



CITY OF FITCHBURG

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 07, 2020

MEETING TIME: 7:00 PM

MEETING PLACE: FATV STUDIO-FATV.ORG

Name of building (if applicable) Government live stream

Room number (if applicable) COMCAST CHANNEL 99

Address VERIZON CHANNEL 37

City _____

AGENDA ITEMS:* **SEE ATTACHED**

MARY DE ALDERETE, CITY CLERK

Name and title of person submitting this notice

**Please note: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires that all topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates must be listed and that the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.*



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 July 7, 2020 07:00 PM

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_3mjIeTIEQVyMYnkGh3jG-Q

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 July 7, 2020 by calling 978-829-1820 or via email at: cityclerk@fitchburma.gov.

II. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

III. COMMUNICATION

His Honor the Mayor
Re-Appointment Letter

1. Dan H. Mylott, as a member of the Board of Registrars, term to expire April 1, 2023.

Appointment Letter

1. Mr. Anthony C. Marrama, as the Acting Chief Engineer/Fire Chief, to fill the retirement of Fire Chief Kevin D. Roy, to begin on July 1, 2020 until his successor is appointed and qualified, but no later than September 1, 2020.

2. Mr. Anthony C. Marrama, to the position of Chief Engineer/Fire Chief, to begin July 27, 2020.

3. Charles A. Coburn, III, and Ryan J. Major as permanent fulltime Firefighters for the City of Fitchburg.

4. Ms. Alice E. Hillman, as a member of the Board of Registrars, term to expire April 1, 2023.

IV. COMMUNICATION

Fire Fighter's Association, Local 3128

V. COMMUNICATION

Anne Cervantes, City Treasurer, and Tom Skwierawski, Exec. Dir.,
Community Development and Planning

RE: Completed Parking Study-See link below:

<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6452/Fitchburg-Parking-Study-Final-Report-121119>

VI. COMMUNICATION

Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Dir.
Community Development & Planning
Re: Petition #29-2020; see link below:
<http://www.ci.fitchburg.ma.us/DocumentCenter/View/6453/Zoning-Phase-One-Changes-Track-Changes-063020>

VI. COMMUNICATION

Fitchburg Retirement System
Re: Budget

VII. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

VIII. COMMUNICATION

Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Committee
Resolution: Re: Covid-19 State Funding

IX. ANNUAL REPORT

151-20. ANNUAL REPORT: Office of the City Clerk for the year 2019.

X. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning Board

Meeting of May 27, 2020

129-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to accept Beech Street Lane as a Street within the City of Fitchburg.
(Not be Granted)
Also referred to the City Property Committee and Public Works Committee)

Public Works Committee

Meeting of June 30, 2020

101-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to install a berm at 88 Newtonville Avenue, to mitigate water damage.

102-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to request Unitil to apply new asphalt around poles 12 to 26 on Franklin Road up to Oak Hill Road.

129-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to accept Beech Street Lane as a Street within the City of Fitchburg.
(Also referred to the City Property Committee and Planning Board)

- 130-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition that Unitil repair the sidewalks where new poles have been added for the area of Woodland and Pratt Street and Pratt Road (Poles 5, 6, 7, 8, and 23) with asphalt or cement, as well as the poles at Beech Street and Pratt Road.
- 144-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to petition the Unitil repair the sidewalk in front of pole number 27 on Pratt Road. The guidewire has raised the sidewalk in this area.
- 149-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to request Unitil repair the sidewalk at Pole #11 on Plymouth Street. The sidewalk is washing out.
- 046-20. Councillors Marisa Fleming and Marcus DiNatale, to declare Ethier Street a Public Way.
(Also referred to the City Property Committee and Planning Board)
- 126-19. Councilor Joel Kaddy, to correct water problem at 15 Thurston Place.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING

- 126-20. Unitil, to petition for three new pole locations, approximately 935 feet West of Williams Road, on the North side of McIntire Road as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Continued from June 16, 2020)

XII. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 152-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) same to be transferred from FIRE, EQUIPMENT & REPAIR, GAS & OIL and credited to FIRE, BUILDING MAINTENANCE, HOUSEHOLD.
- 153-20. ORDERED 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 WATER EXPENSES, WATERSHED MAINTENANCE and credited to REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY EXPENSES, HEATING FUEL.
- 154-20. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) same to be transferred from MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ASSESSMENT and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, DAMAGES PERSONS & PROPERTY.

- 155-20. ORDERED 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 MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ASSESSMENT and credited to AIRPORT EXPENSES, ELECTRICITY (\$15,000) and to AIRPORT EXPENSES, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS (\$5,000).
- 156-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the PowerOptions, Inc. grant in the approximate amount of \$1,500.00 (ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for purchasing Personal Protective Equipment for the city.
- 157-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Department of Mental Health grant in the approximate amount of \$49,365.00 (FORTY-NINE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support a police based Jail Diversion Program for individuals with mental illnesses or emotional disturbances.
- 158-20. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division grant in the approximate amount of \$9,000.00 (NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to install two door closers in the lobby of the Administration Building.

XIII. PETITIONS

- 159-20. Anne M. Cervantes, City Treasurer, to accept a deed in lieu of foreclosure under G.L. c. 60, s. 77c for a parcel of land at 0 Merrill Street, assessors' parcel 0025-0011-0 containing 0.09 acres, owned by the Estate of Ida Raisanen.
(City Property Committee)
- 160-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to Petition the City to not demolish the building at 617 Water Street, but rather, take the funds allocated for this and use them to demolish 40, 40 ½ (already in progress) and 44 Nashua Street in order to improve the neighborhood with single family lots.
(Economic Development Committee, Planning Board)

- 161-20. Councillor Bernie Schultz and resident Ontaya Lewis of 143 Charles Street to add stop signs on Charles Street in both directions at the intersection of Charles and Forest Streets.
(Public Safety Committee)
- 162-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to repair the sidewalk at the corner of Pratt Street and Daniels Street, near the Red Dog Roofing Company. There is a big hole, the sidewalk is caving in, and the wall there could be compromised.
(Public Works Committttee)
- 163-20. Councillor Paul Beauchemin, to repair sidewalk at 37 Chester Street. This is a hazard causing people to trip on the roots of a tree.
(Public Works Committee)
- 164-20. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #8A on Industrial Road, approximately 45' from the intersection of Stevens Road, as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Public Hearing July 21, 2020)
- 165-20. Unitil, to petition for a new pole #5A on Ross Street, approximately 24' West of North Street as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Public Hearing July 21, 2020)

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2020, 7:00 PM