



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

May 27 2021 12:37 pm

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 2021

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

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

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of
Jun 1, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time
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_xZGg7n2RQbOpRFyBW3zHVA

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of May 25, 2021

- 091-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6875.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to CITY COUNCIL EXPENSE, ORDINANCE CODE SUPPLEMENT.
(Be Adopted)
- 092-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL, BUILDING RENOVATION for engineering to design new heating and cooling systems.
(Be Adopted)
- 093-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$625,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to SOUTH STREET SCHOOL ROOF & BOILERS CAPITAL PROJECT.
(Be Adopted)
- 094-21 **LOAN ORDER:** Appropriate FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) to pay costs of various Wastewater Infrastructure Projects as outlined in the enclosed Loan Order.
(Be Adopted)

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2021

http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_05252021-2404

**Public Works Committee Oral Report
Meeting of May 25, 2021**

- 072-21. Councillor Andrew Van Hazinga & Peter Johnson, to install a streetlight at the intersection of Prichard Street and Wallace Avenue.
- 089-21. Councillors Sam Squailia and Elizabeth Walsh to install a berm at both sides of the existing storm drain at 506 Wanoosnoc Rd to prevent further erosion. Approx. 37ft on one side and 63ft on the other side to meet existing asphalt berms.
- 090-21. Councillors Sam Squailia and Marisa Fleming to install a berm at 76 Richardson Rd to prevent further erosion. Approx. 70ft long connecting from the existing berm to the existing driveway.

HELD petitions for review:

- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street a Public Way.
- 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.
- 177-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to add a berm in front of 78 St. Joseph Ave., in order to address water and sand issues faced by residents in the winter. Berm should be placed from the start of the sidewalk to the berm on Daniels St.

**The Public Works Department
Engineering Division**

- 025-21. ORDER: Laying out a portion of Tibbett Circle as a public way as outlined in the enclosed Order.
(Be Adopted)
Refer to Continued Public Hearing June 15, 2021

The full report may be viewed here:

https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8095/Tibbett-Circle_Street-Acceptance-Memorandum

VI. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 110-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,202.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:
- PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME
 - EQUIPMENT RENTAL \$7,202.00
 - PLOWS & BLADES
 - SALT
- 111-21. ORDERED 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 OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND.
- 112-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$4,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to BUILDING-CONTRACTED SERVICES for the purpose of digitizing Building Department paper documents.
- 113-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$280,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL, BUILDING RENOVATION for construction of new heating and cooling systems.
- 114-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$220,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL, BUILDING RENOVATION for construction of new heating and cooling systems.
- 115-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$135,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to AIRPORT EXPENSES, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS for reconditioning of the hangar roofs and replacement of the hangar doors.
- 116-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,500.00) same to be transferred from AIRPORT, PERSONAL SERVICES, LABOR and credited to AIRPORT, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME.

- 117-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Coronavirus Response Program grant in the approximate amount of \$23,000.00 (TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to cover airport expenses.
- 118-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Federal Aviation Administration grant in the approximate amount of \$333,333.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to develop an Airport Master Plan.
- 119-21. 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 \$9,000.00 (NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant which is for Pandemic Related Legal Assistance.
- 120-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$9,999.00) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Pawlak Playground Project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 121-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN AND 20/100 DOLLARS (\$1,857.20) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Small Business Financial Assistance Program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 122-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 80/100 DOLLARS (\$2,682.80) be appropriated, same to be credited to CDBG Administration and charged against the CDBG Year 47.

VII. PETITIONS

- 123-21. Councillor Marcus DiNatale, to erect “no parking” signage along Canton Street in front of the FHA apartments (just across from the Meadowbrook Lane entrance). Cars parked on this side of the street are encroaching on the narrow road and are causing safety concerns.
(Public Safety Committee)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 15, 7:00 PM