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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 2021

**Fitchburg Legislative Building
700 Main Street
Fitchburg MA 01420**

7:00 PM

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 will be open to the public. Persons who wish to participate remotely in the Public Forum portion of the meeting may request a remote attendance link by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov prior to NOON on the day of the meeting.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of July 20, 2021

New Appointments: Poll Workers

(For the period of September 1, 2021 through August 21, 2022)

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letters

1. Officer Frederick C. Lake, as a Special Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
2. Permanent Full Time Firefighters for the City of Fitchburg:
Mr. Robert P. Barrett
Mr. Lorenzo Calderon
Mr. Noah P. Enslie
Mr. Brian P. Neilsen
Mr. Daniel J. Voutila

Re-Appointment Letter
1. Re-Appointment to the Water/Wastewater Commission:
Michael McLaughlin, term to expire January 1, 2025.
George Siener, term to expire April 1, 2025.
Richard Healey, term to expire July 15, 2025.

V. COMMUNICATION

Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director
Planning and Community Development

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/8198/DOC071421-003>

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

City Property Committee Oral Report **Meeting of July 20, 2021**

- 106-21. Robert M. Jokela, Superintendent of Schools, to declare 253 Laurel Street as excess/surplus property.
- 107-21. Robert M. Jokela, Superintendent of Schools, to declare 44 Wanoosnoc Road as excess/surplus property.
- 108-21. Meagen P. Donoghue, Exec. Director, Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, to authorize the Mayor to sign and deliver to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority the Entire Release of Easement as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

Finance Committee **Meeting of July 13, 2021**

- 143-21. **LOAN ORDER:** That the City of Fitchburg appropriate the amount of Sixty-five Million, Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$65,050,000) for the purpose of paying costs of MSBA Core Project to construct a new Crocker Elementary School with a grade configuration of 1 to 5, located at 200 Bigelow Road, Fitchburg, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”), as outlined in the enclosed Order.
(Be Adopted)

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/07132021-2474>

Legislative Affairs Committee **Meeting of July 13, 2021**

- 046-21. Councillor Marcus DiNatale, to petition that the new Fitchburg City Hall Legislative Building be named the “David Clark Legislative Building” in honor of former School Committee Member, City Councillor, WEIM/WPKZ radio and FATV Sports Broadcaster David Clark for his many decades of public service to the City of Fitchburg.
(Be given leave to withdraw)
- 136-21. Vincent P. Pusateri, II, City Solicitor, to appoint certain Special Counsel as Special Municipal Employees including Joseph Baldiga and the firm Mirick, O’Connell, DeMallie & Bougee,LLP., as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Amended June 22, 2021).
(Be granted)

Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/07132021-2459>

Planning Board
Meeting of July 13, 2021

Section 181.14, Minor Amendments to the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Board Recommendation:

<https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/8199/18115-Minor-Zoning-Amendments---PlngBd-OK-07-13-21>

Current Zoning Bylaw:

<https://www.fitchburgma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2069/Fitchburg-Zoning-Ordinance?bidId=>

Track Changes Document:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/8197/062221-Working-Draft-for-June-Planning-Board-track-changes>

Updated Document after Changes:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/8196/062221-Working-Draft-for-June-Planning-Board-clean>

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- 145-21. Verizon New England, Inc., to request permission to place 1 four inch conduit on Game on Way as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing July 20, 2021)

<https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/8200/Public-Hearing-145-21>

VIII. ORDERS FINANCE

FY 2021 BUDGET ORDER

- 147-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget the sum of EIGHTY-SIX AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$86.00) same to be transferred from VETERANS EXPENSES, TRAVEL AND MEETINGS and credited to VETERANS PERSONAL SERVICES, LONGEVITY.

FY 2022 BUDGET ORDERS

- 148-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SIX THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,000.00) same to be transferred from FACILITIES PERSONAL SERVICES, RECEPTIONIST and credited to CITY CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES, RECEPTIONIST.
- 149-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) same to be transferred from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, LITIGATION AND SPECIAL COUNSEL.

150-21. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, Community Wi-Fi Hotspots Program grant in the approximate amount of 40,220.00 (FORTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the deployment of two wireless access points to the internet.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM