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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

**March 1, 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

There is no report of the Appointments Committee at this time.

## III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

## IV. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

### Appointment Letters held from Meeting of February 15, 2022

#### **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

#### **New Appointments:**

#### **Full Time Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:**

Esteban Bonilla-Perez

Shannon Burke

#### **Community Development Block Grant Year 48**

(To be referred to the Finance Committee)

[CDBG Year 48](#)

## V. COMMUNICATION

Pension Reserves Investment Management Board

## VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Finance Committee

### Meeting of February 22, 2022

### Minutes of February 22, 2022

- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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:
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|------------------|--------------|
| EQUIPMENT RENTAL | \$200,000.00 |
| SALT             | \$200,000.00 |
- (Be Adopted)
- 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 |
- (Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(Be Adopted)
- 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.  
(**Not** be Adopted)

Proposed Budget for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

[Proposed ARPA Budget](#)

(Be Adopted)

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 029-22. Unitil, 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.

## **VIII. ORDERS – FINANCE**

- 030-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts grant in the approximate amount of \$30,000.00 (THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to provide outreach services to the homeless population in the city.
- 031-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditures of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development grant in the approximate amount of \$100,000.00 (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to provide outreach services to the homeless population in the city.

## **IX. ORDERS – OTHER**

- 032-22. ORDERED THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Fitchburg and the Twin Cities Rail Trail Association regarding the roles and responsibilities of each party to maintain the new trail as outlined in the attached Order.

## **X. PETITIONS**

- 033-22. Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Planning & Development, to request City Council declare the following parcel as surplus property:  
50 Granite Street  
Assessor's Map 82/6/0  
(City Property Committee)
- 034-22. Tom Skwierawski, Exe. Director of Community Planning & Development, to request City Council declare the following parcel as surplus property:  
0 Sawmill Pond Road  
Assessor's Map S53/6/0  
(City Property Committee)

## **XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **XII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 7:00 PM