



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 05, 2020

MEETING TIME: 7:00 AM 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 May 5, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting

Register in advance for the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Hm7KnX_5RJGP1TAanfVQAQ

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 May 5, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at: cityclerk@fitchburma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letter

1. Ms. Maritza Knight, as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire May 1, 2023.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of May 5, 2020

City Auditor and Finance Director for the City of Fitchburg

(Term to expire May 1, 2023)

Mr. Calvin D. Brooks

City Treasurer and Tax Collector for the City of Fitchburg

(Term to expire May 1, 2023)

Ms. Anne M. Cervantes

New Appointments

Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire May 1, 2023)

Ms. Senovia Bolivar

Board of License Commissioners

(Term to expire January 1, 2026)

Mr. John Zarrella

City Property Committee Oral Report
Meeting of April 28, 2020

- 041-20. ORDERED THAT: The Mayor is authorized to execute the Lease (to be supplied) relative to AKS Recycling, Inc.
- 042-20. ORDERED THAT: The Mayor is authorized to execute the Host Agreement (to be supplied) relative to AKS Recycling, Inc.
- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to Declare Ethier Street a Public Way.

VI. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 104-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$132,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:
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| EQUIPMENT RENTAL | \$ 82,000.00 |
| SALT | \$ 50,000.00. |
- 105-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$168,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to CEMETERY CAPITAL EXPENSES, CEMETERY EXPANSION for the purpose of expanding the Forest Hill Cemetery.
- 106-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$7,000.00) same to be charged against SNOW & ICE, OVERTIME and credited to CEMETERY CAPITAL EXPENSES, CEMETERY EXPANSION for the purpose of expanding the Forest Hill Cemetery.
- 107-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$600,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CAPITAL EXPENSES, CONSTRUCTION account, for the Downtown Transformation Project.
- 108-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$455,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL FUND, PARKING GARAGE RENOVATION account, for the purpose of repairing the stairwells at the Putnam Place Garage.

- 109-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL EXPENSE, BUILDING RENOVATION for the purpose of preparing and repainting the exterior windows of the library building.
- 110-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to CAPITAL PROJECTS, FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL LIGHTING CONVERSION for the purpose of converting to LED lighting.
- 111-20. 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 \$23,332.00 (TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to repair the downed fence lengths surrounding the airport property.
- 112-20. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services, Drinking Water Supply Protection grant program in the approximate amount of \$219,276.00 (TWO HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the costs of purchasing a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land in Ashby known as the Jewell Hill Property.
- 113-20. ORDERED THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from The Trustees of Reservations in the approximate amount of \$209,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the costs of purchasing a conservation restriction on a certain parcel of land in Ashby known as the Jewell Hill Property.
- 114-20. ORDERED THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FIFTY-TWO AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$28,052.00), same to be charged against FUND BALANCE RESERVED FOR LAND PURCHASES and credited to WATER CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, LAND PURCHASES.

VII. ORDERS-OTHER

115-20. ORDERED THAT: the mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts, agreements and any amendments thereto for the purchase of a conservation restriction, as defined in and authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, Sections 31-33, on approximately 84 acres of land in Ashburnham, known as Jewell Hill Farm, being Assessors parcels 38/9; 38/10, said conservation restriction to be held jointly by the Town of Ashburnham Conservation Commission and the City of Fitchburg Water and Wastewater Commission, for conservation and water supply protection purposes, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 8C, 39B, 39E, and 41, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

116-20. ORDERED THAT: the mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts, agreements and any amendments thereto for the purchase of a conservation restriction, as defined in and authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, Sections 31-33, on approximately 76 acres of land on Jewell Hill Road in Ashby, known as Jewell Hill Farm, being Assessors map/parcels 13/12/2; 13/12/3; 13/12/4; 13/12/5, said conservation restriction to be held by the City of Fitchburg Water and Wastewater Commission, for conservation and water supply protection purposes, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Sections 8C, 39B, 39E, and 41, and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

VIII. RESOLUTION

117-20. RESOLUTION: That the City of Fitchburg is resolute in its stand against bigotry, hatred, indifference and racism in our City and society, as outlined in the enclosed Resolution.

IX. COMMITTEE MATTERS

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. Centrino Memorial Drive and Water Street.
(Referred 3/17/20)
(Request more time or give Leave to Withdraw)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2020, 7:00 PM