CITY OF FITCHBURG
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, April 21, 2020
MEETING TIME: 7:00 □ AM □ PM
MEETING PLACE:
Name of building (if applicable)
Room number (if applicable)
Address
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 cordially invited to participate in the City Council Meeting of April 21st (7:00 PM) via the Zoom Meeting platform.

Register in advance for the Public Comments or Public Hearing portion of the Agenda by going to:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/6615868099595/WN RN85oma2RMKC-65XYddPzw

A welcome email and further details will be sent to you once your registration has been validated.
Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be sent to the City Clerk’s Office by NOON on April 21, 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
Re-Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Calvin Brooks, as City Auditor and Finance Director, for a term to expire May 1, 2023.
2. Ms. Anne M. Cervantes, as City Treasurer and Tax Collector, for a term to expire May 1, 2023.

Appointment Letters

1. Ms. Senovia Bolivar, as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire May 1, 2023.
2. Mr. John Zarrella, as a member of the Board of License Commissioners, term to expire January 1, 2026.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Calvin D. Brooks, City Treasurer
Re: Covid-19 Emergency

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of April 21, 2020

New Appointments
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
New Appointment  
(Held from March 17, 2020)  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
(Term to expire March 1, 2025)  
Mr. Brian Gallagher.

City Property Committee Oral Report  
Meeting of April 21, 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.


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.

Planning Board  
Meeting of February 11, 2020

(Be Granted)

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

064-20. Unitil, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, to to construct and use a line for 2 new proposed pole locations on Valley Street, approximately 1200’ west of Canton Street as outlined in the enclosed petition.
VII. PETITIONS

101-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to install a berm at 88 Newtonville Avenue, to mitigate water damage. (Public Works Committee)

102-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to request Unitil to apply new asphalt around poles 12 to 26 on Franklin Road up to Oak Hill Road. (Public Works Committee)

VIII. COMMITTEE MATTERS

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