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September 9, 2022

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING

Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA

Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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.

The agenda will consist of the following:

I. ORDERS

224-22 ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SIX AND 03/100 DOLLARS (\$136,206.03) from RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION, PEG ACCESS and credited to INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FRANCHISE FEE for the purpose of paying FATV for franchise fees received during the period ending May 31, 2022.

225-22 ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THREE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$393,000.00) same to be charged against the FY2023 TAX LEVY and credited to the following accounts:

SCHOOL EXPENSES	\$100,000.00
HIGHWAY, PERSONAL SERVICES	\$158,000.00
PARKS, PERSONAL SERVICES (SUPERINTENDENT)	\$ 85,000.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, MEDICARE TAX	\$ 50,000.00

For the purpose of supplementing the FY2023 budget approved in June, 2022.

II. LOAN ORDERS

226-22 LOAN ORDER: Order No. 143-21 of the City Council passed July 20, 2021 and approved by the Mayor on July 21, 2021 be revised in its entirety to read as follows: That the City of Fitchburg (the “City”) appropriate the amount of Seventy-Six Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$76,650,000) for the purpose of paying costs of an MSBA Core Project to construct a new Crocker Elementary School with a grade configuration of 1 to 5, located at 200 Bigelow Road in the City, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children for at least 50 years, and for which the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Crocker Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; provided further that any grant that City may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) eighty percent (80%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA. The City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.

227-22 LOAN ORDER: City of Fitchburg appropriate Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) for the renovation of the Fitchburg Public Library including, without limitation, the demolition and reconstruction of the children’s library portion of the building; all fixtures, equipment, furniture, paving, and landscaping for the project; the cost of moving the library to temporary space; and all other costs incidental related thereto; and that to meet this appropriation the City Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow up to Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000) under M.G.L. c.44, §7(1), as amended, or any other enabling authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any federal aid, state aid, or other funds available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid and other funds received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this order; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project. The City Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.

Very truly yours,
Anthony M. Zarrella
City Council President

By:

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, City Clerk