



CITY OF FITCHBURG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

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REVISED

11:08 am, Sep 12, 2025

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:00 PM – FOLLOWING ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT'S MEETING THAT'S
MEETING TIME: SCHEDULED TO START AT 5:30PM
MEETING PLACE: LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
MEETING ADDRESS: 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA
Chair Walsh, Cragin, Couture, Van
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Hazinga & Zarrella

AGENDA ITEMS:*

This meeting will be open to the public.
Agenda Items:*

Approval of the following Minutes: July 6, 2025, July 1, 2025 & July 15, 2025

176-24. City Councilor Derrick Cruz and cosponsored by Councilor Cragin and Councilor Walsh. The City of Fitchburg shall adopt a fee structure for public records requests, in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records Law, as follows:

1. Copying Costs: The City of Fitchburg will charge up to 5 cents per page for standard black-and-white paper copies or printouts of public records.
2. Electronic Records: For records provided electronically, no per-page fee will be charged, though charges may apply for staff time as outlined below.
3. Personnel Costs: The City will charge for the time required to search for, compile, segregate, and redact public records if the time exceeds two hours. The hourly rate will be based on the hourly wage of the lowest-paid employee capable of performing the task, not exceeding \$25 per hour, unless otherwise approved by the Supervisor of Public Records (City Clerk).
4. Preliminary Cost Estimate: Upon receiving a public records request, the City of Fitchburg shall provide the requester with a written, itemized, good-faith estimate of the expected fees before processing the request, if applicable.
5. Effective Date: These changes shall take effect immediately upon approval by the City Council.

(LEAVE TO WITHDRAW)

**Please note: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires that all topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates must be listed and that the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.*



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- 97-23. Petition to review attached disclosure Municipal Employees pursuant to G.L c268A, §20 (b) to approve the same.
(LEAVE TO WITHDRAW)
- 155-25. ORDER THAT: the City Council of the City of Fitchburg hereby adopts this Order to authorize the Mayor and the Assessor to enter into the AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES UNDER M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, CLAUSE 45th, with NESG MA 1 Solar LLC, a copy of which is on file with the City Clerk and appended hereto, and to authorize the Mayor for the City of Fitchburg to take all action necessary to effectuate same.

Beth, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Posted By Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Clerk