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Amy Green

Samantha M. Squailia

Anthony M. Zarrella

Ward Councillors

Ward 1 – Bernard J. Schultz III

Ward 2 – Paul R. Beauchemin

Ward 3 – Andrew J. Couture

Ward 4 – Andrew J. Van Hazinga

Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming

Ward 6 – Derrick Cruz

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING

Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA

Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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.

The Council as a Whole Committee Meeting was called to order by President Zarrella at 6:03 PM. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councilor Cragin. The clerk called the roll and 10 Councilors were present. Councilor Couture arrived at 6:37 PM, Councilor Fleming was absent.

Also present were members of the Finance Team Calvin Brooks, Auditor and Hon. Mayor Stephen DiNatale.

The agenda will consist of the following:

City Council debate and vote on recommendations for budget. Finance Team and Heads of Departments facing cuts to be present.

The budget and related Orders and Petitions are as follows:

Public Comment: Jacquelyn Wehtje, 170 Belmont Street, addressed the Councilors in regards agenda item number one to cut the Board of Health budget.

President Zarrella informed the committee that we received two proposals for cuts from two separate Councilors. President Zarrella reminded the Councilors that they will only be debating the two budget items that have been proposed for cuts.

Mr. Nascimento, President and CEO of the North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the importance of supporting the Chamber. He noted that the partnership with the City provides travelers with opportunities available to them in Fitchburg, while also bringing commerce into the City. It creates jobs and tax revenue for our local communities. Tourist Center provides public and private partnership between the State, Local Communities, and Business

Community. President Zarrella thanked him for taking the time to speak with the Council and then proceeded to take up the budget items before them.

I. BUDGET ORDERS-FY 2023

154-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the Mayor’s Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget:

General Fund: \$149,593,920.00
 Water Enterprise: \$6,574,270.00
 Wastewater Enterprise: \$13,047,314.00
 Airport Fund: \$695,331.00

PROPOSED BY	DEPT	ACCOUNT	PAGE	ORIGINAL BUDGET	PROPOSED CUT	REVISED BUDGET
Beauchemin	MISC Expense	Johnny Appleseed Center	41	\$ 1,440,926.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,415,926.00
Squailia	Wastewater Enterprise Reimbursement to the City	Reimbursement to City for Dept. Costs	49	\$ 1,210,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,170,000.00

Councilor Beauchemin recommended budget cut to Johnny Appleseed Center of \$25,000.00.

Motion: To accept the proposed budget cut was unanimously defeated 1/9. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Councilor Squailia recommended budget cut to Wastewater Enterprise Reimbursement to the City for Department costs of \$40,000.00.

Motion: To accept the proposed budget cut was unanimously defeated 0/10. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Order adopted by vote of 8/2 (Beauchemin, Squailia). 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

155-22 ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000), same to be credited to the Fiscal Year 2023 TAX LEVY and charged against OVERLAY SURPLUS.

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

156-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$675,000), same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credit to the Fiscal Year 2023 TAX LEVY in order to reduce the tax rate.

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 157-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED THREE DOLLARS (\$180,703.00), same to be charged against PARKING METER/GARAGE RECEIPTS and credited to the Fiscal Year 2023 accounts as follows:

Treasurer Personal Services	\$59,703.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$121,000.00

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 158-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000), same to be charged against PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUND RECEIPTS and credited to the Fiscal Year 2023 accounts as follows:

Information Technology, PEG Expenses \$25,000.00

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 159-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000), same to be charged against CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES and credited to the Fiscal Year 2023 accounts as follows:

Cemetery Personal Services \$15,000.00

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 160-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$6,574,270.00), charging \$6,322,000.00 against WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS and \$252,270.00 against WATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS, and crediting to the Fiscal Year 2023 WATER ENTERPRISE FUND accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$1,860,830.00
Expenses	\$1,818,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$1,110,000.00
Debt Services	\$1,415,440.00
Capital Expenses	\$370,000.00

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 161-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTEEN MILLION, FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$13,047,314.00), same to be charged against WASTEWATER

ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS and crediting Fiscal Year 2023 WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$2,558,886.00
Expenses	\$2,929,345.00
Indirect Costs	\$1,210,000.00
Debt Services	\$5,799,083.00
Capital Expenses	\$550,000.00

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 162-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$695,331.00), same to be charged against AIRPORT RECEIPTS RESERVED and credited to the Fiscal Year 2023 AIRPORT FUND accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$313,131.00
Expenses	\$382,200.00

Order adopted by vote of 9/1 (Beauchemin). 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

- 163-22. ORDER THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the following REVOLVING FUNDS authorized by city ordinance up to the amount available in the fund or \$100,000.00 (except Public Health Sustainability which shall have a limit of \$700,000.00 for FY2023), whichever is less as listed in the enclosed order.

Order adopted by vote of 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members. Order signed by the Mayor June 10, 2022.

[Mayor's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget](#)

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The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, City Clerk