



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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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  
Dec 1, 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\\_LUJJcTP\\_QZCRS5k3u5n10Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LUJJcTP_QZCRS5k3u5n10Q)

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 December 1, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at:  
[cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov).

## II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

### III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor  
Appointment Letters

1. Mr. Todd Pickett, to be re-appointed as the Animal Control Officer, term to expire November 13, 2023.
2. Re-Appointments to the Fitchburg Council on Aging:
  - Mr. James Craigen, term to expire November 1, 2022
  - Ms. Annie DeMartino, term to expire November 1, 2022
  - Ms. Margaret Padovano, term to expire March 1, 2023
  - Mr. William Walsh, term to expire November 1, 2023
  - Ms. Josephine Wood, term to expire September 1, 2023
2. Permanent Reserve Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:
  - Zareus Z. Ramos
  - Cedric A. Robinson
  - Angelo J. Ramos, Jr.
3. Permanent Fulltime Firefighters for the City of Fitchburg:
  - Timothy R. Downey
  - Robert E. Nealon
4. Ms. Mariah A. Pridgen, to be appointed as a member of the Human Rights Commission, term to expire December 1, 2023.

### IV. COMMUNICATION

Anne Cervantes, Treasurer and Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director of  
Planning and Community Development  
Re: Parking Study

## V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of December 1, 2020

#### Re-Appointments:

#### Executive Director of Human Resources

(Term to expire December 31, 2023)

Ms. Susan Davis

#### Executive Director of Community Development

(Term to expire November 17, 2023)

Mr. Thomas Skwierawski

#### Executive Director of the Council on Aging

(Term to expire November 17, 2023)

Ms. Joan Goodwin

#### New Appointment

#### Member of the Historical Commission

(Term to expire November 1, 2023)

Ms. Meagen P. Donoghue

#### City Property Committee

#### Meeting of November 24, 2020

- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street  
A public way.
- 227-20. Councillors Kushmerek and Couture, to designate Alpine Road, McIntire Road,  
Sheldon Road, and Stickney Road as Scenic Roads as stipulated by the Scenic  
Road Act, M.G.L. c.40, S. 15C.

#### Finance Committee

#### Meeting of November 24, 2020

- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(Be Adopted)

- 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.  
(Be Adopted)

**Planning Board**

**Meeting of November 17, 2020**

- 029-20. Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance as part of Phase 1 of an Ordinance update to make clarifications in the Table of Principle Uses as outlined in the Petition.  
(Matter for discussion)

**Public Safety Committee Oral Report**

**Meeting of December 1, 2020**

- 088-20. Sgt. Daniel Boudreau, Councillor Amy Green, and Councillor Bernard Schultz, to amend Chapter 169 of the City Code by adding:  
No Parking on Ellis St., north side 350 feet from South St. to Burnap Street. And south side starting 54 feet from South St. to Burnap Street. No Parking Kingsbury Street east and west side from Ellis Street to Drury Lane. No Parking Drury Lane North and South side entire street, Monday-Friday, 8AM to 10AM/2PM to 4PM. Leave current No Parking at all times in place.
- 128-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that all applications for a Dealer's License must be for ten (10) cars, minimum.
- 212-20. Councillors DiNatale and Schultz, on behalf of Beatrice Leblanc, to install a no parking sign in front of 31 Spruce Street.

**VI. ORDERS-FINANCE**

- 238-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Digital Federal Credit Union gift in the approximate amount of \$7,500.00, (SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is to support the Police Department efforts in providing quality programs to our city's youth.
- 239-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg approves the expenditure of funds from the MEMA Emergency Management Performance grant in the approximate amount of \$15,500.00.00 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to purchase heavy vehicle extrication equipment for the Tech Rescue Team and underwater communications for the dive Team.

240-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO AND 90/100 (\$73,922.90) same to be transferred to YEAR 45 CROCKER FIELD from the following accounts:

YEAR 43	CROCKER FIELD GRANDSTAND	\$13,516.30
YEAR 44	CROCKER FIELD GRANDSTAND WALL	\$ 8,000.00
YEAR 45	CROCKER FIELDHOUSE ROOF	\$34,811.00
YEAR 45	CROCKER FIELD GRANDSTAND BENCHES	\$ 8,948.00
YEAR 45	CROCKER FIELD GRANDSTAND REAR WALL	\$ 8,647.60

241-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs, Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant in the approximate amount of \$400,000.00 (FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to create an accessible playground at Parkhill Park.

242-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Sam Pawlak Community Group in the approximate amount of \$40,064.65 (FORTY THOUSAND, SIXTY-FOUR AND 65/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to create an accessible playground at Parkhill Park.

243-20. ORDERED THAT: A resolution to file and accept a grant with and from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services, under the Parkland Acquisition and Renovations for Communities (PARC) program, for the purpose of developing an inclusive playground with related site amenities at Parkhill Park as outlined in the enclosed Order.

#### **VII. ORDER-OTHER**

244-20. ORDER: Correcting Council approved Order #232-20 that had misidentified 0 Battles Ave (186-9-0) and correctly identifying it as 0 Battles Ave. (186-9-A), and allowing Mayor Stephen L. DiNatale to place additional Conservation restrictions on 0 Battles Ave. (186-9-A) to comply with the Special Legislative.

#### **VIII. ORDINANCE**

245-20. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 157 entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" to add Article VIII entitled "Snow or Ice on Motor Vehicles" by adding sections 157-94, "Duty to Remove Snow or Ice on Motor Vehicles" and 157-95, "Sanctions" as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.  
(Reference Petition 008-20)  
(First Reading)

## IX. PETITIONS

- 246-20. Councilor Marcus DiNatale and Councilor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of resident Tyler Scipione, to petition City to repair/replace the sidewalk in front of 89 Highland Ave.  
(Public Works Committee)

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00 PM