



CITY OF FITCHBURG

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, May 21, 2019

MEETING TIME: 7:00 AM PM

MEETING PLACE: _____

Name of building (if applicable) Memorial Middle School

Room number (if applicable) Library

Address 615 Rollstone Street

City Fitchburg MA 01420

AGENDA ITEMS:*

SEE ATTACHED

Anna M. Farrell, 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!

I. PUBLIC FORUM

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Reappointment Letters

Ms. Deanna Tardiff, as a member of the Fitchburg Disability Commission for a term to expire on March 1, 2022.

Ms. Sharon Tardiff, as a member of the Fitchburg Disability Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of May 14, 2019

129-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$173.00) same to be transferred from CITY AUDITOR EXPENSES, TRAVEL & MEETINGS and credited to CITY AUDITOR PERSONAL SERVICES, LONGEVITY.
(Be Adopted)

130-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$689.00) same to be transferred from PURCHASING, EXPENSES, DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS (\$600.00) and from PURCHASING, EXPENSES, TRAINING (\$89.00) and credited to PURCHASING, PERSONAL SERVICES, LONGEVITY.
(Be Adopted)

131-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$30,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, PATROLMEN and credited to the following POLICE, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR accounts:

AUTO REPAIR	\$10,000.00
GAS & OIL	\$15,000.00
TIRE REPLACEMENT	\$ 5,000.00

(Be Adopted)

132-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, PATROLMEN and credited to the POLICE, MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING, REPAIR & CARE account.
(Be Adopted)

133-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$150,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE, EQUIPMENT RENTAL.
(Be Adopted)

134-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to TREASURER, EXPENSES, POSTAGE account, for the purpose of covering anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year due to a recent postage rate increase.
(Be Adopted)

135-19 ORDER: that there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$78,290.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to VETERANS, CASH BENEFITS (\$65,000.00) and to VETERANS, FUNERAL BENEFITS (\$12,290.00) accounts, for the purpose of covering anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year.
(Be Adopted)

COMMUNICATION: Independent Auditor's Report for year ending June 30, 2018
(Be placed on file in the City Clerk's office)

VI. HEARING

76-19. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance by revising Section 181.87, Smart Growth Overlay District (SG) in its entirety and replacing it with a new Section 181.87.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

142-19. ORDERED: That the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Stanton Foundation in the approximate amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of developing a K-9 program for the police department.

143-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of \$5,130.00 same to be transferred from Council on Aging, Personal Services and credited to Council on Aging, Expenses.

144-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$7,500.00 same to be charged against Available Funds and credited to Recreation, Personal Services (\$2,600.00) and Recreation, Expenses (\$4,900.00) for the purpose of repairing the lighting infrastructure at Riverfront Park.

VIII. BUDGET ORDERS-COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE

- 145-19. Mayor's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget
General Fund: \$129,619,293
Water: \$ 6,668,806
Wastewater: \$ 13,402,761
Airport: \$ 606,838
- 146-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$700,000 same to be credited to the FY2020 Tax Levy and charged against Overlay Surplus
- 147-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$825,000 same to be credited to the FY2020 Tax Levy and charged against Available Funds.
- 148-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$213,943 same to be charged against Parking Meter/ Garage Receipts and credited to FY2020 accounts as follows:
Treasurer Personal Service: \$ 98,943
Treasurer Expenses: \$115,000
- 149-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$15,000 same to be charged against Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves and credited to FY2020 accounts as follows:
Cemetery Personal Services: \$15,000
- 150-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$55,000 same to be charged against PEG Access and Cable Related Fund receipts and credited to FY2020 accounts as follows:
PEG Expenses: \$25,000
PEG Capital: \$30,000
- 151-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$6,668,806 charging Water Enterprise Fund Receipts and crediting FY2020 Water Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:
Personal Services: \$1,758,582
Expenses: \$1,441,000
Indirect Costs: \$ 920,000
Debt Service: \$2,099,224
Capital Expenses: \$ 450,000
- 152-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$13,402,761 charging \$11,462,465 against Wastewater Enterprise Fund Receipts and \$1,940,296 Against Wastewater Enterprise Retained Earnings and Crediting FY2020 Wastewater Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:
Personal Services: \$2,190,284

Expenses: \$2,662,700
Indirect Costs: \$1,150,000
Debt Service: \$4,840,777
Capital Expenses: \$2,559,000

- 153-19. ORDERED: That there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of \$606,838 same to be charged against Airport Receipts Reserved and credited to FY2020 Airport Fund Accounts as follows:
Personal Services: \$255,864
Expenses: \$350,974
- 154-19. ORDERED: Approving the expenditure of funds from Revolving Funds listed herein authorized by City Ordinance up to the amount available in the fund or \$100,000, whichever is less.

IX. ORDINANCES

- 138-19. AN ORDINANCE: Amend Chapter 14, Article 1, Section 14-2(G) of the City Code by striking the words "the Chief Assessor" and inserting the words "an Assessor" in their place as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
(Reference Petition #243-19)
(Final Reading)
- 155-19. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 21, section 18 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg by adding a Community Development Revolving Fund.
(For referral to the Council as a Whole Committee for discussion with the FY2020 budget)

X. PETITIONS

- 156-19. Anna M. Farrell, City Clerk to review the Mayor's salary and the City Councillors' salary, as required by Chapter 3-43 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg.
(Refer to Council as a Whole Committee for review and vote with the FY2020 budget)
- 157-19. James M. Walsh, Friends of the Fitchburg Public Library, Chair-Library Board of Trustees, to install a self-serve bicycle work station on the property of the Fitchburg Public Library.
(City Property Committee)
- 158-19. Councillor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of Doug and Margie Callaghan of 202 East St. to have "No Parking" signs placed in front of their home.
(Public Safety Committee)

- 159-19. Councillor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of John Belli of 190 Will Thompson Way to have crosswalk at the intersection of John Fitch Highway and Pearl Hill Rd re-evaluated for the safety of students and drivers. (Public Safety Committee)
- 160-19. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to install an apron to eliminate water problems at 41 Leroy St. (Public Works Committee)
- 161-19. Councillor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of John Belli of 190 Will Thompson Way to eliminate some of the reflectors at the intersection of John Fitch Highway and Pearl Hill Rd. (Public Works Committee)
- 162-19. Councillor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of Mary Cunningham of 56 Richardson Rd. to have a berm installed. (Public Works Committee)
- 163-19. Councillor Michael Kushmerek, to explore the installation and use of a guardrail between 645 and 575 Blossom St. (Public Works Committee)
- 164-19. Councillor Samantha Squailia, Councillor Joel Kaddy and Mr. Wil Darcangelo, to install a pedestrian crossing signal with audible beacon at the existing crosswalk across from Prospect St. at Main St. (Public Works Committee)
- 165-19. Councillor Samantha Squailia, Councillor Elizabeth Walsh, on behalf of Melissa Beaudry, install a raised driveway apron or otherwise find remedy to the street water issue, ponding issue, at 2017 Electric Ave. (Public Works Committee)
- 166-19. Human Resources Director Susan Davis, to designate the Coggshall Caretaker and the Temporary/Seasonal Laborer positions as special municipal employee positions under MGL c.268A (Legislative Affairs Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2019, 7:00 PM