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2:06 pm, Jun 30, 2023

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

July 5, 2023

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

7:00 PM

This meeting can also be viewed live on FATV. Go to www.fatv.org/watch-fatv for more information on accessing this meeting.

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 city of residence.
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 Councilor 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.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee

Oral Report

Meeting of July 5, 2023

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Cultural Council

(Term to expire July 1, 2026)

Ellen Daoust

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Council on Aging

(Term to expire July 1, 2026)

Todd A. Goodwin

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

V. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

1. Permanent Full Time Firefighters

For the City of Fitchburg

Francis J. Leblanc

Brendan V. Byrne

2. Poll workers for the period of September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee

Oral Report

Meeting of July 5, 2023

126-23. A & R Automotive Group to petition for a Class II Dealer's License located at: 19 Dwight St. Fitchburg, MA 01420

VII. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 196-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs FY24 Greening the Gateway Cities Program Implementation Grant Award in the approximate amount of \$88,650.00 (EIGHTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to achieve tree planting, promote stewardship and appreciation of Fitchburg’s trees for the environmental benefits and energy savings that a healthy tree canopy brings to the residents of the City.
- 197-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs FY24 Greening the Gateway Cities Program Partnership Grant Award in the approximate amount of \$12,944.00 (TWELVE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assist DCR Urban and Community Forestry as they plant trees in target neighborhoods in Fitchburg to increase tree canopy cover for environmental and energy efficiency benefits.

VIII. ORDERS – OTHER

- 186-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, PATROLMAN and credited to POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, OVERTIME.
(Suspension of Rules)
- 187-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) same to be transferred from HEALTH, SANITARY LANDFILL EXPENSES, CONTRACTED SERVICES and credited to HEALTH, RUBBISH REMOVAL EXPENSES, CONTRACT FEES for the purpose of covering rubbish removal costs for the remainder of the fiscal year.
(Suspension of Rules)
- 188-23. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) grant in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00 (TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to address issues of vaccine equity.
- 189-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$140,000.00) from RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION, OPIOID SETTLEMENT and credited to the following HEALTH, OPIOID SETTLEMENT accounts:

PERSONAL SERVICES, OUTREACH WORKER	\$80,000.00
PERSONAL SERVICES, COORDINATOR STIPEND	\$10,000.00
EXPENSES, CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$50,000.00

(Suspension of Rules)

- 190-23. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$20,000.00) same to be transferred from HEALTH, PERSONAL SERVICES, ASSISTANT TO DEPARTMENT HEAD and credited to HEALTH, EXPENSES, CONTRACTED SERVICES to cover the cost of a contracted outreach worker.
(Suspension of Rules)

IV. ORDINANCES

- 198-23. AN ORDINANCE: Article IV, §169-24 of the Fitchburg City Code entitled “Parking prohibited at all times” as most recently amended, shall be amended as follows:

A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Holt Street” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Industrial Road” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “Entire Length” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Spruce Street” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Stevens Road” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “Entire Length” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Fulton Street” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Game On Way” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “From the intersection of Industrial Road and Victoria Lane to the entrance of the Game On Facility Entrance” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

(First Reading)

- 199-23. AN ORDINANCE: Article VII, §169-99 of the Fitchburg City Code, entitled “Specific towing zones designated” as most recently amended, shall be amended as follows:

A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Richardson Street” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Roper Road” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “From Industrial Road to the Westminster Town Line” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Scripture Road” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Victoria Lane” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “Entire Length of Street During Game On Functions” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

(First Reading)

- 200-23. AN ORDINANCE: Article IV, §169-24 of the Fitchburg City Code entitled “Parking prohibited at all times” as most recently amended, shall be amended as follows:
A new line shall be inserted directly below the line beginning “Chapel Street” and the following words shall be inserted therein:

The words “Charles Street” shall be inserted under the “Name of Street” column;

The words “Both” shall be inserted under the “Side” column;

The words “From a point of 50 feet from all four corners of the intersection of Charles and Forest Streets” shall be inserted under the “Location” column.

(First Reading)

X. PETITIONS

- 183-23. Councilor Sam Squailia, on behalf of NoWoCo Pride, to paint a rainbow crosswalk inside the existing White Ladder Painted crosswalks across Boulder Drive and Commercial St at Cushing Plaza, for the 5th Annual Pride Festival on July 22, 2023 being held at Riverfront Park. See attached image for reference. Painting can be either temporary chalk paint or permanent paint at the discretion of DPW/FPD.
(Suspension of Rules)
- 201-23. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #22A on Beech St., approx. 260' North of Pratt Street and approx. 43' South of LaFlamme Pl., as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing July 18, 2023)
- 202-23. Unitil, to install conduit from existing pole #6, approximately 245.3' South along Old Princeton Rd., and approximately 155.6' West to the Flagg Pond Substation. This is for the purpose of installing a fiber optic service line as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing July 18, 2023)

- 203-23. Remove the current no parking area on the east side of Snow St. (Snow Street East from Cherry Street to opposite Union Street) and replacing it with time limit parking (Two Hour Parking) to add ten new parking spots.
(Refer to Public Safety)
- 204-23. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Catherine Tucker of 308 Milk Street, to request a sidewalk repair in front of 308 Milk Street.
(Refer to Public Works)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 7:00 PM