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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

May 5, 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 COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 21, 2026

IV. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

Community Development Block Grant Year 52

(To be referred to the Finance Committee)

[CDBG Year 52](#)

COMMUNICATION

Derrick J. Cruz – Finance Committee Chair

Finance Committee Informational Presentations

May 13, 2026

- Information Technology – Manager Bonilla
- Procurement – Chief Procurement Officer Delaney
- Senior Center – Director Koeck
- Building & Zoning – Commissioner Zemel

V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting of May 5, 2026

Oral Report

- 057-26. President Zarrella and Vice President Cruz, to amend Chapter 44 of the City Ordinances to increase the grade of the "City Clerk" position in the salary matrix from 13 to 14.

Public Works Committee
Meeting of April 28, 2026
Oral Report

- 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.
(Granted as amended)
- 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 locations outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Leave to Withdraw)

VI. ORDINANCE

- 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](#)
(Final Reading)

VII. PETITIONS

- 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.
(City Property)
- 059-26. Until to propose a new pole 30A on Rollstone Rd., approximately 195' from Anita Drive and approximately 178' from Belgain Way as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Public Hearing May 19, 2026)
- 060-26. Until to petition for a new proposed pole 34-A on Rollstone Rd., approximately 606' from Belgian Way and approximately 1060' from Bridle Cross Road as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Public Hearing May 19, 2026)
- 0061-26. 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.
(Public Safety)
- 062-26. Councilor Fleming on behalf of the residents living at 77 Congress St to install a berm in front of the house and around the corner heading toward Lunenburg St.
(Public Works)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 7:00 PM