



CITY OF FITCHBURG

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 21, 2020

MEETING TIME: 7:00 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**

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!

I. PUBLIC FORUM

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of Jul 21, 2020 07:00 PM

Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting - July 21, 2020

Register in advance for the Public Comment/Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M9m01iPATyKwOLnjcPQbxg

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 July 21, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at: cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letters

1. Sergeant Mark Jackson, as a Special Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg Police Department.
2. Provisional Police Sergeant Demetrice D. Phillips to the position of Permanent Police Sergeant for the City of Fitchburg.

III. COMMUNICATION

A.J. Tourigny, Chief of Staff to the Mayor
Re: Municipal Aggregation Plan/Public Hearing Notice

IV. COMMUNICATION

Tom Skierawski, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development

Re: Phase One Zoning Changes

(Re: Petition #29-2020; see link below:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6453/Zoning-Phase-One-Changes-Track-Changes-063020>

V. ANNUAL REPORT

178-20. ANNUAL REPORT: Fitchburg Fire Department, for the year 2019.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of July 21, 2020

Re-Appointment:

Member of the Board of Registrars

(Term to expire April 1, 2023)

Mr. Dan H. Mylott

New Appointments:

Chief Engineer/Fire Chief

Fitchburg Fire Department

(To begin on July 27, 2020)

Mr. Anthony C. Marrama

Member of the Board of Registrars

(Term to expire April 1, 2023)

Ms. Alice E. Hillman

Economic Development Committee

Meeting of July 15, 2020

- 160-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to Petition the City to not demolish the building at 617 Water Street, but rather, take the funds allocated for this and use them to demolish 40, 40 ½ (already in progress) and 44 Nashua Street in order to improve the neighborhood with single family lots.

(Also referred to the Planning Board.)

Discussion re: the following Communication.

Anne Cervantes, City Treasurer, and Tom Skwierawski, Exec. Dir.,
Community Development and Planning

RE: Completed Parking Study-See link below:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6452/Fitchburg-Parking-Study-Final-Report-121119>

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 164-20. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #8A on Industrial Road, approximately 45' from the intersection of Stevens Road, as outlined in the enclosed petition.
- 165-20. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #5A on Ross Street, approximately 24' West of North Street as outlined in the enclosed petition.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 166-20. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby further amends Council Order 175-13 (see Council Order 037-16 and Council Order 048-17) to approve the expenditure of additional funds from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Opioid Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant in the approximate amount of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00), thereby increasing the total grant from \$817,499.50 to \$842,499.50, for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the partnership of the Montachusett Public Health Network.
- 167-20. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts earmark grant in the approximate amount of \$43,000.00 (FORTY-THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the design and construction of the proposed Sam Pawlak Community Playground at Parkhill Park.
- 168-20. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts earmark grant in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00 (TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to improve the softball complex at Coolidge Park.
- 169-20. ORDERED THAT: pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 44, section 32, THE City of Fitchburg hereby approves the August, 2020 Continuing Appropriation Budget totaling SEVEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED FIVE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$7,109,905.00) as follows:

General Fund	\$ 6,301,707.00
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 281,549.00
Wastewater Enterprise Fund	\$ 478,537.00
Airport Fund	\$ 48,112.00

and as further detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

170-20. ORDERED THAT: pursuant to M. G. L. Chapter 44, section 32, the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the September, 2020 Continuing Appropriation Budget totaling THIRTEEN MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$13,131,225.00) as follows:

General Fund	\$11,676,693.00
Water Enterprise Fund	\$ 264,883.00
Wastewater Enterprise Fund	\$ 1,134,537.00
Airport Fund	\$ 55,112.00

and as further detailed in the attached spreadsheet.

VIII. ORDER-OTHER

171-20. ORDER: Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the Primary Election to be held on September 1, 2020.

VIII. ORDINANCE

172-20. AN ORDINANCE: amending the Zoning By-Law be amended by striking the By-Law in its entirety and inserting in its place the attached Zoning By-Law represent phase one of rewriting the City's Zoning By-Law. (Reference Petition #29-2020)
(First Reading)

IX. PETITIONS

173-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Andrew Van Hazinga, to increase the availability of on-street parking along Day Street, as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Safety Committee)

174-20. Councillors Paul Beauchemin and Marcus DiNatale, on behalf of Mr. Juan Torres at 348 Daniels Street, to install a berm around the perimeter of the property where require to prevent further erosion.
(Public Works Committee)

175-20. Councillor Amy Green, to petition the City to have the berm at 182 Belmont repaired to prevent further damage at the property.
(Public Works Committee)

176-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the City to add an apron at 39 Edward Street.
(Public Works Committee)

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.
(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2020, 7:00 PM