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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 2024

**Fitchburg Legislative Building
700 Main Street
Fitchburg MA 01420**

7:00 PM

This meeting can also be viewed live on FATV. Go to www.fatv.org/watch-fatv for more information on accessing this meeting.

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 city of residence.
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 Councilor would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your interest!

I. PUBLIC FORUM

This meeting will be open to the public. Persons who wish to participate remotely in the Public Forum portion of the meeting may request a remote attendance link by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov by 12:00 PM (noon) on the day of meeting.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee
Oral Report
Meeting of January 4, 2024

New Appointment:
Council on Aging
(Term to expire December 5, 2026)
Nancy Donohue

New Appointment:
Fitchburg Disability Commission
(Term to expire January 1, 2027)
Ellen Corduan

Re-Appointment:
Conservation Commission
(Term to expire January 1, 2027)
Michael Donnelly

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(Term to expire January 1, 2027)
Mark F. Christian

Re-Appointment:
Board of Assessors
(Term to expire January 1, 2027)
Jerri Maillet

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Board of Assessors
(Term to expire January 1, 2026)
Ryan Beauvais

Re-Appointment:
Human Rights Commission
(Term to expire January 1, 2027)
Barbara Nealon

Re-Appointment:

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire October 1, 2025)

James Reynolds

Re-Appointment:

Board of Trustees Public Library

(Term to expire January 2, 2027)

Matt Bruun

Mary Rice Hurley

James Walsh

Re-Appointment:

Board of Trustees Public Library

(Term to expire January 2, 2026)

Cynthia Jones

Joanne Huse

Re-Appointment:

Board of Trustees Public Library

(Term to expire July 1, 2026)

Muna Kangsen

Dennis Pierce

Re-Appointment:

Board of Park Commissioners

(Term to expire April 1, 2026)

Mary Whitney

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

V. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

1. New Appointment letter:

Ian B. Wilder, to the position of Firefighter to replace retiring Deputy Fire Chief Roberto Alicea.

VI. ORDERS – OTHER

- 003-24. ORDER OF NOTICE: Setting the date of a public hearing for the Laying out of a portion of Ethier St. as a public street or way.
(Public Hearing February 6, 2024)
- 004-24. ORDER THAT: Laying out a portion of Ethier St. as Public Street or way as outlined in the enclosed Order.
(Public Hearing February 6, 2024)
- 005-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg shall, through its Mayor Samantha M. Squailia, approve and authorize the execution of a Conservation Easement Agreement in form substantially similar to that attached hereto and authorize all other acts which will be

necessary, helpful or convenient thereto, in order to effectuate the Zoning Board decision of September 27, 2023 as recorded in the Worcester North Registry of Deeds at Book 10655, Page 369.
(Refer to City Property)

VII. PETITIONS

- 006-24. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #1-51, approximately 650' South of Drepanos Dr., and approximately 1020' North of View St., as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing February 6, 2024)
- 007-24. James C. Pappas and three signatory voters, to amend Order 234-03 in order to correct errors in the title record as detailed in the enclosed petition.
(Refer to Planning Board and Legislative Affairs)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM