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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

February 1, 2022

**Fitchburg Legislative Building
700 Main Street
Fitchburg MA 01420**

7:00 PM

This meeting can also be viewed live on FATV. Go to www.fatv.org/watch-fatv for more information on accessing this meeting.

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

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.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

There is no report of the Appointments Committee at this time.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

1. Appointment Letter

Mr. Colby J. O'Brien, as a member of the Water/Wastewater Commission, term to expire February 1, 2026.

2. Letter from his Honor the Mayor

Regarding Section 19 of the City Charter

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

V. ANNUAL REPORT

010-22. ANNUAL REPORT: Montachusett Regional Vocation Technical High School for the year 2021.

<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9403/2021-ANNUAL-REPORT>

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of January 25, 2022

218-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to FACILITIES REPAIR & CARE, TAX POSSESSION MAINTENANCE.

(Be Adopted)

219-21. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following:

Under positions paid hourly	Effective 12/1/2021
Epidemiologist	\$50.00
Contact Tracer Supervisor	\$48.00
Contact Tracer/Case Investigator	\$32.00
Contact Tracer (Part-time)	\$30.00

**(Be amended to add: Contact Tracing Resource Coordinator @ \$32.00/hr and be adopted as amended)
(Send to First and Second Reading as amended)**

003-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Public Health grant in the approximate of \$480,000.00 (FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the staffing for COVID-19 Contact Tracing and related services in the thirteen communities of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN).

(Be Adopted)

004-22. ORDERED THAT: That the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Planning Assistance Grant Program grant in the approximate amount of \$32,500.00 (THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to update the city's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

(Be Adopted)

005-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MassDevelopment, Brownfields Redevelopment Fund grant in the approximate amount of \$65,000.00 (SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assess and plan for remediation at 173 Bemis Road.

(Be Adopted)

006-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MassDevelopment, Real Estate Technical Assistance Program grant in the approximate amount \$45,000 (FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to help prepare the city for the sale of 44 Wanoosnoc Road.

(Be Adopted)

Public Works Committee Oral Report
Meeting of January 25, 2022

- 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.
(Also referred to the Public Safety 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.
- 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.
(Also Referred to the Public Safety Committee)
- 215-21. Councilors Marisa Fleming and Andrew Van Hazinga, to install a streetlight on pole #5 in front of the Abolitionist Park located on Snow Street.
- 216-21. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, Councilor Squailia, and Nick Erickson, DPW Commissioner, to petition for: Installation of traffic island between Old Leominster Road and Abbott Avenue. Addition of “no right turn” on Abbott Avenue turning onto Old Leominster Road. Addition of stop sign at the end of Old Leominster Road at Abbott Avenue.
(Also Referred to the Public Safety Committee)
- 217-21. Councilors Marcus DiNatale and Paul Beauchemin, on behalf of Jorge Rodriguez, to install a streetlight on Wall Street between the corner of Wall and Beech Street and 20 Wall Street. Pole number for placement would be #631.
- 220-21. Councilor Marisa Fleming, to install barriers or guardrails at all culverts along Billings Road to mitigate any vehicles sliding into them. Markers have been placed, but once it snows, these markers are no longer visible.
- 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.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 011-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$115,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, LITIGATION AND SPECIAL COUNSEL.

- 012-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from a contribution from B.O.T. Realty, LLC in the approximate amount of \$21,500.00 (TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the paving and reconstruction of Perkins Street.
- 013-22. 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 \$69,027.00 (SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWENTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.
- 014-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Affairs, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program in the approximate amount of \$504,061.86 (FIVE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, SIXTY-ONE AND 86/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to contract a licensed clinical social worker to provide follow-up and case management to persons who are suffering from substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, as well as training and data tracking.

VIII. PETITIONS

- 015-22. Liz Murphy, chair, NICE TASK FORCE, Director of Housing and Development, to approve the enclosed petition to accept M.G.L. Chapter 40U in its entirety.
(Finance Committee)
<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9409/legislation-to-adopt-40U>
- 016-22. Liz Murphy, chair, NICE TASK FORCE, Director of Housing and Development, To accept the enclosed petition to establish a residential and commercial Vacant Property Registry Ordinance with minimum requirements.
(Finance Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee)
<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9408/Vacant-Property-Registry-Ordinance-with-maintenance-requirements-01262>
- 017-22. Councilor Bernard Schultz and Mari Barroso of 155 Milk Street, owner of adjacent property, to repair a retaining wall at rear of 155 Milk Street extending onto Maple Street.
(Public Works Committee)
- 018-22. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, Fitchburg Police Traffic Unit, to petition for the installation of “no parking at all times” on both sides of Game On way, from Industrial Road/Victoria Lane intersection to Game on Soccer Facility entrance.
(Public Safety Committee and Public Works Committee)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM