



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

May 14 2021 10:20 am

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

May 18, 2021

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

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 18, 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_JvNANFIITbeNaa6sQIZnSQ

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 May 18, 2021**

Re-Appointments:

Fitchburg Historical Commission

(Term to expire July 1, 2023)

Mr. Samuel Blair

(Term to expire July 1, 2024)

Mr. Keith Chenot

(Term to expire February 1, 2022)

Ms. Ellen DiGeronimo

(Term to expire February 1, 2022)

Mr. Donald Ostrowski

(Term to expire February 1, 2024)

Mr. Charles Sternaimolo

New Appointments:

Special Police Officer

For the City of Fitchburg

Retired Detective James M. Gilbert

Board of Trustees for the Public Library

(Term to expire May 1, 2024)

Mr. Eric Mbunwe

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Meeting of May 11, 2021

- 084-21. 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 \$5,193.00 (FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is repair the S2 Security System located at the Airport Administration Building.
(Be Adopted)
- 085-21. ORDERED THAT the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts, Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare grant in the approximate amount of \$9,000.00 (NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to complete trail maintenance and parking lot expansions at Coggshall Park.
(Be Adopted)
- 086-21. ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,500.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to PARKS CAPITAL, PARKS & PLAYGROUND CAPITAL EXPENSE for the renovation of Billie Mundie Field.
(Be Adopted)

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2021

http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Minutes/_05112021-2382

V. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 091-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6875.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to CITY COUNCIL EXPENSE, ORDINANCE CODE SUPPLEMENT.
- 092-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to LIBRARY CAPITAL, BUILDING RENOVATION for engineering to design new heating and cooling systems.
- 093-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$625,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, CAPITAL EXPENSES and credited to SOUTH STREET SCHOOL ROOF & BOILERS CAPITAL PROJECT.

094-21 **LOAN ORDER:** Appropriate FOUR MILLION DOLLARS (\$4,000,000) to pay costs of various Wastewater Infrastructure Projects as outlined in the enclosed Loan Order.

VI. FY 2022 BUDGET ORDERS

095-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2022

Operating Budget:

General Fund:	\$139,479,493
Water Enterprise:	\$ 6,267,208
Wastewater Enterprise:	\$ 15,485,159
Airport Fund:	\$ 841,537

096-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000), same to be credited to the Fiscal Year 2022 TAX LEVY and charged against OVERLAY SURPLUS.

097-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,775,000), same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to the Fiscal Year 2022 TAX LEVY in order to reduce the tax rate.

098-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$213,848.00), same to be charged against PARKING METER/GARAGE RECEIPTS and credited to Fiscal Year 2022 accounts as follows:

Treasurer Personal Services	\$100,848.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$113,000.00

099-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000), same to be charged against PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUND RECEIPTS and credited to Fiscal Year 2022 accounts as follows:

Information Technology, PEG Expenses	\$25,000
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100-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000), same to be charged against CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES and credited to Fiscal Year 2022 accounts as follows:

Cemetery Personal Services	\$15,000
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101-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED EIGHT DOLLARS (\$6,267,208.00), same to be charged against WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS, and crediting Fiscal Year 2022 Water Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$1,781,019.00
Expenses	\$1,681,000.00
Indirect Costs	\$ 920,000.00
Debt Service	\$1,385,189.00
Capital Expenses	\$ 500,000.00

102-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTEEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$15,485,159.00), charging \$12,585,765.00 against WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS and \$2,899,394.00 against WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE RETAINED EARNINGS and crediting Fiscal Year 2022 Wastewater Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$2,354,769.00
Expenses	\$3,870,500.00
Indirect Costs	\$1,150,000.00
Debt Service	\$5,794,890.00
Capital Expenses	\$2,315,000.00

103-21 ORDERED THAT there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$841,537.00), same to be charged against AIRPORT RECEIPTS RESERVED and credited to Fiscal Year 2022 Airport Fund accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$289,221.00
Expenses	\$552,316.00

104-21 ORDERED THAT the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the following Revolving Funds authorized by city ordinance up to the amount available in the fund or \$100,000.00 (except Public Health Sustainability which shall have a limit of \$700,000.00 for FY2022), whichever is less, as outlined in the enclosed Order.

VII. ORDERS-OTHER

105-21. ORDERED THAT: The City Council authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated June 1, 2021 for the Longsjo Middle School located at 98 Academy Street, Fitchburg, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which and application may be submitted to the MA School Building Authority in the future:

Windows and boilers, Priority #5.

VIII. PETITIONS

- 106-21. Robert M. Jokela, Superintendent of Schools, to declare 253 Laurel Street as excess/surplus property.
(City Property Committee, Excess Needs Survey)
- 107-21. Robert M. Jokela, Superintendent of Schools, to declare 44 Wanoosnoc Road as excess/surplus property.
(City Property Committee, Excess Needs Survey)
- 108-21. Meagen P. Donoghue, exec. Director, Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, to authorize the Mayor to sign and deliver to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority the Partial Release of Easement as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(City Property Committee)
- 109-21. Mary de Alderete, City Clerk, to review the Mayor's salary and the City Councilors' salary, as required by Chapter 3-43 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg.
(Council as a Whole Committee/FY 2022 Budget)

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 PM