



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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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!

I. PUBLIC FORUM

As the meeting location will not be open to the public, the public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of May 4, 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_XEY3sePGTJetl_uiaYJ6ww

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

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of May 4, 2021

Re-Appointments:

Fitchburg Airport Commission

(Term to expire July 1, 2022)

Mr. Richard Liberatore

(Term to expire February 1, 2024)

Mr. Clayton R. Raymond

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

Re-Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Samuel Blair, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire July 1, 2023.
2. Mr. Keith Chenot, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire July 1, 2024.
3. Ms. Ellen DiGeronimo, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire February 1, 2022.
4. Mr. Donald Ostrowski, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire February 1, 2022.
5. Mr. Charles Sternaimolo, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire February 1, 2024.

Appointment Letters

1. Retired Detective James M. Gilbert, as a Special Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
2. Mr. Eric Mbunwe, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Public Library, term to expire May 1, 2024.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of April 27, 2021

- 075-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services, Firefighter Safety Equipment grant in the approximate amount of \$19,075.00 (NINETEEN THOUSAND, SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to upgrade communications equipment in the Fire Department.
(Be Adopted)
- 076-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the approximate amount of \$42,000.00 (FORTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to continue to provide residents with more robust information about waste disposal and recycling, purchase additional carts for the curbside program, expand the current program, and reduce, reuse, and recycle in school cafeterias.
(Be Adopted)
- 077-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 Substance Misuse Prevention grant in the approximate amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$250,000.00) for the purpose of said grant, which is to prevent and reduce misuse of substances of first use (alcohol, nicotine, cannabis) among youth.
(Be Adopted)
- 078-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWENTY TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$22,698.00) same to be transferred from HEALTH, PERSONAL SERVICES, FOOD AND MILK INSPECTOR and credited to HEALTH, EXPENSES, FOOD CONSULTANT EXPENSES.
(Be Adopted)
- 079-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to HEALTH, EXPENSES, FOOD CONSULTANT EXPENSES to cover the duties of the Food & Milk Inspector.
(Be Adopted)
- 080-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$45,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CAPITAL, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of installing a new roof over the DPW Office Building.
(Be Adopted)

- 081-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DPW ADMIN. EXPENSES, STORMWATER CONTRACT SERVICES.
(Be Adopted)
- 082-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, CAPITAL, STREET REPAIR for the purpose of paving a portion of Oak Hill Road.
(Be Adopted)

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2021:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/04272021-2357>

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 084-21. ORDERED THAT the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division grant in the approximate amount of \$5,193.00 (FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is repair the S2 Security System located at the Airport Administration Building.
- 085-21. ORDERED THAT the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare grant in the approximate amount of \$9,000.00 (NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to complete trail maintenance and parking lot expansions at Coggshall Park.
- 086-21. ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,500.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to PARKS CAPITAL, PARKS & PALYGROUND CAPITAL EXPENSE for the renovation of Billie Mundie Field.

VIII. ORDERS-OTHER

087-21. ORDERED THAT: Whereas the City and FATV have negotiated an agreement requested by FATV which agreement is attached hereto; and

Whereas the City and FATV have reformed the manner in which funding will be provided to the FATV so as to ensure compliance with law; and;

Therefore, it is ordered that, the City of Fitchburg shall authorize its Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale, to execute the attached Grant Agreement with FATV, and also authorizes Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale take all other steps necessary, convenient or helpful to accomplish the intention of the parties.

Link to view the grant agreement:

<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7914/FATV-agreement>

IX. RESOLUTION

088-21. RESOLUTION: Request the Naming of the Broadcast Booth located at Crocker Field

X. PETITIONS

089-21. Councillors Sam Squailia and Elizabeth Walsh to install a berm at both sides of the existing storm drain at 506 Wanoosnoc Rd to prevent further erosion. Approx. 37ft on one side and 63ft on the other side to meet existing asphalt berms.

090-21. Councillors Sam Squailia and Marisa Fleming to install a berm at 76 Richardson Rd to prevent further erosion. Approx. 70ft long connecting from the existing berm to the existing driveway.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 18th, 7:00 PM