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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

The public is invited to participate in the Zoom webinar of
Nov 17, 2020 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_-OXiXv6STV2VTegP2XcWeQ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about logging in to join the webinar.

Alternatively, comments of not more than two (2) minutes may be sent to the City Clerk's Office by NOON on November 17, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:
cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Appointment Letters

1. Ms. Susan Davis, to be re-appointed as the Director of Human Resources, term to expire December 31, 2023.
2. Mr. Thomas Skwierawski, to be re-appointed as the Executive Director of Community Development, term to expire November 17, 2023.
3. Ms. Joan Goodwin, to be re-appointed as the Executive Director of the Council on Aging, term to expire November 17, 2023.
4. Ms. Meagen P. Donoghue, to be appointed as a member of the Fitchburg Historical Commission, term to expire November 1, 2023.

IV. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of November 17, 2020

New Appointments:

Member of the Fitchburg Council on Aging

(Term to expire December 31, 2022)

Ms. Bonnie Hautala

(Term to expire November 1, 2023)

Ms. Michelle Morin

Director of Facilities

(Term to expire November 18, 2023)

Mr. Russell Karlstad

V. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 229-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditures of funds from the CARES Act, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, CDBG-CV Program in the approximate amount of \$200,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant which is for Small Business Assistance Grants.
- 230-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, Gateways Rehabilitation Program grant in the approximate amount of \$275,000.00 (TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to provide funding to repair code violations in 2-4 unit properties.
- 231-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Mass Trails Program grant in the approximate amount of \$39,687.00 (THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to initiate a consistent and coordinated wayfinding system for the city's trail networks.

VI. ORDERS-OTHER

- 232-20. ORDERED THAT: Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale be authorized to place additional Conservation restrictions upon land identified as 0 Battles Ave to comply with the Special Legislative.
- 233-20. ORDERED THAT: Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale be authorized to place additional Conservation restrictions upon land identified as 0 Adin Street to comply with the Special Legislative.
- 234-20. ORDERED THAT: Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale be authorized to execute the Easement Agreement between the City and NewVue Affordable Housing Corporation for the conveyance of the right to use a portion of property formally identified as 0 Elm Street as outlined in the enclosed Order.
- 235-20. ORDERED THAT: The Honorable Mayor Stephen DiNatale is authorized on behalf of the City of Fitchburg to facilitate and execute the attached Community Host Benefit agreement with Cure Pack MA LLC, located at 664 River Street, Fitchburg.

VII. ORDINANCE

- 236-20. AN ORDINANCE: Amending the Fitchburg City Code, chapter 147-Sewers, incorporating amendments made in the Legislative Affairs Committee Meeting, on October 13, 2020, as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
(Reference Petition #204-2020)
(First Reading)

VIII. PETITIONS

- 237-20. Councillor Andrew Van Hazinga, to eliminate the allowance of on-street parking on the eastern side of Day Street between Main & Cherry Streets in the area of 35 Day Street (excluding existing spaces in the area of 255 Main Street), previously authorized by the Council in Petition 173-20.
(Public Safety Committee)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 7:00 PM