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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 J. Cruz

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fitchburg was held at the Legislative Building at 700 Main Street and over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on July 5, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 7:04 P.M. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councilor Schultz. The Clerk called the roll and 10 Councilors were present. Councilor Couture was absent.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke at the Public Forum.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Appointments Committee recommended the following Appointment be confirmed:

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of July 5, 2022

New Appointment:
Fitchburg Disability Commission
Term to expire July 1, 2025
Ms. Barbara Slattery

Report read and accepted. Appointment confirmed by unanimous consent. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2022 were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

1. Appointment letter:
Andrew Lipasti, as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire July 1, 2025.
2. Appointment letter:
Eric Chartrand, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire January 1, 2025.
3. Appointment letter:
James Reynolds, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire October 1, 2023.
4. Full Time Student Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:
Kyle R. Batallas
Sean D. McCue
Floencia J. Rivas
Krish J. Kulka
Travis E. Morcaldi
5. Appointment letter:
Joyce Jacobs, as a full member of the Conservation Commission, term to expire August 1, 2025.

Appointments read and referred to the Appointments Committee.

V. ANNUAL REPORT

215-22 ANNUAL REPORT: Fitchburg DPW Water Quality Report for FY 2021

[2021 Annual Water Quality Report](#)

Reading waived. Reports placed on file in the City Clerk's Office by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

City Property Oral Report

Meeting of June 29, 2022

[City Property Minutes 6-29-22](#)

Note: Several properties were discussed separately from agenda item 164-22 which comprises: 0 Clarendon, 12 Martel, 233 Mechanic, 46 Mt. Vernon, 12 Northman Passway, 70 Clarendon, 110 Fairmount, 137 Blossom; these are referenced below.

164-22 Anne Cervantes, City Treasurer, to have the following properties be declared as excess and designate to the Side Yard Sales Program:

0 Clarendon Street

City Property unanimously recommended to deny the designation to sideyard sales and put 0 Clarendon Street out to auction.

110 Fairmount Street
137 Blossom Street

City Property unanimously recommended a Request for Proposal for both 110 Fairmount Street and 137 Blossom Street.

12 Martel Street
223 Mechanic Street
46 Mt. Vernon Street
10 Northmen Passway
70 Clarendon Street

City Property unanimously recommended the aforementioned properties to sideyard sales.

200-22 Tom Skwierawski Executive Director of Community Development and Planning, to accept the proposal of WCHR to purchase 80 Lunenburg St. as outlined in the enclosed petition.

The City Property unanimously recommended that the Petition be granted.

Noted for the Record: Councilor Beauchemin stated that he is supporting this but does not want to give away all our commercial land for housing.

034-22. Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Planning & Development, to request City Council declare the following parcel as surplus property: 0 Sawmill Pond Road Assessor's Map S53/6/0

The City Property unanimously recommended that the Petition be granted.

Report accepted by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Finance Committee
Meeting of June 22, 2022
[Finance Committee Minutes 6-22-22](#)

The Finance Committee recommended the following Orders be adopted:

195-22 ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division grant in the approximate amount of \$2,810.60 (TWO THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TEN AND 60/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase and install federally approved child passenger safety seats. (Adopted)

196-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$12,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, CIVILIAN DISPATCHERS and credited to POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, DISPATCHER OVERTIME.
(Adopted)

197-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of THIRTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$13,500.00) same to be transferred from HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONAL SERVICES, HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST and credited to the following accounts:
HUMAN RESOURCES, PERS. SERV., OVERTIME \$5,000.00
HUMAN RESOURCES, EXPENSES, TEMP. P.S. \$8,500.00
(Adopted)

Orders 195, 196, & 197-22 adopted by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Orders signed by the Mayor July 6, 2022.

198-22 LOAN ORDER: the City appropriate the amount of Four Million, Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,800,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of an Accelerated Repair Project at the Arthur M. Longsjo Middle School, located at 98 Academy Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, to replace windows and doors, as outlined in the enclosed order.
(Adopted, First Reading)

Loan Order was sent to a second reading by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Noted for the Record: Councilor Beauchemin stated that he hopes we find the 1.2 million of the Cities obligation and that the city does not have to take a loan.

VII. ORDERS – FINANCE

Motion to suspend the rules for orders 204-22 & 205-22 passed by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed.

204-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the FY2022 Budget the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$60,000.00) same to be transferred from MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT and credited to EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, MEDICARE.

Order adopted under Suspension of the Rules by roll call vote and approved by unanimous consent of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor July 6, 2020.

205-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the FY2022 Budget the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) same to be transferred from MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT and credited to MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, MEDICAID BILLING COMMISSIONS.

Order adopted under Suspension of the Rules by roll call vote and approved by unanimous consent of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor July 6, 2022.

The following Orders were referred to the Finance Committee:

206-22 ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to POLICE, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of contracting for designer services.

207-22 ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Collaborative for Action, Leadership, and Learning 3 Substance Misuse Prevention grant in the approximate amount of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$125,000.00) for the purpose of said grant, which is to prevent and reduce misuse of substances of first use (alcohol, nicotine, cannabis) among youth. This order is in addition to the amount approved in Council Order #077-21.

208-22 ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Public Health Excellence grant in the approximate amount of \$300,000.00 (THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is expand on shared services between municipalities in the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN). This order is in addition to the amount approved in Council Order #170-22.

209-22 ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Addiction Services grant in the approximate amount of \$16,666.00 (SIXTEEN THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assist individuals living in Fitchburg who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of overdose and to collaborate with other agencies to assess other city needs. This order is in addition to the amount approved in Council Order #013-20.

210-22 ORDER 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 \$4,400.00 (FOUR THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to upgrade cameras located on the property.

- 211-22 ORDER 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 \$114,400.00 (ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair roofs on Hangars 2 and 3.
- 212-22 ORDER 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 \$48,400.00 (FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair doors on Hangars 2 and 3.
- 213-22 ORDER 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 \$8,160.00 (EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to upgrade the fuel farm.
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VIII. PETITIONS

The following Petition was referred to the Public Safety Committee:

- 214-22 Desilets Auto Inc, to petition for a Class II Dealer's License located at 650 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA.
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XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Councilor Schultz:

The first in-person meeting of the Widowed Helping Widowed Support Group will take place on Thursday, August 25, 2022 from 4 until 5:30 p.m. in Room 203 at the Fitchburg State University Recreation Center, 130 North Street. Kelley Lynn and Bernie Schultz will co-facilitate the meeting.

President Zarrella wanted to take this opportunity to thank the Fitchburg Civic Days and all the volunteers for the return of the Block Party and Parade, we really needed this after the pandemic. Very glad to see a success for the Block Party, and a wonderful tribute to a very good man, John Pagnotta.

President Zarrella informed Council in the manner he addresses readings submitted within Orders or Ordineances. First reading is the first time it is in front of us, then refered to committee, second time is the second time the council votes on it, and the third time is the third and final vote. President Zarrella will work on the verbiage for the agenda with the City Clerk.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, City Clerk