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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

October 18, 2022

**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 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 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.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of October 18, 2022

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Housing Authority Board of Directors

(Term to expire September 2, 2027)

David Basilio

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

1. Re-Appointment letter:

Re-Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire October 1, 2025)

Hafsa Asfa

2. Re-Appointment letter:

Re-Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire September 1, 2025)

Jamie Darcangelo

3. Re-Appointment letter:

Re-Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire May 1, 2025)

Krista Ford-Rhodes

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Economic Development

Oral Report

Meeting of October 11, 2022

254-22 Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Development and Planning, and Liz Murphy, Director of Housing and Development, to formally approve Mayor DiNatale's proposed Tax-Increment Exemption (TIE) agreement for 759-769 Main Street, pursuant to the City of Fitchburg's Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) market-rate housing district.
(Approved as Amended by unanimous consent 3/0)

Finance Committee
Meeting of October 12, 2022

250-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, THIRTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$173,035.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to FIRE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENT for the purpose of replacing three fire vehicles.
(Be Held)

251-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$87,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to POLICE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, VEHICLE REPLACEMENT for the purpose of replacing two police vehicles.
(Be Adopted)

VI. ORDERS - OTHER

257-22 Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the State Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.
[Notify Voters of the State Election on November 8, 2022](#)

VII. ORDINANCE

199-22 An ORDINANCE: To Amend Chapter 169-24 entitled “parking prohibited at all times”. (Relating to Boulder Dr. as in the enclosed order) (See proposed amendments dated 9-29-22)
(Final Reading)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

106-22. City Councilor Andy Van Hazinga on behalf of Almousa, Basemah Trustee, Owner of 339 River Street, to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Section 181.643 of the City Code, to include the following uses: Marijuana Courier and Marijuana Delivery Operator, and to allow same in the Commercial District, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

IX. PETITIONS

258-22 Councilors Sam Squailia and Bernie Schultz on behalf of Janet Rivera to remedy the sidewalk area in front of 367 Water St per the following: Remove the existing tree that is causing significant sidewalk heaving, repair the sidewalk to allow for accessible access, repoint the mortar joints on the granite block wall in that area.

259-22 Councilors Sam Squailia suggested amendments to the Main St / Boulder Dr.
[Suggested Amendments to the Main St / Boulder Dr Layout](#)

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 1st, 2022 - 7:00 PM