



CITY OF FITCHBURG

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, May 19, 2020
MEETING TIME:	7:00 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM
MEETING PLACE:	FATV STUDIO-FATV.ORG
Name of building (if applicable)	Government live stream
Room number (if applicable)	COMCAST CHANNEL 99
Address	VERIZON CHANNEL 37
City	

AGENDA ITEMS:* **SEE ATTACHED**

2020 MAY 14 PM 2:19
FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

MARY DE ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

Name and title of person submitting this notice

**Please note: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires that all topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates must be listed and that the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.*



WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL!

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!

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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

I. PUBLIC FORUM

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of
May 19, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of
the Agenda by going to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_a87wk9WFSfSAvbrup4Ah
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email
containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be
sent to the City Clerk's Office by NOON on May 19, 2020 by
calling 978-829-1820 or via email at: cityclerk@fitchburma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letter

1. Detective Paul McNamara, as a Special Police Officer for the
City of Fitchburg.

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Re: FY 2021 Budget

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of May 19, 2020

New Appointment
Member of the Human Rights Commission
(Term to expire May 1, 2023)
Ms. Maritza Knight

Finance Committee Report
Meeting of May 12, 2020

104-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$132,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:

EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 82,000.00
SALT	\$ 50,000.00.

(Be Adopted)

105-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$168,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to CEMETERY CAPITAL EXPENSES, CEMETERY EXPANSION for the purpose of expanding the Forest Hill Cemetery.
(Be Adopted)

106-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) same to be charged against SNOW & ICE, OVERTIME and credited to CEMETERY CAPITAL EXPENSES, CEMETERY EXPANSION for the purpose of expanding the Forest Hill Cemetery.
(Be Adopted)

107-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES, CONSTRUCTION account, for the Downtown Transformation Project.
(Be Adopted)

108-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$455,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL FUND, PARKING GARAGE RENOVATION account, for the purpose of repairing the stairwells at the Putnam Place Garage.
(Be Adopted)

- 109-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPENSE, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of preparing and repainting the exterior windows of the library building.
(Be Adopted)
- 110-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL PROJECTS, FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTING CONVERSION for the purpose of converting to LED lighting.
(Be Adopted)
- 111-20. ORDERED 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 \$23,332.00 (TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair the downed fence lengths surrounding the airport property.
(Be Adopted)

Legislative Affairs Committee
Meeting of May 12, 2020

- 028-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to amend ch. 169-58, (Winter Parking Ban), to increase fee from \$30.00 to \$60.00 per day when the winter parking ban is in place.
(Be Held)
- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase 1 of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses as outlined in the Petition.
(Be Accepted)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase 1 of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses as outlined in the Petition.
- 098-20. Comcast, to request a grant of location to install a new conduit to provide service to number 1200 John Fitch Highway.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 118-20. 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 ELECTION & REGISTRATION, PERSONAL SERVICES, ELECTION WORKERS and credited to CITY CLERK, PERSONAL SERVICES, CITY CLERK (\$8,000.00) and CITY CLERK, PERSONAL SERVICES, SICK TIME BUYBACK (\$12,000.00).
- 119-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWELVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$37,012.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to VETERANS, CASH BENEFITS, (\$35,000.00) and to VETERANS, FUNERAL BENEFITS (\$2,012.00) accounts, for the purpose of covering anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year.
- 120-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY-SIX THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$46,981.51) same to be transferred from YEAR 41 HOMEOWNER REHABILITATION PROGRAM to YEAR 45 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- 121-20. ORDERED 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 YEAR 45 DEMOLITION to YEAR 45 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.
- 122-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the CARES act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CDBG-CV Program in the approximate amount of \$586,047.00 (FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND, FORTY SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant as follows:

Small Business Assistance:	\$130,000.00
Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance:	\$230,000.00
Health and Social Services Resources:	\$ 70,000.00
Purchase of PPE:	\$ 21,000.00
Homelessness Services:	\$ 20,000.00
Food Insecurity Assistance:	\$ 25,000.00
Grant Administration:	\$ 90,047.00

123-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services, Drinking Water Supply Protection grant program in the approximate amount of \$36,208.00 (THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHT AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the costs of purchasing a certain parcel of land in Ashby known as the Porter Property.

124-20. ORDERED 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 FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR LAND PURCHASES and credited to WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, LAND PURCHASES.

VIII. ORDER-OTHER

125-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the City of Fitchburg to purchase a certain parcel of land in Ashby known as the Porter Property, being a 20 acre parcel of land located on Crocker Road in Ashby within the watershed of Fitchburg Reservoir as outlined in the enclosed Order.

IX. PETITIONS

126-20. Unitil, to petition for three new pole locations, approximately 935 feet West of Williams Road, on the North side of McIntire Road as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing June 16, 2020)

127-20. Glenn Fossa, to include local business owners with the following criteria in the Corona Economic Recovery Task Force as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Economic Development Committee)

128-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that all applications for a Dealer's License must be for ten (10) cars, minimum.
(Legislative Affairs Committee, Public Safety Committee, Building Commissioner)

129-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to accept Beech Street Lane as a Street within the City of Fitchburg.
(City Property Committee, Planning Board, Public Works Committee)

130-20.

Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that Unitil repair the sidewalks where new poles have been added for the area of Woodland and Pratt Street and Pratt Road (Poles 5, 6, 7, 8, and 23) with asphalt or cement, as well as the poles at Beech Street and Pratt Road.

(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 7:00 PM