



*Oct 04 2023 2:31 pm*

**City of Fitchburg  
Massachusetts 01420**

**CITY COUNCIL**

**Councillors at Large**

**Sally H. Cragin  
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Amy Green  
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Anthonv M. Zarrella**

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**Anthony M. Zarrella**

**Vice President**

**Andrew J. Van Hazinga**

**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 – Derrick J. Cruz**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fitchburg was held at the Legislative Building at 700 Main Street and over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on September 19, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by President Zarrella at 7:10 P.M. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councilor Van Hazinga. The City Clerk called the roll 11 Councilors were present. Board consists of 11 members.

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**I. PUBLIC FORUM**

- Jean, protected under the Violence Act against Women, spoke on items 023-23 and 046-23.

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**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Schultz: The next meeting of the Widowed Helping Widowed Support Group will take place on Thursday, September 21, 2023 from 4 until 5:30 p.m. in Room 203 at the Fitchburg State University Recreation Center, 130 North Street. Kelley Lynn and Bernie Schultz will co-facilitate the meeting.

Registration is now open for Second Chance Animal Services, September 23<sup>rd</sup> pet vaccine clinic at the Fitchburg Fire Department headquarters. The event, which offers low-cost vaccines, including a \$5.00 rabies vaccine, and microchips to help Fitchburg area pet owners care for their pets. This event is organized by Be PAWSitive Therapy Pets and Friend of Fitchburg DOGS Inc. and is dedicated to the Late Jeffrey P. Stephens who cofounded the Fitchburg vaccine clinic series in 2011 and was da devoted pet owner all his life. Registration is open to ALL pet owners in any town. Visit [seconchcneanimals.org/Fitchburg](http://seconchcneanimals.org/Fitchburg)

Fitchburg Residents are invited to a Meeting to discuss propped Oak Hill Country Club large scale solar array (13,00 plus panels) abutting Shea St., Pepper Rd., Oak Hill Rd., and Theresa St. on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church Hall, 118 Theresa St., Fitchburg. This project has the the potential to permanently and drastically affect our neighborhood. Join together to discuss and develop reasonable strategies to oppose this proposed project.

RSVP [joe@electjoebowen.com](mailto:joe@electjoebowen.com) / 978-868-3772. Joe has arranged this meeting place and time, and will need to let Holy Rosary know how many folks will be in attendance. Please RSVP – Even if you are not sure about attending.

City Clerk: Fitchburg Preliminary Election is September 26, 2023, Polls will be open from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

In-person Early Voting is currently happening at City Hall, Wednesday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30 PM.

Last Day to request an Absentee Ballot for the Preliminary, Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM

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### III. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

#### **Appointments Committee**

#### **Oral Report**

#### **Meeting of September 19, 2023**

#### **New Appointment:**

#### **Conservation Commission**

(Term to expire September 1, 2026)

Sean-Michael Tantinarawat

#### **New Appointments:**

#### **Board of License Commissioners**

(Term to expire January 1, 2026)

Glenn Fossa

#### **New Appointments:**

#### **Human Rights Commission**

(Term to expire October 1, 2026)

Georgie Rodriguez

#### **Re-Appointment:**

#### **Board of Registrars of Voters**

(Term to expire April 1, 2024)

Dan H. Mylott

#### **Re-Appointment:**

#### **Board of Registrars of Voters**

(Term to expire April 1, 2025)

Joanne Huse

#### **Re-Appointment:**

#### **Board of Registrars of Voters**

(Term to expire April 1, 2026)

Alice E. Hillman

**Re-Appointment:**

**Human Rights Commission**

(Term to expire May 1, 2026)

Dr. Maritza Knight

**Re-Appointment:**

**Human Rights Commission**

(Term to expire January 1, 2025)

Cheryl Maguy-Stewart

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

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**IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS**

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023 were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consist of 11 members.

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**V. COMMUNICATION**

Ethier St.

[Ethier Street Memorandum of the Planning Board](#)

[City Property Minutes](#)

Report read and accepted. On file in the City Clerk's Office by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

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**XI. ORDERS – FINANCE**

Motion and second for suspension of rules on Orders 223-23 and 224-23 by roll call vote of 11 in favor and 0 opposed. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

223-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department Training Grant in the approximate amount of \$88,026.65 (EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX and 65/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to train Fire Department dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures, and Police Department dispatchers in 911 Emergency procedures.

Order 223-23 was adopted by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consist of 11 members.

Order signed by Mayor on September 20, 2023

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224-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council Festivals & Projects grant in the approximate amount of \$2,500 (TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Fitchburg Parks and Recreation Department's Summer 2023 Concerts in the Common series.

Order 224-23 was adopted by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consist of 11 members.

Order signed by Mayor on September 20, 2023

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#### **VII. RESOLUTION**

046-23. RESOLUTION: A resolution by Councilor Marcus DiNatale seeking a vote of no confidence in curbside collection service provider Waste Management. The resolution states as follows as outlined in the enclosed Resolution.

Move Order 046-23 along with Order 187-23 to Council as a Whole so Waste Management can Participate by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

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#### **VIII. PETITION**

The following petition was referred to Public Works:

225-23. Andrew Couture on behalf of Evan Halstead to install more street light on Sheldon Road at and around 455 Sheldon Road on the east side of the road.

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#### **IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

*Joanna Bilotta-Simeone*

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Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, City Clerk