



**CITY OF FITCHBURG MASSACHUSETTS
CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR**

February 7, 2017 7:00PM

**Memorial Middle School Library
615 Rollstone Street
Fitchburg MA 01420**

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

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Appointment Letters:

1. Retired Deputy Chief Paul Bozicas to serve as a Special Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.
2. Ms. Laura O'Kane, as a member of the Planning Board for a term of 1 month, effective immediately, to expire on February 18, 2017.
3. Ms. Laura O'Kane, as a member of the Planning Board, to fill the seat of Ms. Kristin Sweeney, for a term to expire January 1, 2020.
4. Mr. Eldred T. Wright, as a Permanent Reserve Police Officer for the City of Fitchburg.

IV. COMMUNICATION-DEPARTMENT HEADS

1. Calvin D. Brooks, City Treasurer
Re: 60 Albee Street
2. Larry Casassa, Acting Community Development Director
Re: CDBG Year 43 Applications
3. Fitchburg Retirement System

V. COMMUNICATION-OTHER

1. Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of February 7, 2017, 6:45 PM

New Appointments:

Trustees of Public Burial Grounds

(To fill the balance of the term of Mr. Philip Jordan, set to expire January 1, 2018)

Ms. Nancy Maynard

Human Rights Commission

(Term to expire January 1, 2020)

Ms. April Maldonado

Re-Appointment:

Trustees of the Fitchburg Public Library

(Term to expire January 1, 2020)

Ms. Cynthia Jones

City Property Committee Oral Report
Meeting of February 7, 2017, 6:15 PM

- 281-16. Chief Kevin D. Roy, Fitchburg Fire Department, to request approval for disposal of surplus property (former Water Street Fire Station)
- 282-16. A.J. Tourigny, Chief of Staff to the Mayor, to provide the listed objects and documents for indefinite long-term loan to the Fitchburg Historical Society by the City of Fitchburg.
- 011-17. Chief Ernest Martineau, Fitchburg Police Department, to declare listed equipment as surplus to the needs of the City of Fitchburg and be scrapped, except in the case of the fourth vehicle listed to be donated to Money Tech as explained in the petition.
- 207-15. Kenneth J. Matson, President, Matson Homes, Inc., to accept Downy Circle, located within the Parker Hill Subdivision, as a public way.

Finance Committee
Meeting of January 24, 2017, 6:00 PM

- 286-16. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure not to exceed \$19,935 from Cemetery Perpetual Care for the purchase and installation of galvanized/black chain link fencing at the Forest Hill Cemetery.
(Be Adopted)
- 287-16. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$300,000), same to be credited to OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND and charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS.
(Be Adopted)
- 010-17. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000), same to be credited to DPW HIGHWAY GENERAL EXPENSES (RIGHT OF WAY TAKINGS) and charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS.
(Be Adopted)

Public Safety Committee Oral Report
Meeting of February 7, 2017, 6:00 PM

- 018-17. Jonathan Perez and Steven Nogueira, d/b/a A & A Auto Sales, 236 Lunenburg Street, Fitchburg, MA, to petition for a Class II Dealer's License.

VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 20-17. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby accepts the grants and gifts totaling approximately \$31,838.25 for the restoration of the City's two Civil War cannons, from those as follows: \$16,838.25 grant from the George R. Wallace Foundation, \$5,000.00 grant from the Douglas and Isabella Crocker Foundation, and the balance of approximately \$10,000.00 from various grant and fundraising efforts.
- 21-17. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$90,000), same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to BUILDING EXPENSES-CITY HALL FEASIBILITY STUDY.
- 22-17. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000), same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to accounts as follows: \$40,000 to DPW-SNOW AND ICE PERSONAL SERVICES OVERTIME and \$210,000 to DPW-SNOW AND ICE EXPENSES.

VIII. ORDERS-OTHER

- 23-17. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 7, 2017, the City Council of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated by February 17, 2017, for the Goodrich Building (housing Goodrich Academy) located at 111 Goodrich Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Fitchburg may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future a Priorities 5 application to upgrade the roof; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant, or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Fitchburg or its School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

24-17. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 7, 2017, the City Council of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated by February 17, 2017, for the South Street Elementary School located at 376 South Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Fitchburg may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future a Priority 5 application to upgrade the West building roof and South Building boilers and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant, or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Fitchburg or its School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

25-17. Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on February 7, 2017, the City Council of Fitchburg, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated by February 17, 2017, for the Longsjö Middle School located at 98 Academy Street, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which Fitchburg may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future a Priority 5 application to upgrade the roof, windows, and boilers; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant, or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Fitchburg or its School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

IX. PETITIONS

26-17. Unitil, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, to install 2 new sole owned poles, on Westminster Hill Road, approximately 70' north from Industrial Road, as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Public Hearing February 21, 2017)

27-17. Councillor Jody Joseph and Councillor Marcus DiNatale, to install a guard rail at the corner of 400 Rollstone Road and Brittany Lane for the purposes of preventing further property damage to the resident due to multiple car accidents at this location.
(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
7:00PM, Tuesday, February 21, 2017