



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

This meeting of the City Council will be held over the Zoom meeting online platform. The public is invited to send any comments of up to two (2) minutes in length to be heard by the Council to the City Clerk by NOON on Tuesday, April 7th. You may contact the City Clerk's Office at: 978-829-1820 or via email: cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letters

1. The following Fitchburg State University Police Officers as Special Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

Emily J. Ramos
William T. Bonzcar
Jonathan A. Francis
Nicholas J. McLaughlin
Cameron McCusker

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of April 7, 2020

Re-Appointments
Board of License Commissioners
(Term to expire May 1, 2026)
Mr. Daniel Sarefield

Conservation Commission
(Term to expire March 1, 2023)
Mr. Bryan Breau

New Appointments
Full-Time Student Police Officer
Mr. Ryan Kreidler

Fitchburg Cultural Council
(Term to expire April 1, 2023)
Ms. Leona Whetzel

V. ORDERS-FINANCE

091-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Public Health Sustainability Revolving Fund authorized by city ordinance up to the amount available in the fund or \$700,000.00, whichever is less.

092-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Enterprise Bank grant in the approximate amount of \$5,000.00 (FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to provide grants to small businesses during the current emergency.

093-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approve the expenditure of funds from the State Executive Office of Public Safety grant in the approximate amount of \$1,764.00 (ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 00/100) for the purpose of said grant, which is to maintain the regional Fire Safety House used in teaching fire safety.

094-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MassDevelopment, Brownfields Redevelopment Fund in the approximate amount of \$67,000.00 (SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for site remediation at 80 Lunenburg Street.

VI. ORDERS-OTHER

095-20. ORDERED THAT: the Honorable Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Fitchburg to execute and accept the Agreement between the City and Massachusetts Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network and to authorize all other acts and to sign any additional documents which will be necessary, helpful or convenient to ensure the membership in MA-WARN and to perform under the terms of the Agreement.

099-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute and accept the request for proposal from H & G Financial, LLC, regarding 104 Daniels Street as outlined in the enclosed Order.

100-20. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute and accept the request for proposal from Via Y Rada Investments, LLC, regarding 190 River Street as outlined in the enclosed Order.

VII. RESOLUTION

097-20. RESOLUTION: that the Administration update the Council on the City's disaster preparedness assessment for emergencies during this pandemic and the impact of a potential reduction of our first responder workforce.

VIII. PETITIONS

098-20. Comcast, to request a grant of location to install a new conduit to provide service to number 1200 John Fitch Highway.
(Public Hearing May 5, 2020)

IX. COMMITTEE MATTERS

There are currently no Committee Matters requiring a request for more time.

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020, 7:00 PM