



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

Aug 12 2022 8:16 am

**City of Fitchburg
Massachusetts 01420**

REVISED

8:17 am, Aug 12, 2022

CITY COUNCIL

President

Anthony M. Zarrella

Vice President

Andrew 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 Cruz

Councillors at Large

Sally Cragin

Marcus L. DiNatale

Amy Green

Samantha M. Squailia

Anthony M. Zarrella

August 11, 2022

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Fitchburg Legislative Building

700 Main Street

Fitchburg MA 01420

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.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report

Meeting of August 16, 2022

New Appointments:

Poll Workers

For the period of September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2023.

(To be sworn in during training sessions)

III. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Joanna Bilotta, City Clerk

Re: the “VOTES Act” Assignment of Police Officers and Permanent in-person early voting Action is requested in response to the changes made to section 72 of MGL 54 which now charges the City Council, rather than person in charge of the police force, with detailing a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each polling location I recommend the following action:

MOTION: Order to approve a sufficient number of police officers, but not less than 1, at each polling location at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of MGL Chapter 54 which was changed in section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022. Further, move to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific police officers according to scheduling and availability. The City Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the polling locations and time the police officers are needed.

IV. ORDER

- 221-22. Eminent Domain for Circle Street Bridge Replacement Project (Circle Street, Broad Street and Main Street). Temporary and permanent easements are outlined in the Order.

V. PETITION

- 092-22. Chief Ernest Martineau, Fitchburg Police Department, to add to Chapter 40, relative to the Fitchburg Police Department, re: Civilian Traffic Control Specialists.
(Suspension of the Rules)
- 222-22 Councilors Paul Beauchemin and Anthony Zarrella, to place on the November General Election ballot a question substantially similar to that outlined in the enclosed petition, relative to an annual road use fee, and to research the steps necessary to implement such a policy if approved by the voters.

IV. ORDINANCE

223-22. An ORDINANCE: The Chief of Police may appoint, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the City Council, such number of civilian traffic control specialists as required by the Chief of Police. All civilian traffic control specialists are subject to the authority of the mayor and the Chief of Police, or the designee of the Chief of Police. No civilian traffic control specialist shall exercise police powers or authority. They shall be under the direction and control of the Chief Police and subject to all rules, regulations, policies, and procedures as prescribed by the Chief of Police. Specifically, civilian traffic control specialist shall be guided by the Fitchburg Police General Orders as related to paid details and civilian traffic control.
(Suspension of the Rules)

Per Order:
Anthony M. Zarrella, City Council President

By:

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Joanna Bilotta
City Clerk