appropriation by Governmental Unit**

Fiscal Year 2022 - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Aggregate amount of appropriation: **\$15,263,793**

UNIT	Percent of Aggregate Amount	Funding Schedule (excluding ERI)	ERI	Total Appropriation
City of Fitchburg	94.91%	\$14,486,866	\$0	\$14,486,866
Fitchburg Housing Authority	4.58%	\$699,082	\$0	\$699,082
Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority	0.51%	\$77,845	\$0	\$77,845
<b>UNIT TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$15,263,793</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$15,263,793</b>

The Total Appropriation column shown above is in accordance with your current funding schedule and the scheduled payment date(s) in that schedule. Whenever payments are made after the scheduled date(s), the total appropriation should be revised to reflect interest at the rate assumed in the most recent actuarial valuation. Payments should be made before the end of the fiscal year.

## VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of January 7, 2020

The Appointments Committee recommended the following Appointments be confirmed:

#### Re-Appointments:

##### Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire January 1, 2022)

Mr. Joseph Byrne

(Term to expire January 1, 2023)

Ms. Lauren L. McNamara

(Term to expire January 1, 2024)

Mr. Michael McLaughlin

##### Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire June 1, 2021)

Ms. Jeanne Hudson

Report accepted. Appointments confirmed by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present.  
Board consists of 11 members.

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## VII. ORDER-FINANCE

The following Order was referred to the Finance Committee by unanimous consent 11/0:

- 003-21.       ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Crocker Field Restoration Committee in the approximate amount of \$17,600.00 (SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAID GIFT, WHICH IS FOR THE Crocker Field Concrete Rehabilitation at Grandstands.
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## VIII. PETITIONS

The following Petition was referred to the Planning Board, Community Development, Legislative Affairs Committee, and the Economic Development Committee:

- 005-21. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance by Incorporating the following provisions:
- RC Zoning Amendment
  - Agriculture & Agricultural related activities
  - Farmers Markets
  - Infill Development amendment
  - Accessory Dwelling Units
  - Drive Through Site Plan Review Amendment
  - Sec. 181.53 Signs amendment
  - Multi Family Development
  - Off-Street Parking Amendment

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The following Petition was referred to a Public Hearing February 2, 2021:

- 006-21. UNITIL, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Company, for a proposed new pole #15 Approximately 45' north of existing pole #14 at intersection of Industrial Road and Westminster Hill Road.

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## IX. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

### *Petition 29-20 Amendment*

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/7488/29-20-Planning-Bd-recommendation-and-Phase-II-update>

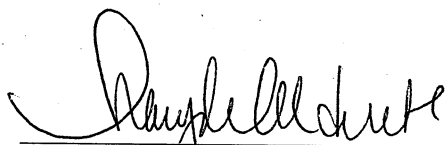
Amendment was referred to a Public Hearing January 19, 2021.

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## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Zarrella read a letter which had been sent by Councilor Schultz from Boy Scout, Patrick McWalter (Leominster Troop 12), who is working with the City and the Mayor's Office on his Eagle Scout project. He will be working to add 150 reflectors to fire hydrants in the Ward 1 Area. Both Councilors Schultz and Green spoke highly of the project, and encouraged the Council and the public to consider sponsoring hydrant reflectors in support of this project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

  
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Mary de Alderete, City Clerk