



REVISED

9:45 am, Dec 16, 2024

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

December 17, 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 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

(December 3, 2024)

IV. COMMUNICATION Fitchburg Retirement System

Fitchburg Retirement Board's CY 2025 Budget
[CY2025 Budget](#)

V. ANNUAL REPORT

209-24. ANNUAL REPORT: 2023 Annual Report of the City Clerk's Office.
[2023 City Clerk's Office Report](#)

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Board of Health **Meeting of October 10, 2024** **Board of Health Minutes**

030-24. Andrew Couture on behalf of the residents of Oak Ridge Condominiums to investigate an offensive odor (suspected from Grief paper).

Finance Committee **Meeting of December 11, 2024** **Oral Report**

203-24. 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 SEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT and 82/100 DOLLARS (\$107,658.82) for the purpose of training Fire Department dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures, and Police Department dispatchers in 911 Emergency procedures.
(Be Adopted)

205-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriate and transfer the sum of THREE MILLION FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,400,000) from ARPA – Boulder Drive Water Mains, to ARPA – Main Street Water Mains.
(Be Adopted)

206-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriate and transfer the sum of **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 65/100 DOLLARS (\$280,782.65)** ~~NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$94,500)~~ to EMPLOYEE BENEFITS - Health Insurance from the following ARPA Fund accounts:

Fitchburg Business Loan Pool	\$ 62,500
Crocker Field Turf Replacement	\$ 32,000
Parkhill-Mama Fitz Parks	\$ 186,282.65

(Adopted as amended)

207-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriate and transfer the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES - Expenses to AUDITOR EXPENSES - Contracted Services.
(Be Adopted)

Public Safety Committee
Meeting of December 17, 2024
Oral Report

208-24. Auto Pro Sales and Service, LLC., to petition for a Class II Dealer's License located at 672-678 Water St. Fitchburg, MA 01420

VII. PETITION

210-24. Liz Murphy, Executive Director Community Development & Planning Department is requesting that City Council execute and accept the proposal to purchase and redevelop the following property and authorize the Mayor to take any and all actions necessary to facilitate the transfer of this property:

- 104 Daniels Street
Assessor's Map 51/45/0
(Suspension of rules)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Special City Council Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 6, 2025, at 10:00 AM

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 PM