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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

**November 16, 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

### Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of November 16, 2021

#### New Appointments

#### Full Time Student Police Officers

Noel Ntoro

Ashley Perez

Alison Tota

## III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

## IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

Appointment Letters

#### **New Appointment:**

1. Mr. Ryan Beauvais, as a member of the Board of Assessors, term to expire December 1, 2024.

#### **Re-Appointments:**

1. Ms. Jerri Maillet, as a member of the Board of Assessors, term to expire January 1, 2024.
2. Mr. Chris Paquette, as a member of the Board of Assessors, term to expire January 1, 2025.
3. Mr. Andrew Hawthorne, as a member of the Trustees of Public Burial Grounds, term to expire January 1, 2025.
4. Ms. Judith Perla, as a member of the Trustees of Public Burial Grounds, term to expire January 1, 2025.

## V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Finance Committee

### Meeting of November 9, 2021

- 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. (Be Adopted)
- 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. (Be Adopted)

- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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. Longsjö 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(Be Adopted)

## **VI. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 200-21. Unitil, 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.

## **VII. ORDERS-FINANCE**

- 201-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$350,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to STABILIZATION FUND.

- 202-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$450,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND.
- 203-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$125,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES.
- 204-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL EXPENSES.

### **VIII. ORDER-OTHER**

- 205-21. ORDERED THAT: WHEREAS, the Fitchburg Airport Commission voted on October 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the commission approved, unanimously, to allow the assignment of the Lease between Bullock Charter, Inc and the Fitchburg Airport Commission to Cornerstone Aviation, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Bullock Charter, Inc. and Cornerstone Aviation, LLC seek the Assignment and Assumption of Lease to be finalized on or before November 30, 2021, which include a Consent to the Assignment and Assumption of Lease to be signed by the Fitchburg Airport Commission and the Mayor; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Honorable Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale be hereby authorized for and on behalf of said City to execute and deliver any and all documents and take any and all acts necessary, convenient and helpful to facilitate and execute the Consent to the Assignment of Lease as attached or in form substantially similar thereto, and to site the facility as set forth above.

### **IX. PETITION**

- 206-21. Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a PILOT Agreement with NORTH BRANCH ENERGY, LLC, regarding a Solar Project to be located at 0 Ashburnham Street, Assessors Map S7 Block 48 Lot 0. (Finance Committee)

### **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM