



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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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

As the meeting location will not be open to the public, they are invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of April 6, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Topic: Fitchburg City Council Meeting

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zP_DX6PGScGDVU-sfoqyTg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of April 6, 2021

Re-Appointment:

Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire January 1, 2023)

Ms. April Maldonado

New Appointments:

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Term to expire April 1, 2026)

Attorney Christine Tree

Special Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg

The following three Fitchburg State University Police Officers:

Officer Richard Nelson

Officer Joshua Folmer-LaFleur

Officer Courtney Soares

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor

Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Derrick Cruz, as a member of the Fitchburg Cultural Council, term to expire April 1, 2024.
2. Mr. Angelo J. Ramos, Jr., as a Full-Time Student Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.

V. COMMUNICATION

Michael O'Hara, Principle Planner

Re: Petition 227-20, Scenic Roads

VI. COMMUNICATION

Clare Freda, Executive Board member of the MA Councillors Association and
Representative of the MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association)

Re: An upcoming webinar regarding school finance.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

City Property Committee Oral Report

Meeting of March 23, 2021

- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street a Public Way.
- 227-20. Councillors Kushmerek and Couture, to designate Alpine Road, McIntire Road, Sheldon Road, and Stickney Road as Scenic Roads as stipulated by the Scenic Road Act, M.G.L. c.40, S. 15C.

Public Safety Committee Oral Report

Meeting of April 6, 2021

- 041-21. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, to install stop sign on East side of Stoneybrook Road at the intersection with Village Crossing, where the divided entrance to Stoneybrook meets Village Crossing.
- 042-21. Councillor Marisa Fleming, to review the no parking restrictions on Eastlin Way to determine whether or not the restrictions should be expanded to include no parking on both sides of a portion of Eastlin Way.
- 045-21. Desilets Auto, Inc., to petition for a Class II Dealer's License located at 236 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA.

VII. ORDER-FINANCE

- 047-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Cemetery's Perpetual Care Expendable Trust Fund not to exceed the amount of \$7,310.00 (SEVEN THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED TEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the replacement of fencing at Laurel Hill Cemetery.
- 074-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Best Value Grant in the approximate amount of \$152,370.00 (ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to increase awareness of the COVID-19 vaccine's safety and efficacy and to reduce barriers to vaccination.

VIII. ORDERS-CDBG YEAR 47

- 048-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the North of Main Downtown Cleanup and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 049-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Sam Pawlak Community Playground project and charged against the CDBG YEAR 47.

- 050-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Streetscape Improvements and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 051-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$37,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Parkhill Improvements and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 052-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Day Street/ Snow Street Sidewalk project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 053-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Police Station ADA Parking project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 054-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Public Art Project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 055-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$7,543) be appropriated, same to be credited to Fitchburg Farmers Market project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 056-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000), be appropriated, same to be credited to the Montachusett Regional YMCA Spartacus Program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 057-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$65,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Police Department Drug Enforcement and Patrol program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 058-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the North Star Family Services: Family Homeless Shelter and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 059-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Community Legal Aid: Fitchburg Homelessness Prevention Project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 060-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Boys & Girls Club: Transportation to Project Learn STEAM and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 061-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to NewVue Communities: Small Business Technical Assistance Program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.

- 062-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS (\$148,305) be appropriated, same to be credited to Small Business Financial Assistance and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 063-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$35,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to Fitchburg State University for the Fitchburg Downtown Coordinator Position and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 064-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Housing Authority A Better Life Experience (ABLE) program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 065-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$103,241) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Board of Health Code Enforcement program and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 066-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) be appropriated, same to be credited to the Habitat for Humanity Critical Home Repair Project and charged against the CDBG Year 47.
- 067-21. ORDERED THAT: The sum of ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$197,317) be appropriated, same to be credited to CDBG Administration and charged against the CDBG Year 47.

IX. ORDINANCES

- 068-21. AN ORDINANCE: Amending the Fitchburg City Code, Chapter 44, re: Fire Chief.
(Refer to the Council as a Whole Committee)
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(Refer to the Council as a Whole Committee)
- 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, Petition #221-20, and Petition #005-21)
First Reading, as Amended

Final Amendment, please see links below:

https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/7848/Final-Zoning-Ordinance-with-all-Amendments-FINAL_04012021

Finalized Ordinance and Map:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jzBgNMkyXFh88yLd59hT-2XvADt68rTH/view?usp=sharing>

X. PETITIONS

- 070-21. Councillor Amy Green, on behalf of the Board of Directors of FATV, Mike Flynn and “Broadcast Buddies” of Dave Clark to petition to have the booth named and dedicated in Dave Clark’s name.
(Legislative Affairs Committee)
- 071-21. Councillor Amy Green, on behalf of Doug Romano, to replace the street light pole #5 on Romano Avenue.
(Public Works Committee)
- 072-21. Councillor Andrew Van Hazinga & Peter Johnson, to install a streetlight at the intersection of Prichard Street and Wallace Avenue.
(Public Works Committee)
- 073-21 Council President Anthony Zarrella: to set the salary of the Fire Chief, pursuant to City Code § 23-26 which instructs that, "The compensation of the Chief Engineer shall be fixed by the Council, with the approval of the Mayor and in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act."
(Council as a Whole)

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 20th, 7:00 PM