



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK
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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
Jan 19, 2021 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_9RkKv6tHRk2oX54GTj_Rug

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 19, 2021 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:
cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of January 19, 2020

New Appointment:

Conservation Commission

(Term to expire January 1, 2024)

Mr. Mark F. Christian

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

Appointment Letter

1. Mr. James McGrath, to be re-appointed as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners, term to expire on April 1, 2025.
2. Full-Time Student Police Officers for the Fitchburg Police Department:
Zareus Z. Ramos
Cedric A. Robinson
Angelo J. Ramos, Jr.
3. Promotion: to the position of Permanent Police Sergeant for the Fitchburg Police Department:
Officer Stephan D. Bastien
Officer Michael E. Lopez

V. PUBLIC HEARING

- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase II of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses, remove internal inconsistencies and conflicts with state law, clarify definitions, make procedural changes, and to set the foundation for the more comprehensive changes that will take place in phase II.

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

VI. ORDERS-FINANCE

007-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY21 Shannon Community Safety Initiative grant in the approximate amount of \$336,400.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.

008-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$59,375.00 (FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.

VII. PETITIONS

009-21. UNITIL, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Company, for a proposed new pole #8 on McIntire Road, approximately 1470' west of the intersection of Williams Road, as shown on sketch Plan No.3456-L, dated 1/5/2021.
(Public Hearing February 16, 2021)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 2, 7:00 PM