



WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL!

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!

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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

I. PUBLIC FORUM

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of

Feb 2, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FjOeRxzsSkWklTz2mArG6w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be sent to the City Clerk's Office by NOON on February 2, 2021 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:

cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report

Meeting of February 2, 2020

Re-Appointment:

Board of Park Commissioners

(Term to expire April 1, 2025)

Mr. James McGrath

New Appointments:

Full-Time Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

Zareus Z. Ramos

Cedric A. Robinson

Angelo J. Ramos, Jr.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

Re-Appointment Letters

1. Board of Trustees for the Public Library, term to expire January 2, 2023:

Joanne Huse

Cynthia Jones

2. Board of Trustees for the Public Library, term to expire January 2, 2024:

Matt Bruun

Robert Favini

Mary Rice Hurley

James Walsh

3. Ms. Paula M. Caron, as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2026.

4. Mr. Michael Donnelly, as a member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire January 1, 2024.

5. Mr. John Bogdasarian, as a member of the Board of Health, term to expire January 1, 2025.
6. Mr. Ian Murray, as a member of the Board of Health, term to expire January 1, 2025.
7. Ms. Sandra Knipe, as a member of the Board of Health, term to expire January 1, 2023.
8. Ms. Barbara Nealon, as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire January 1, 2024.

New Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Derrick Cruz, Board of Trustees for the Public Library, term to expire January 2, 2023.
2. Ms. Michelle Antaya Sciabarrasi, as a member of the Fitchburg Trustees of Public Burial Grounds, term to expire on January 28, 2024.

V. ANNUAL REPORTS

- 010-21. ANNUAL REPORT: City Auditor's Report, June 30, 2020.
- 011-21. ANNUAL REPORT: Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District, for the year 2020.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee **Meeting of January 26, 2021**

- 003-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Crocker Field Restoration Committee in the approximate amount of \$17,600.00 (SEVENTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAID GIFT, WHICH IS FOR THE Crocker Field Concrete Rehabilitation at Grandstands.
(Be Adopted)
- 007-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY21 Shannon Community Safety Initiative grant in the approximate amount of \$336,400.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.
(Be Adopted)
- 008-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$59,375.00 (FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.
(Be Adopted)

Public Works Committee
Meeting of January 26, 2021

- 228-20. Toriano and Mariah Pridgen, and various Fitchburg residents, to petition for a Black Lives Matter banner to be painted on the stone wall on Kimball Street passing through the intersection.
(Be given leave to withdraw)
- 246-20. Councilor Marcus DiNatale and Councilor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of resident Tyler Scipione, to petition City to repair/replace the sidewalk in front of 89 Highland Ave.
(Be Granted)
- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street a Public Way.
(Be Held)
- 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. Centrino Memorial Drive and Water Street.
(Be amended to read the corrected spelling: Cetrino, and be held as amended)
- 177-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to add a berm in front of 78 St. Joseph Ave., in order to address water and sand issues faced by residents in the winter. Berm should be placed from the start of the sidewalk to the berm on Daniels St.
(Be Held)

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- 006-21. UNITIL, Fitchburg Gas & Electric Company, for a proposed new pole #15 Approximately 45’ north of existing pole #14 at intersection of Industrial Road and Westminster Hill Road.

VIII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 012-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program Action Grant in the approximate amount of \$271,787.00, (TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to begin the planning and design of green infrastructure stormwater improvements along John Fitch Highway.
- 013-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Asset Management Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$96, 600.00 (NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS), for the purpose of said grant, which is to begin the development of a Geographic Information System based asset management program for the Water Department.

- 014-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Greening the Gateway Cities Municipal Grant Program in the approximate amount of \$20,000.00 (TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to plant trees in city parks and rights of way within the designated planting zone.
- 015-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts grant in the approximate amount of \$2,500.00 (TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to be used towards wayfinding and informational signage for the Rollstone Hill Trail.
- 016-21: LOAN ORDER: Appropriate FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,500,000) to pay costs of the City's SCADA upgrade and Falulah transmission main water projects, as outlined in the enclosed Loan Order.

IX. ORDER-OTHER

- 017-21. ORDER: Establishing the dates of the City of Fitchburg Municipal Election Calender.

X. RESOLUTION

- 018-21. RESOLUTION: Adopting the City of Fitchburg 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan-Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan.

The link for the Appendix and Hazard Mitigation Plan may be found here:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/Index/817>

X. PETITIONS

- 019-21. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition for a proposed amendment to Rule 4.6: (re: Standing Committees)
(Council as a Whole Committee)
- 020-21. Vincent P. Pusateri, II, Esquire, to Convert False alarm notifications fees to a municipal charge lien, as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Finance Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee)

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM