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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2026

**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 city of residence.
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 Councilor 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 by 12:00 PM (noon) on the day of meeting.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

III. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee

Oral Report

Meeting of June 2, 2026

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Cultural Council

Kat McLellan

(Term to expire on June 2, 2029)

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Council on Aging

Bonnie Hautala

(Term to expire on December 31, 2028)

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Disability Commission

Amy Leblanc

(Term to expire on April 1, 2029)

Re-Appointments:

Fitchburg Trustees of the Public Library

Dennis Pierce

(Term to expire on July 1, 2029)

Cynthia Jones

(Term to expire January 2, 2029)

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Zoning Board of Appeals

James Reynolds

(Term to expire on October 1, 2027)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 19, 2026

Council as a Whole meeting minutes of May 20, 2026

Council as a Whole meeting minutes of May 21, 2026

V. COMMUNICATION
MASSDOT
[Notification Approved District 3 Vegetation Management Plan](#)

VI. ORDERS – CDBG Year 52
[ORDERS 078-26 to 099-26](#)
(Suspension of rules)

VII. ORDERS - FINANCE

- 104-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of NINETY-THREE THOUSAND FORTY-EIGHT AND 83/100 DOLLARS (\$93,048.83) from RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION - PEG ACCESS Expenses to RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION - PEG ACCESS Cable Franchise Fee for the purpose of remitting to FATV the first quarter 2026 franchise fee.
(Suspension of rules)
- 105-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts in the approximate amount of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$18,900) for the purpose of supporting the Fitchburg Police Department Recruitment and Retention project and associated capital repairs.
- 106-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts in the approximate amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) for the purpose of supporting the Fitchburg Police Department Dispatch Room renovation project.

VIII. ORDINANCE

- 103-26. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44 of the City Ordinance is hereby amended as follows: in the table designating grades and steps by position, in the line designated "City Clerk", the grade and step shall be amended to "14-8", effective July 1, 2026.
(Ref. 057-26)
(First Reading)

IX. PETITIONS

- 107-26. Liz Murphy, Executive Director of Community Development & Planning, to request approval of a TIE agreement formally approve Mayor Squailia's proposed Tax-Increment Exemption (TIE) agreement for 64 Main Street, pursuant to the City of Fitchburg's Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) market-rate housing district.
(City Property)

108-26. Liz Murphy, Executive Director of Community Development & Planning, to request approval of a TIE agreement formally approve Mayor Squailia's proposed Tax-Increment Exemption (TIE) agreement for 280-288 Main Street, pursuant to the City of Fitchburg's Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) market-rate housing district.

(City Property)

109-26. Christopher J. Paquette, Chief Assessor, requesting adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54, which authorizes the City to establish an exemption threshold for taxable personal property valued at less than \$2,000. Adoption of this clause is intended to reduce the administrative costs associated with the assessment and processing of low-value personal property accounts.

M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54:

Personal property, if less than an amount established by the city or town, but not in excess of \$10,000 of value. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by a city or town, which shall establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation and may modify the minimum value by vote of its legislative body.

(Legislative Affairs)

110-26. Approving a Special Municipal Employee disclosure form for James McGrath as required by G.L. c268A, §20 (d).
(Suspension of rules)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 7:00 PM