



WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

January 18, 2022

**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 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

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. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of January 18, 2022

New Appointments

Permanent Full Time Firefighters

Alessandro A. Ciccone

Jeremy J. Kimber

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

IV. PRESENTATION

Substance Abuse Coordinator, Sue Christensen and Board of Health Director, Steve Curry to introduce our new Street Outreach Workers, Keith Barnaby and Kim French, and discuss the Homeless Outreach Program.

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee Oral Report Meeting of January 18, 2022

- 218-21. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of NINE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to FACILITIES REPAIR & CARE, TAX POSSESSION MAINTENANCE.
- 219-21. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following:
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| Under positions paid hourly | Effective 12/1/2021 |
| Epidemiologist | \$50.00 |
| Contact Tracer Supervisor | \$48.00 |
| Contact Tracer/Case Investigator | \$32.00 |
| Contact Tracer (Part-time) | \$30.00 |
- 003-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Public Health grant in the approximate of \$480,000.00 (FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the staffing for COVID-19 Contact Tracing and related services in the thirteen communities of the Montachusett Public Health Network (MPHN).

VI. ORDERS-FINANCE

- 004-22. ORDERED THAT: That the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Planning Assistance Grant Program grant in the approximate amount of \$32,500.00 (THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to update the city's Open Space and Recreation Plan.
- 005-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MassDevelopment, Brownfields Redevelopment Fund grant in the approximate amount of \$65,000.00 (SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to assess and plan for remediation at 173 Bemis Road.
- 006-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the MassDevelopment, Real Estate Technical Assistance Program grant in the approximate amount \$45,000 (FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to help prepare the city for the sale of 44 Wanoosnoc Road.

VII. PETITIONS

- 007-22. The Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority along with consultants from the BSC Group, to present the 2040 Downtown Fitchburg Urban Revitalization and Development Plan as outlined in the enclosed Petition.
(Public Hearing February 15, 2022)
- 008-22. Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director of Community Development & Planning Department, to declare the following parcels as surplus property:
0 Taft Street, Assessor's Map 20/4/3
0 Taft Street, Assessor's Map 20/4/2
(City Property Committee)
- 009-22. The Fitchburg Planning Board, to amend the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance by making several corrections & clarifications, as described in the enclosed Petition.
(Community Development & Planning, Economic Development Committee, Legislative Affairs Committee)

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 - 7:00 PM