



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

March 21, 2023

**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 city of residence.
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 Councilor 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. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee

Oral Report

Meeting of March 21, 2023

Re-Appointment:

Council on Aging

(Term to expire March 1, 2026)

Margaret Padovano

New Appointment:

Trustees of Public Burial Grounds

(Term to expire April 1, 2026)

George M. Mirijanian

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Disability Commission

(Term to expire April 1, 2026)

Amy Leblanc

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

V. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

1. Re-Appointment letter:

Adam G. Goodwin, as a member of the Fitchburg Housing Authority, term to expire March 1, 2028.

2. New Appointment letter:

Camila Arsenault, as a member of the Fitchburg Disability Commission, term to expire April 1, 2026.

VI. ANNUAL REPORT

060-23. ANNUAL REPORT: Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for Fiscal Year 2022 and the Audited Financials for Fiscal Year 2021.

[Memo to City Council](#)

[FRA Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022](#)

[FRA Audited Financials](#)

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Meeting of March 8, 2023

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

- 047-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$16,750.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to HEALTH EXPENSES, WEIGHTS & MEASURES.
(Be Adopted)
- 048-23. ORDER 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 POLICE EQUIPMENT & REPAIR, RADIO REPAIR.
(Be Adopted)
- 049-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$32,721.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES, CONTRACTED SERVICES.
(Be Adopted)
- 050-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$70,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.
(Be Adopted)
- 051-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TEN AND 92/100 DOLLARS (\$126,310.92) from RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION, PEG ACCESS and credited to INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FRANCHISE FEE for the purpose of paying FATV for franchise fees received during the fourth quarter of 2022.
(Be Adopted)
- 052-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DOWNTOWN CLEANUP.
(Be Adopted)

- 053-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES, CONTRACTED SERVICES.
(Be Adopted)
- 054-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES, MUNICIPAL HEARING OFFICER.
(Be Adopted)
- 055-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the New England Foundation for the Arts grant in the approximate amount of \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to engage an artist in the creation of temporary banner art on the façade of Fitchburg Cultural Alliance’s Main Street Studios.
(Be Adopted)

VIII. ORDERS – CDBG Year 49

- 061-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$152,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Parks & Recreation/Community Development Parks and Playgrounds projects and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 062-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$65,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Department of Public Works Twin City Rail Trail Connector project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 063-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$65,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Department of Public Works Abolitionist Park project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 064-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Friends of Fitchburg Abolitionist Park Phase 3b project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 065-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND (\$7,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg School Department Crocker Field and Broad Street Entry project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 066-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$14,385.48) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Board of Health Street Outreach project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.

- 067-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FOUR CENTS (\$7,192.74) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Growing Places Fitchburg Farmer's Market project and charged against CDBG Year 49.
- 068-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-SEVEN CENTS (\$11,028.87) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Montachusett Regional YMCA Spartacus Program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 069-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIVE CENTS (\$61,378.05) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Police Department Drug Enforcement and Patrol program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 070-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$9,590.32) be appropriated, same to be credited to the North Star Family Homeless Shelter and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 071-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE DOLLARS AND SIXTEEN CENTS (\$4,795.16) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Mayor's Energy Fund project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 072-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of TEN THOUSAND SIXTY-NINE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY-FOUR CENTS (\$10,069.84) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Community Legal Aid Fitchburg Homelessness Prevention project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 073-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-TWO CENTS (\$4,699.32) be appropriated, same to be credited to Restoration Recovery for the Access to Recovery Project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 074-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY-EIGHT CENTS (\$14,385.48) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Boys and Girls Club Learn STEAM Transportation project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 075-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the NewVue Communities Small Business Technical Assistance program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.

- 076-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Cultural Alliance Main Street Studios program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 077-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Sign and Façade Program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 078-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Fitchburg State University for the Fitchburg Downtown Coordinator Position and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 079-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Worcester Regional Food Hub for the Fitchburg Public Market and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 080-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Habitat for Humanity for the Critical Home Repair Project and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 081-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of NINETY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$96,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Board of Health Code Enforcement program and charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 082-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-NINE CENTS (\$58,326.29) be appropriated, same to be credited to Community Development for Demolition and be charged against the CDBG Year 49.
- 083-23. ORDER THAT: the sum of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$183,367) be appropriated, same to be credited to CDBG Administration and charged against the CDBG Year 49.

IX.PETITIONS

- 084-23. Councilor Cruz and President Zarrella, on behalf of the residents of Eleanor Street, Tibbett Circle, Watts Way, and Brittany Lane, for sidewalk repairs and improvements to be made throughout the neighborhood.
(Refer to Public Works)
- 085-23. Councilor Marcus DiNatale, on behalf of multiple residents, to end the use of fluoride in Fitchburg's public water treatment.
(Refer to Council as a Whole and Water/Wastewater Commission)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 PM