



**City of Fitchburg
Massachusetts 01420**

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Ward 4 – Andrew J. Van Hazinga
Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming
Ward 6 – Elizabeth R. Walsh**

The meeting of the Council as a Whole Committee was held over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on February 16, 2021. The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 6:49 P.M. The Clerk recorded the names of the Councillors who had logged in and ten Councillors were present.

The agenda consisted of the following Petition:

019-21. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition for a proposed amendment to Rule 4.6:
(re: Standing Committees):

All standing committees shall meet regularly before each Council meeting, at the discretion of the chairperson or any two (2) members of the standing committee. All records of meetings and information dealing with committees shall be kept by the chairman of that committee.

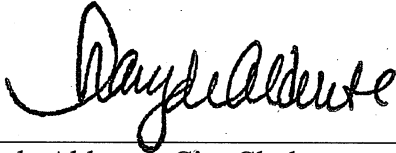
At any meeting of a standing committee, there shall also be posted notice of a meeting of a "Committee of the Whole" which shall consist of the entire membership of the City Council. In the event that less than a quorum of the city Council is present at such time, no committee of the whole shall take place. In the event that quorum of the City Council is present at such time, the meeting shall proceed as a joint meeting of the standing committee and the committee of the whole, and the minutes shall reflect that a joint meeting took place. The chairman or acting chairman of the standing committee shall also serve as the chair of the committee of the whole at such joint meetings, unless the committee of the whole determines otherwise.

This Rule shall not preclude the City Council from meeting at any time as a committee of the whole, pursuant to these Rules and/or Robert's Rules of Order.

President Zarrella read the Petition into the record.

A discussion took place regarding the Petition, as well as requirements of Open Meeting Law, access to Department Heads, comparison to the current Rule. Accommodations towards public comments were also addressed. Petition given leave to withdraw via roll call vote of 8 in favor and 2 opposed (Beachemin, Squalia). 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.



Mary de Alderete, City Clerk