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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

**November 4, 2021**

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

**7:00 PM**

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

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](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov).

## II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

There is no Appointments Committee report at this time.

## III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

### IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

## V. ANNUAL REPORT

188-21. ANNUAL REPORT: Auditors Report, June 30, 2021.

## VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Public Works Committee Meeting of October 26, 2021

- 167-21. Councilor Bernard Schultz III, for Tom Caputi, 52 Warren Street, to install a berm in order to alleviate water erosion on the road and property.  
(Be Granted)
- 168-21. Councilor Andrew Van Hazinga, on behalf of Kristine Schneider, to repair the sidewalk in front of 99 Pleasant Street.  
(Be Granted)
- 175-21. Councilors Fleming and Hughes, to rename Union Street, located in Ward 5B to Adrian Ford Way.  
(Amend to Co-Name Union Street to include Adrian Ford Way and grant as amended.)
- 183-21. Councilors Sam Squailia and Andrew Couture to replace asphalt berm and add apron to alleviate water erosion occurring at 25 Mayland Street as detailed below and show in attached diagrams:
1. Replace worn out berm approx. 23 feet from edge of stair walkway.
  2. Add new raised apron at existing stair walkway to height of berm to avoid water washout.
  3. Replace washed out berm approx.. 15' from edge of stair walkway down hill to driveway.
  4. Raise driveway apron approx.. 30' to direct water down hill.
- (Be Granted)
- 184-21. Councilor Andrew Van Hazinga, on behalf of Laurie Brown, to repair the sidewalk in front of 11 Nutting Street.  
(Be Granted)

- 089-20. Councillor Bernie Schultz, and resident Alex Freeman of 70 Rainville Avenue, to remove the “No Turn on Red” sign at the intersection of John T. Cetrino Memorial Drive and Water Street.  
(Hold for traffic study)
- 135-21. Councillor Marisa Fleming, to install a barrier at 113 Summit Street to mitigate property damage caused from driver error at this dangerous corner.  
(Amend to add signage and grant as amended)

## **VII. ORDERS-FINANCE**

- 189-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program grant in the approximate amount of \$71,227.00 (SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to advance the practice of community policing in law enforcement.
- 190-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs grant in the approximate amount of \$24,403.00 (TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support community policing efforts and update equipment needs.
- 191-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to POLICE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of safeguarding the entrance to the Police Station.
- 192-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$28,000.00) be appropriated, same to be credited to HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH SERVICES and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 193-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL PROJECTS, LONGSJO SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT for the purpose of paying costs for the replacement of windows at the Arthur M. Longsjo Middle School, including a feasibility study and all other costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Fitchburg may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), said amount to be expended under the direction of Fitchburg Public Schools. The City of Fitchburg acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Fitchburg.

- 194-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources, Green Communities Division Competitive Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$151,283.00 (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to implement a number of energy saving programs across the city.

### **VIII. PETITIONS**

- 195-21. Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Development and Planning, to Declare 0 Daniels Street (Parcel 77 41 0) surplus property and designate the property for sale through the Side Yard Sales Program.  
(City Property Committee)
- 196-21. Councilor Marcus DiNatale, on behalf of resident Barbara Slattery, to install a sidewalk apron at the corner of Old Deerfield Road and Electric Avenue (similar to the one recently installed on same side at Mount Elam Road and Electric Avenue), then allowing for the installation of a crosswalk, to enhance the safety of pedestrian traffic for the residents of Old Deerfield Road who use the adjacent bike path  
(Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee)
- 197-21. Councilors Sam Squailia and Elizabeth Walsh, to petition to the city to replace the broken guardrail boards along Harvard Street between Boutelle and St. Bernard Street as shown in the attached pictures.  
(Public Works Committee)
- 198-21. Councilors Marcus DiNatale and Bernard Schultz, on behalf of resident Carrie Harris, to install a new fence on the right side of forest Street just right after Maple Street (and 70 Forest Street) if going down the hill from Pine Street.  
(Public Works Committee)
- 199-21. Councilor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of Fisher Road residents Yarisbeth Guzman, Lloyd Wentzall, and Christine Fagone, to request new signs and public lighting for Fisher Road as outlined in the enclosed Petition.  
(Public Safety Committee, Public Works Committee)
- 200-21. Unutil, to petition for approx.. 236' from Harvard Street, relocating p#3, 22' north of existing p#3 on Boylston Street, Fitchburg, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.  
(Public Hearing November 16, 2021)

### **IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 - 7:00 PM