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## 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

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of  
Oct 6, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time  
Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting - October 6, 2020

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_WcyYG8xXQ1a6dyOE6dp\\_w](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WcyYG8xXQ1a6dyOE6dp_w)

Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be sent to the City Clerk's Office  
by NOON on October 6, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:  
[cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov).

## II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

### III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor  
Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Grant H. Jensen, as a Full Time Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
2. Mr. Ralph Baker, as a temporary member the Conservation Commission. (Communication)
3. Mr. Ralph Baker, as a member of the Conservation Commission.

### IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

### V. COMMUNICATION

Town of Douglas  
Office of the Selectmen

## VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of October 6, 2020

#### Re-Appointment:

#### Building Commissioner

(Term to expire October 1, 2023)

Mr. Mark Barbadoro

**City Property Committee Oral Report**  
**Meeting of October 6, 2020**

- 190-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the City of Fitchburg to accept the donation of a certain property known as the Dimmick Property located off Grimes Road in Hubbardston, MA as outlined in the enclosed Order.
- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street a Public Way.  
(Petition is laid on the table)

**VII. ORDERS-FINANCE**

- 205-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Center for Tech and Civic Life grant in the approximate amount of \$26,361.00 (TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to plan and operationalize safe and secure election administration.
- 206-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MASS DOT Shared Streets and Spaces Program grant in the approximate amount of \$53,296.00 (FIFTY-THREE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED NINETY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to create opportunities for outdoor commerce and activity as a response to the COVID-19 crisis.
- 207-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs grant in the approximate amount of \$23,050.00 (TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to replace antiquated audio/video investigative equipment.
- 208-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the FEMA 2019 Assistance to Firefighter grant in the approximate of \$387,710.00 (THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to replace the obsolete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Hazmat Rescue Operations.
- 209-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$38,771.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSED, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to FIRE, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR, FIREFIGHTERS EQUIPMENT for the local share for a grant to replace the obsolete Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Hazmat Rescue Operations.

## VIII. ORDERS-OTHER

- 210-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the State Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
- 211-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing Mayor Stephen DiNatale to execute a housing Development Incentive Program Tax Increment Exemption (TIE) agreement between the City of Fitchburg and Pelletier Properties as outlined in the enclosed Order. (Re: 18 Blossom Street)  
(Reference Petition #191-20)

## IX. PETITIONS

- 212-20. Councillors DiNatale and Schultz, on behalf of Beatrice Leblanc, to install a no parking sign in front of 31 Spruce Street.  
(Public Safety Committee)
- 213-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to repair the sidewalk at 204 and 208 Plymouth Street in order allow Wheelchair egress.  
(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 7:00 PM