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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

REVISED

3:46 pm, Apr 02, 2026

April 7, 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 April 7, 2026

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Disability Commission

Deanna 'DJ' Tardiff

(Term to expire on April 7, 2029)

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Cultural Council

Julio Fuentes

(Term to expire on April 7, 2029)

New Appointment:

Director of Human Resources

Brittney Fish

(Term to expire on December 31, 2028)

New Appointment:

Full-Time Police Officer

For the Fitchburg Police Department

Alex Stellato

New Appointment letters:

Full Time Student Police Officers

For the City of Fitchburg

Nathan Voight

Dylan Bartlett

Stefano Allen

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 11, 2026

Regular City Council meeting minutes of March 17, 2026

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of March 25, 2026

Minutes

- 044-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department Training Grant in the approximate amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT and 84/100 DOLLARS (\$170,098.84) for the purpose of training Fire Department dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures, and Police Department dispatchers in 911 Emergency procedures.
(Be Adopted)
- 045-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approve the expenditure of Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant fund in the approximate amount of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$322,082.51) from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for multi-jurisdictional youth initiatives.
(Be Adopted)
- 034-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approve the expenditure of grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration in the approximate amount of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 03/100 DOLLARS (\$119,768.03) for the purpose of improvements and deferred maintenance at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport.
(Be Adopted)
- 039-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of MassDevelopment grant funds in the approximate amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) to support the design of water, sewer, and storm drain upgrades, and a hotel study for the Airport land now designated as non-aviation.
(Be Adopted)
- 046-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of state earmark fund in the approximate amount of THREE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$304,000) to support the production of market-rate housing at the Iver Mills development project on River Street.
(Be Adopted)

- 042-26. RESOLUTION THAT: If the Site or any portion thereof is sold, conveyed, gifted, demised, ground leased, or otherwise transferred, or refinanced, and as a result of said transaction, the Recipient receives funds that exceed the aggregate amount necessary for repayment of existing monetary liens, mortgage loans, and other debt on the Project and all of the costs incurred by them in the acquisition, development, ownership, and sale of the Site or of the portion of the Site transferred (the “Net Proceeds”), then Recipient shall reimburse MassDevelopment the full amount of the Net Proceeds up to the amount of the Recoverable Grant that has been disbursed and has not already been repaid to MassDevelopment (the “Disbursed Funds”).
(Ref. Order 034-26)
(Be Adopted)

FINANCES COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
APRIL 8, 2026

- HUMAN RESOURCES – INTERIM DIRECTOR FISH
- CITY CLERK – CLERK BILOTTA

Legislative Affairs
Meeting of April 7, 2026
Oral Report

- 047-26. AN ORDINANCE: amending Chapter 132 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg by adding a new Article VIII, Municipal Parking Garage Restrictions.
[Municipal Parking Garage Restrictions](#)

Public Works Committee
Meeting of March 31, 2026
Oral Report

- 194-25. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Connie Tessi of 80 Elizabeth Street, to repair several sections of sidewalk in front of her residence, to include leveling of sidewalk to prevent older adults from falling.
(Be Granted)
- 161-25. Councilor Marisa Fleming, on behalf of Jessica Demeo of 74 Dartmouth Street., to install a stop sign at the intersection of Montrose St. and Dartmouth St. Every intersection on Montrose St. has at least two stop signs but this intersection does not.
(Be Held)
- 209-25. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Jean Bien-Aime of 130 Lancaster Street, to install a guardrail to protect life and property at the 130 Lancaster Street location as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Be Held)
- 030-26. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Nathaniel Pemberton of 47 Albee Street, to install bollards to protect life and property at the 47 Albee Street location, at the discretion of the Fitchburg Department of Public Works.
(Leave to Withdraw)

- 141-25. Councilor Paul Beauchemin, to request two electronic speed-limit signs to be installed on Clarendon Street heading northbound and southbound, near the intersections with Daniels Street and Franklin Road, in order to improve driver awareness, reduce speeds, and increase safety for motorist, bicyclist, and pedestrians.
(Be Granted)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 048-26. City Council to hold a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance, including revisions to Sections 181.10, 181.31, 181.51, 181.64, 181.94, and 181.95, relating to site plan applicability, site plan review and special permit procedures, revisions to the definition of “Transportation Terminal,” extension of permitted hours of operation for marijuana establishments, and expansion of zoning districts permitting marijuana delivery courier and operator uses.
(Referred to First Reading)
- 049-26. Unutil to petition for a new pole A on Jeffery Keating Road, approximately 95’ from Mount Elam Rd. and approximately 665’ from Forest Hill Road.

VII. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 050-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approve the expenditure of AIP grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration in the approximate amount of THIRTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$13,135) to upgrade the HVAC system in the IT room at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport.
(Suspension of Rules)
- 051-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Fire Services Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the approximate amount of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 68/100 DOLLARS (\$24,535.68) for the purpose of purchasing tools and equipment for the radio system.
- 052-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000) to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime from FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Holiday.
- 053-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – Expenses.

VIII. ORDINANCE

- 023-26. AN ORDINANCE: amending the Code of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 94, Article I § 94-1 through 94-3 titled *Building Fees* to update fee amounts.
(Ref. petition 023-26)
(Final Reading)

IX. PETITION

- 054-26. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Ali Olivera of 87 Birch Street Passway and in conjunction with Sgt. Liana Teague, to install a No Parking sign or two for the purpose of having no parking on one side of Birch Street Passway.
(Public Safety)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 7:00 PM