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9:56 am, Jun 03, 2025

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

June 3, 2025

**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 3, 2025

New Appointment letter:

Fitchburg Disability Commission

(For a term to expire May 1, 2028)

Emily Starks

New-Appointment letter:

Human Resources Director

Brittney Fish

New-Appointment letter:

Building Commissioner

Felix I. Zemel

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of May 20, 2025

V. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

1. New-Appointment letter:

Jamie Darcangelo, R.N., as a member of the Board of Health, for a term to expire January 1, 2027.

2. Re-Appointment letter:

John Bogsdasarian, M.D., as a member of the Board of Health, for a term to expire January 1, 2028.

VI. ANNUAL REPORT

117-25. Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.
[Financial Statement for the year ended June 30, 2024](#)
[Single Audit Report](#)

VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Public Works Committee

Meeting of May 27, 2025

Oral Report

- 096-25. Councilor Andrew Van Hazinga, to install a traffic sign on Davis Street at Highland Court warning “Caution – Autistic Child”, or similar.
(Be Granted)
- 069-25. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Jason Badillo of 126 South Street, to repair sidewalk on Charles Street next to his residence. The concrete part of the sidewalk has deteriorated, and a tree has lifted a portion of the nearby asphalt sidewalk.
(Be granted as amended)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 094-25. Community Development & Planning Department is requesting that City Council adopt zoning changes to comply with the Massachusetts Model Floodplain bylaws and incorporate the new FEMA floodplain maps effective July 8, 2025.
- 110-25. AN ORDINANCE: Chapter 181, § 181.66.A.2 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg be amended as follows:

That the General Ordinances of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 181, § 181.66.A.2, as most recently amended, be further amended by deleting the language denoted with strikethrough and replacing with the language denoted as emboldened:

2. For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Ordinance to the contrary, the City hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the permits for and use of land for large scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic facilities. The moratorium shall be in effect through May 31, 2025 October 15, 2025, unless adoption of new Zoning Ordinance addressing Large Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Facilities is in effect, whichever is earlier. During the moratorium period, the City shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of large-scale ground mounted solar photovoltaic facilities and related uses, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Ordinances to better address the impact and construction of same in the City.
(First Reading)

IX. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 115-25. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLAR (\$30,000) from FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – EMD Stipend to the following FIRE BUILDING MAINTENANCE accounts:
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| Electricity | \$5,000 |
| Heating Fuel | \$5,000 |
| Household Repair | \$20,000 |
- 116-25. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE AND 10/100 DOLLARS (\$102,823.10) 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 2025 franchise fee.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

All proposed budget cuts
Wednesday, June 4, 2025 12:00 PM

Next Council as a Whole Meeting – Budget Hearing
Monday, June 9, 2025 6:00 PM

Next Special City Council Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2025 – following the budget hearing

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 17, 2025 7:00 PM