



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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**City of Fitchburg
Massachusetts 01420**

CITY COUNCIL

Councillors at Large

**Marcus L. DiNatale
Amy Green
Thomas C. Hughes
Samantha M. Squailia
Anthony M. Zarrella**

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Anthony M. Zarrella

Vice President

Elizabeth R. Walsh

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 – Elizabeth R. Walsh**

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 November 4, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 7:00 P.M. The Clerk called the roll and 11 Councilors were present. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councilor Green.

President Zarrella welcomed Fitchburg State University students present who are taking government classes.

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.

There were no requests for public comment.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

There is no Appointments Committee report at this time.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2021 and the Special Meeting of October 26, 2021 were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8958/PRIM10252021>

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

V. ANNUAL REPORT

188-21. ANNUAL REPORT: Auditors Report, June 30, 2021.
<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8957/Auditors-Report-June-30-2021>

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

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Public Works Committee **Meeting of October 26, 2021**

The Public Works Committee recommended the following Petitions be granted:

- 167-21. Councilor Bernard Schultz III, for Tom Caputi, 52 Warren Street, to install a berm in order to alleviate water erosion on the road and property.
- 168-21. Councilor Andrew Van Hazinga, on behalf of Kristine Schneider, to repair the sidewalk in front of 99 Pleasant Street.

Report read and accepted. Petitions granted by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The Public Works Committee recommended to amend the petition to Co-Name Union Street to include Adrian Ford Way and grant as amended:

- 175-21. Councilors Fleming and Hughes, to rename Union Street, located in Ward 5B to Adrian Ford Way.

Report read and accepted. Awaiting the report of the City Property Committee. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The Public Works Committee recommended the following Petitions be granted:

- 183-21. Councilors Sam Squailia and Andrew Couture to replace asphalt berm and add apron to alleviate water erosion occurring at 25 Mayland Street as detailed below and show in attached diagrams:
1. Replace worn out berm approx. 23 feet from edge of stair walkway.
 2. Add new raised apron at existing stair walkway to height of berm to avoid water washout.
 3. Replace washed out berm approx.. 15' from edge of stair walkway down hill to driveway.
 4. Raise driveway apron approx.. 30' to direct water down hill.
- 184-21. Councilor Andrew Van Hazinga, on behalf of Laurie Brown, to repair the sidewalk in front of 11 Nutting Street.

Report read and accepted. Petitions granted by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The Public Works Committee recommended the following Petition be held for a traffic study:

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. Cetrino Memorial Drive and Water Street.

Report read and accepted. Petition held for a traffic study by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The Public Works Committee recommended the following Petition be amended to add signage and grant as amended:

135-21. Councillor Marisa Fleming, to install a barrier at 113 Summit Street to mitigate property damage caused from driver error at this dangerous corner.

Report read and accepted. Petition amended to add signage and grant as amended by unanimous consent 11/0. 11 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

The following Orders were referred to the Finance Committee:

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Longsjo 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.

- 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.

VIII. PETITIONS

The following Petition was referred to the City Property Committee:

- 195-21. Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Development and Planning, to Declare 0 Daniels Street (Parcel 77 41 0) surplus property and designate the property for sale through the Side Yard Sales Program.

The following Petition was referred to the Public Safety Committee, and the Public Works Committee:

- 196-21. Councilor Marcus DiNatale, on behalf of resident Barbara Slattery, to install a sidewalk apron at the corner of Old Deerfield Road and Electric Avenue (similar to the one recently installed on same side at Mount Elam Road and Electric Avenue), then allowing for the installation of a crosswalk, to enhance the safety of pedestrian traffic for the residents of Old Deerfield Road who use the adjacent bike path

The following Petitions were referred to the Public Works Committee:

- 197-21. Councilors Sam Squailia and Elizabeth Walsh, to petition to the city to replace the broken guardrail boards along Harvard Street between Boutelle and St. Bernard Street as shown in the attached pictures.
- 198-21. Councilors Marcus DiNatale and Bernard Schultz, on behalf of resident Carrie Harris, to install a new fence on the right side of forest Street just right after Maple Street (and 70 Forest Street) if going down the hill from Pine Street.

The following Petition was referred to the Public Safety Committee, and the Public Works Committee:

- 199-21. Councilor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of Fisher Road residents Yarisbeth Guzman, Lloyd Wentzall, and Christine Fagone, to request new signs and public lighting for Fisher Road as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

The following Petition was referred to a Public Hearing November 16, 2021:

- 200-21. Unutil, 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.
<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8959/Unutil>

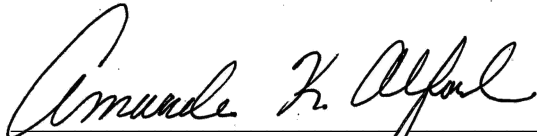
1X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Announcements at this time.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.



Amanda K. Alford, Provisional City Clerk