



**FITCHBURG CITY CLERK**

*Feb 11 2022 9:40 am*

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

**February 15, 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](http://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](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov).

## II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

### Appointments Committee Oral Report Meeting of February 15, 2022

#### New Appointment

#### Water/Wastewater Commission

(Term to expire February 1, 2026)

Mr. Colby J. O'Brien

## III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

## IV. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

### Appointment Letters

#### Re-Appointment:

#### Fitchburg Historical Commission

(Term to expire February 1, 2025)

Ellen DiGeronimo

(Term to expire February 1, 2025)

Donald Ostrowski

#### New Appointment:

#### Fitchburg Disability Commission

(Term to expire March 1, 2025)

Ms. Marshal D. Haneisen

### American Rescue Plan Act Budget

### Proposed ARPA Budget

## V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Finance Committee

### Meeting of February 8, 2022

012-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from a contribution from B.O.T. Realty, LLC in the approximate amount of \$21,500.00 (TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the paving and reconstruction of Perkins Street.

**(Be amended to change the word "grant" to "contribution" and be adopted as amended)**

013-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$69,027.00 (SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWENTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.  
**(Be amended to change the amount from \$69,027.00 to \$62,097.00 and be adopted as amended)**

014-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Affairs, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program in the approximate amount of \$504,061.86 (FIVE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, SIXTY-ONE AND 86/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to contract a licensed clinical social worker to provide follow-up and case management to persons who are suffering from substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, as well as training and data tracking.  
**(Be adopted)**

[https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9475/2022-02-08\\_Finance\\_Committee\\_Meeting\\_Minutes](https://ma-fitchburg.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/9475/2022-02-08_Finance_Committee_Meeting_Minutes)

## VI. PUBLIC HEARING

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.

[FRA Cover Letter to City Council](#)

[DRAFT Fitchburg Downtown Urban Revitalization & Development Plan](#)

[Downtown Fitchburg URDP Maps](#)

## VII. ORDERS-FINANCE

019-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from a gift from the estate of Ida S. Raisanen in the approximate amount of \$2,556.92 (TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 92/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is for the provision of recreational youth sports programs in the City parks.

020-22 ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$400,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:

EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$200,000.00
SALT	\$200,000.00

- 021-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,700.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, APPRAISALS.
- 022-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, PATROLMEN and credited to the following accounts:
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| POLICE, EQUIP. & REPAIR, GAS & OIL           | \$20,000.00 |
| POLICE, MAINT. OF BUILDINGS, REPAIR AND CARE | \$20,000.00 |
- 023-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY22 Shannon Community Safety Initiative grant in the approximate amount of \$416,812.00 (FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.
- 024-22. ORDERED THAT: The City Council authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated March 1, 2022 for the Longsjo Middle School located at 98 Academy Street, Fitchburg, MA which describes and explains deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the MA School Building Authority in the future.
- 025-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARD (\$480,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, COVID PREMIUM PAY.

### VIII. ORDINANCE

- 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:

Under positions paid hourly	<b>Effective 12/1/2021</b>
Epidemiologist	\$50.00
Contact Tracer Supervisor	\$48.00
Contact Tracer/Case Investigator	\$32.00
Contact Tracer (Part-time)	\$30.00

**(Amended to add: Contact Tracing Resource Coordinator @ \$32.00/hr)  
(Final Reading as amended)**

## **IX. PETITIONS**

- 026-22. Nicholas J. Erickson, PE, petitions your Honorable Body to accept as gift/donation, purchase or to take by eminent domain under M.G.L. c. 79, et al., both permanent and temporary easements over certain parcels of land required for the Circle Street Bridge Preservation Project. This Project is more described on the attached Plan entitled "Circle Street Over North Nashua River (Bridge No. F-04-11 (IJT)).  
(City Property Committee)

### [Circle Street over North Nashua River Plan](#)

- 027-22. Councilor Derrick Cruz, on behalf of Bassem Awad, resident at 8 Boylston Street, to install a street light on telephone pole #4 on Boylston Street.  
(Public Safety Committee)
- 028-22. Councilor Sam Squailia, to increase available resident off-street parking during a snow emergency as outlined in the enclosed petition.  
(Legislative Affairs)
- 029-22. Unutil, for a new pole #42-51, approx.. 1185' west of Oak Hill Rd., and 1120' east of Franklin Rd., as shown in the enclosed Petition.  
(Public Hearing March 1, 2022)

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 011-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$115,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, LITIGATION AND SPECIAL COUNSEL.

## **XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

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