



FITCHBURG CITY CLERK

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

**June 16, 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](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

Council as a Whole meeting minutes of May 21, 2026  
Council as a Whole meeting minutes of May 28, 2026  
Special City Council meeting minutes of May 28, 2026  
Regular City Council meeting minutes of June 2, 2026

## IV. COMMUNICATIONS

Her Honor the Mayor

1. **New-Appointment letter:**  
Poll workers for the period of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.  
(To be sworn in during training sessions)
2. **New-Appointment letter:**  
Heather De Jesus, as a member of the Fitchburg Human Rights Commission, for a term to expire on June 16, 2029.
3. **New-Appointment letter:**  
Adrian Major, as a member of the Fitchburg Human Rights Commission, for a term to expire on June 16, 2029.
4. **Re-Appointment letter:**  
Ryan Beauvais, as a member of the Board of Assessors, for a term to expire on January 1, 2029.

## V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Kristen Sachse – Grade 8  
FPS Civics Day Coordinator

## VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### **Economic Development Committee**

#### **Meeting of June 16, 2026**

#### **Oral Report**

- 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.

- 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.

**Finance Committee**

**Meeting of June 10, 2026**

**Oral Report**

- 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.  
**(Be Adopted)**

- 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.  
**(Be Adopted)**

**Public Safety Committee**

**Meeting of June 16, 2026**

**Oral Report**

- 058-26. To protect life and property at 47 Albee Street, City Councilor Bernie Schultz requests that Hassett Street be made a one-way street up from Albee Street.
- 061-26. Councilor Joe Bowen, to request authorization for a comprehensive traffic and safety study of the Princeton Rd.–Westminster St. intersection to identify specific, data supported improvements that will reduce congestion, enhance public safety, and guide the City Council in approving and implementing corrective measures.
- 102-26. DriveIQ Motors, LLC to petition for a Class II Dealer License located at 349 Lunenburg St.

**VII. BUDGET ORDER-FY 2027**

- 111-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the Mayor's Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget:

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| General Fund          | \$ 190,961,167 |
| Water Enterprise      | \$ 9,997,019   |
| Wastewater Enterprise | \$ 18,316,809  |
| Airport Fund          | \$ 1,137,919   |

[Fiscal Year 2027 Operating Budget - Amended 6-11-26](#)

**(Council as a Whole)**

**VIII. ORDERS - FINANCE**

112-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$400,000) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DPW STORMWATER EXPENSES – MS4 Contract Services.

**(Suspension of Rules)**

113-26. ORDER THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby appropriates the sum of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$1,714,991) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| SNOW & ICE – Overtime         | \$321,889 |
| SNOW & ICE – Equipment Rental | \$741,861 |
| SNOW & ICE – Salt             | \$651,241 |

**(Suspension of Rules)**

114-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LEGAL OTHER EXPENSES – City Solicitor.

**(Suspension of Rules)**

115-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000), same to be charged against WATER ENTERPRISE PERSONAL SERVICES – Labor and credited to WATER ENTERPRISE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime.

116-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$130,000), same to be charged against various FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICES accounts:

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|---|----------|
| FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Firefighters           | \$60,000 |
| FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES - Lieutenants            | \$30,000 |
| FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – FEMA Training Director | \$40,000 |

and credited to:

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|--|----------|
| FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime        | \$60,000 |
| FIRE BUILDING MAINTENANCE - Utilities    | \$30,000 |
| FIRE EQUIPMENT & REPAIR – Fire Equipment | \$40,000 |

117-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$225,000), same to be charged against DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PERSONAL SERVICES – Labor, and credited to:

|                                   |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| DPW CAPITAL - Equipment           | \$150,000 |
| DPW CAPITAL - BUILDING RENOVATION | \$75,000  |

- 118-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000), same to be charged against PARKS DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICES – Summer Help and credited to PARKS DEPARTMENT PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime.  
**(Suspension of Rules)**
- 119-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) for installation of a concrete pad at Coolidge Park for the Mini Pitch Soccer Field, same to be charged against the following accounts:
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|---|----------|
| PARKS PERSONAL SERVICES – Labor                 | \$10,000 |
| RECREATION PERSONAL SVCS – Recreation Assistant | \$15,000 |
| RECREATION PERSONAL SVCS – General              | \$25,000 |
- (Suspension of Rules)**
- 120-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in partnership with Massachusetts Youth Soccer in the approximate amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND (\$15,000) for the purpose of providing public health resources during the FIFA 2026 World Cup Watch Party and Community Event at Coolidge Park.  
**(Suspension of Rules)**
- 121-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of TWENTY-SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$27,000), same to be charged against LEGAL EXPENSES – Damages to Persons & Property and credited to LEGAL OTHER EXPENSES – City Solicitor.
- 122-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is transferred the sum of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$384,943) from EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Health Insurance to the following accounts:
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|--|-----------|
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Pension Contribution     | \$1,943   |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Workers Compensation     | \$150,000 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Unemployment Insurance   | \$150,000 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Medicare                 | \$35,000  |
| MISCELLANEOUS – General Insurance            | \$13,000  |
| MISCELLANEOUS – Medicaid Billing Commissions | \$35,000  |
- 123-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$830,000) same to be credited to FY27 RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES and charged against:
- FY26 RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – \$330,000; and FY26 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Health Insurance - \$500,000.

## IX. 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 "13-11", effective July 1, 2026.  
(Ref. 057-26)  
**(Final Reading)**

## X. PETITIONS

- 124-26. Councilor Beauchemin, respectfully requests a rule change to require In-Person Voting on Official matters as outlined in the enclosed petition.  
[In-Person Voting on Official Matters](#)  
**(Legislative Affairs)**
- 125-26. Councilor Beauchemin and Councilor Fleming, respectfully requests to End-Work-From-Home Arrangements as outlined in the enclosed petition.  
[End-Work-Home-Arrangements](#)  
**(Legislative Affairs)**
- 126-26. Michaela Horn, Treasurer/Collector request to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, which establishes a clear and practical process for municipalities to manage abandoned funds held in municipal custody.  
**(Legislative Affairs)**
- 127-26. Michaela Horn, Treasurer/Collector request to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 23B, which authorizes municipalities to establish a fee schedule for the issuance of Municipal Lien Certificates (ML Cs). Adoption of this statute would provide a, legally authorized and equitable method of recovering a portion of the administrative costs associated with preparing and issuing these certificates.  
**(Legislative Affairs)**
- 128-26. Fitchburg Soccer LLC, respectfully request amending Section 181.313 Table of Principal Use Regulations of Chapter 181 (Zoning) by changing the following principal uses in the Commercial Recreation (CR) as outlined in the enclosed petition.  
[Amending Section 181.313](#)  
**(Planning Board)**
- 129-26. **Petition submitted by Councilor Van Hazinga and DJ Tardiff, to Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and promote diversity and inclusion in the Fitchburg community by flying the Progress Pride flag in front of the Legislative Building for two weeks, beginning in June 2026.**  
**(Suspension of rules)**

**XI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Council as a Whole Meetings – Budget Hearings FY 2027**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 6:00 PM

**Next Regular City Council Meeting**

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 7:00 PM