



# CITY OF FITCHBURG

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, January 21, 2020

**MEETING TIME:** 7:00 AM PM

**MEETING PLACE:** MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Name of building (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Room number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address 615 ROLLSTONE STREET

City FITCHBURG, MA 01420

**AGENDA ITEMS:\*** **SEE ATTACHED**

MARY DE ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

*Name and title of person submitting this notice*

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*\*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.*



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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

## 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. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor  
Re-Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Paul F. Fontaine, Jr., as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2023.
2. Ms. Laura O'Kane, as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2023.

Appointment Letters

1. Permanent Reserve Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:  
Nicholas A. Garcia  
Ryan M. Kreidler
2. Full-Time Student Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:  
Brian M. Gelinas  
Colin T. Banahan  
Nicholas A. Garcia
3. Ms. Laura A. Bayless, as a member of the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, term to expire February 1, 2025.
4. Ms. Deborah A. Dion, as a member of the Fitchburg Council on Aging, term to expire January 1, 2023.
5. Mr. Alex Lopez, as a member of the Planning Board, term to expire January 1, 2023.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Council President Michael Kushmerek  
Re: Fitchburg Trails Vision Plan

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report  
Meeting of January 21, 2020, 6:45 PM

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Housing Authority

(Term to expire March 1, 2023)

(To fill the remaining term of Mr. Andrew Van Hazinga)

Mr. Adam G. Goodwin

Finance Committee  
Meeting of January 14, 2020

003-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MEMA Emergency Management Performance grant in the approximate amount of \$15,500.00 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase a fire extinguisher demonstration prop, equipment for heavy vehicle extraction, and hands free lighting for the Dive Team.  
(Be Adopted)

004-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$300,000.00) 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	\$ 60,000.00
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ 80,000.00
PLOWS & BLADES	\$ 40,000.00
SALT	\$120,000.00

(Be Adopted)

**VI. ORDERS-FINANCE**

009-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$35,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to BUILDING-CONTRACTED SERVICES for the purpose of digitizing Building Department paper documents.

010-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY20 Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant in the approximate amount of \$336,400.00 (THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SIX THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.

011-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$62,115.92 (SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN AND 92/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.

- 012-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the approximate amount of \$42,000.00 (FORTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to continue to provide residents with more robust information about waste disposal and recycling, purchase additional carts for the curbside program, expand the current program, and reduce, reuse, and recycle in school cafeterias.
- 013-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative grant in the approximate amount of \$300,000.00 (THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assist individuals living in Fitchburg who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of overdose and to collaborate with other agencies to assess other city needs.
- 014-20. 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 \$656,000.00 (SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to pay for the installation of a self-serve fueling station at the airport.
- 015-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$140,000.00) same to be charged against AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION FY19 and credited to AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION FY20 account, for the purpose of installing a self-serve fueling station at the airport.
- 016-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$24,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to AIRPORT CAPITAL, SELF-SERVE FUELING STATION account, for the purpose of installing a self-serve fueling station at the airport.
- 017-20. LOAN ORDER: Appropriate the amount of Three Million, One Hundred Five thousand, Six hundred Sixty-Six Dollars (\$3,105,666.00) for the purpose of paying costs of making roof and boiler repairs at the South Street Elementary School.

- 018-20. ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Goodrich Academy located at 111 Goodrich St., Fitchburg, to upgrade the Goodrich Academy Roof Priority #5.
- 019-20. ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Fitchburg high school located at 140 Arn-How Farm Road, Fitchburg, for which an application may be submitted in the future for:  
Fitchburg High School Roof Priority #5
- 020-20. ORDERED THAT: The Superintendent is authorized to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form for the Longsjo Middle School located at 98 Academy St., Fitchburg, for which an application may be submitted in the future for:  
Longsjo School Windows Priority #5  
Longsjo School Doors Priority #5  
Longsjo School Boilers Priority #5

#### VII. ORDERS-OTHER

- 021-20. ORDER: Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the Presidential Primary to be held on March 3, 2020.
- 022-20. ORDERED THAT: An Act authorizing removing an easement interest in a certain portion of parkland located at 0 Elm Street from the protection of Article 97 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of MA to permit the City of Fitchburg or its assigns to use the same, for the construction of a new parking lot for park purposes as outlined in the enclosed Order.  
(Reference Order #271-19.)
- 023-20. ORDERED THAT: Whereas, certain easements are necessary in order to service City Hall located at or about 700 Main Street with telephone, cable and internet, as outlined in the enclosed Order.

#### VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- 024-20. RESOLVED: That the Fitchburg City Council does hereby officially endorse the Fitchburg Trails Vision Master Plan as outlined in the enclosed Resolution.
- 025-20. RESOLVED: To approve the City's application for FY 2020, Drinking Water Supply Grant, Crocker Road Watershed Project.

## IX. PETITIONS

- 026-20. Anne M. Cervantes, Treasurer, to declare 35 Davis Street, Parcel 19-59-0 as excess property and designate it to the Side Yard Sales Program.  
(City Property Committee)
- 027-20. Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director of Planning and Community Development, to request a determination that the area on a certain portion of 0 Elm St. is surplus property and refer to the City's Chief Procurement Officer to manage disposition of same.  
(City Property Committee)
- 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.  
(Legislative Affairs Committee)
- 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.  
(Planning Board)

## X. COMMITTEE MATTERS

### PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

- 290-19. Councillors Marcus DiNatale and Elizabeth Walsh, to request a review of the Mount Elam Road/Electric Avenue intersection with respect to pedestrian safety measures. Residents in the area are requesting, for example, a crosswalk from Mount Elam across Electric Avenue and signage.  
(Referred December 3, 2019)

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 7:00 PM