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10:57 am, Jun 28, 2024

***WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL***

**July 2, 2024**

**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 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](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov) by 12:00 PM (noon) on the day of meeting.

## II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

## III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

(May 30, 2024 through June 26, 2024)

## VI. COMMUNICATION

From Her Honor the Mayor

### **1. New-Appointments letter:**

The following 11 Fitchburg State University Police Officers as Special Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

Sergeant Andrew Himmer

Sergeant Maxwell Summer

Police Officer Timothy Stewart

Police Officer Patrick Spooner

Police Officer Dylan Soldi

Police Officer Andrew Morris

Police Officer Ryan McCarthy

Police Officer Toros Matellian

Police Officer Grace Kerr

Police Officer Steven Ingman

Police Officer Michael Chesson

### **2. New-Appointments letter:**

Poll workers for the period of September 1, 2024, through August 31, 2025.

### **3. New-Appointment letter:**

James P. McNamara, as a Member of the Trustees of Public Burial Grounds, for a term to expire August 1, 2027.

Michaela M. Horn – Treasurer/Tax Collector for the City of Fitchburg, as the custodian of property acquired by Foreclosure of Tax titles or acquired under MGL Chapter 60, Section 80.

## V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### Public Works

### Meeting of June 25, 2024

### Oral Report

- 091-24. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Milk Street residents, to connect existing sections of sidewalk on one side of Milk Street from the corner of Electric Avenue to Ellis Street (sidewalk side to be chosen by Department of Public Works) to help school children walking to the bus stop at the corner of Electric Avenue and Milk Street.  
(Leave to Withdraw)
- 256-23. Andrew Couture on behalf of Brian Rufiange to request a berm to be placed from the intersection of Oak Hill to the storm drain just past 394 Franklin Rd.  
(Grant as amended)

## VI. ORDERS

- 145-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000), same to be charged to MAYOR PERSONAL SERVICES – Assistant Department Head, and credited to:  
MAYOR EXPENSES – Office Supplies \$400  
MAYOR EXPENSES – Travel & Meetings \$600
- 146-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN and 81/100 DOLLARS (\$15,887.81), same to be credited to ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE – Street Listing, from the following accounts:  
  
CITY CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES – Clerical \$ 4,591.04  
ELECTION & REGISTRATION P.S. – Election Workers \$11,296.77
- 147-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000) same to be charged to FACILITIES PERSONAL SERVICES – Dept Head and credited to FACILITIES PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime.
- 148-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000), same to be charged to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Incentives, and credited to FIRE BUILDING MAINTENANCE – Electricity.
- 149-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000), same to be charged to BUILDING PERSONAL SERVICES – Assistant Inspectors, and credited to BUILDING PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime.

- 150-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$120,000) to DPW CAPITAL – EQUIPMENT from the following accounts:
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| DPW ADMIN/ENG P.S. – MS4 Temporary Labor | \$ 9,000 |
| DPW STREETS P.S. – Summer Help           | \$31,000 |
| DPW STREETS P.S. – Labor                 | \$80,000 |
- 151-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to PARKS EXPENSE – PLAYGROUND SAFETY WOOD FIBER from the following accounts:
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| PARKS PERSONAL SERVICES – Labor       | \$20,000 |
| PARKS PERSONAL SERVICES – Summer Help | \$30,000 |
- 152-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from within Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500) same to be charged to HEALTH PERSONAL SERVICES – Nurses, and credited to HEALTH PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime.
- 153-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred from with Fiscal 2024 accounts the sum of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) from HEALTH SANITARY LANDFILL EXPENSES – Closed Landfill to HEALTH RUBBISH REMOVAL EXPENSES – Contract Fees.
- 154-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$57,242) same to be charged against the FY2025 TAX LEVY and credited to FISCAL 2025 accounts as follows:
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| HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONAL SERVICES – Clerical | \$30,860 |
| CITY CLERK PERSONAL SERVICES – Clerical      | \$26,382 |
- 155-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) same to be charged against Fiscal Year 2024 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – HEALTH INSURANCE and credited to FISCAL 2025 - RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

## **VII. ORDER – OTHER**

- 156-24. ORDER THAT: Order of Declaration to declare for public use for the purposes of completing the Twin Cities Rail Trail Phase 2 project, permanent and temporary easements, in certain real estate located along Railroad Street, Sawyer Passway, and Main Street which are owned by the City. Request to Suspend the Rules.  
(Suspension of Rules)

## **VIII. ORDINANCE**

- 136-24. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, by adding thereto the following Grade assignments as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.  
(Final Reading)

## **IX. PETITIONS**

- 157-24. Captain Christopher Garcia, from the Fitchburg Police Department, proposing a new City ordinance aimed at enhancing safety on our streets and addressing the quality of life concerns in our community by regulating the use of recreational vehicles on both public and private property in Fitchburg.  
(Legislative Affairs)
- 158-24. Councilor Beauchemin and Jeffrey Bean to rename Oak Hill Road Bridge to the Ron Ansin Bridge in honor of Mr. Ron Ansin.  
(Legislative Affairs)

## **X. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:00 PM