



City of Fitchburg Massachusetts 01420

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2:20 pm, Jun 18, 2026

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June 18, 2026

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETING

Legislative Building, 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 PM

The agenda will consist of the following:

City Council debate and vote on recommendations for budget. Finance Team and Heads of Departments facing cuts to be present.

The budget and related Orders are as follows:

I. BUDGET ORDERS-FY 2027

The following Budget Orders were referred to the Council as a Whole Committee:

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

065-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$700,000), same to be charged against OVERLAY SURPLUS and credited to the Fiscal Year 2027 TAX LEVY to reduce the tax rate.

- 066-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000), same to be charged against the STABILIZATION FUND and credited to the Fiscal Year 2027 TAX LEVY to reduce the tax rate.
- 067-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$178,566), same to be charged against PARKING METER/GARAGE RECEIPTS and credited to Fiscal Year 2027 accounts as follows:
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| Treasurer Personal Services | \$ 46,366 |
| Treasurer Expenses | \$132,200 |
- 068-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000), same to be charged against PEG ACCESS AND CABLE RELATED FUND RECEIPTS and credited to Fiscal Year 2027 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - PEG Expenses.
- 069-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$45,000), same to be charged against CEMETERY SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES and credited to Fiscal Year 2027 CEMETERY - PERSONAL SERVICES.
- 070-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of THREE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS (\$3,776,232), same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to the Fiscal Year 2027 TAX LEVY to reduce the tax rate.
- 071-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$410,000), same to be charged against ARPA – Available Funds and credited to the Fiscal Year 2027 TAX LEVY to reduce the tax rate.
- 072-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$9,997,019) same to be charged against WATER ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS and credited to Fiscal Year 2027 Water Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:
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| Personal Services | \$2,484,996 |
| Expenses | \$2,695,000 |
| Indirect Costs | \$1,597,530 |
| Debt Service | \$1,739,493 |
| Capital Expenses | \$1,480,000 |

073-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of EIGHTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINE DOLLARS (\$18,316,809), charging \$17,581,965 against WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND RECEIPTS and \$734,844 against WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE FUND RETAINED EARNINGS, crediting Fiscal Year 2027 Wastewater Enterprise Fund accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$3,094,481
Expenses	\$4,637,600
Indirect Costs	\$1,710,830
Debt Service	\$7,196,648
Capital Expenses	\$1,677,250

074-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETEEN DOLLARS (\$1,137,919) same to be charged against AIRPORT RECEIPTS RESERVED and credited to Fiscal Year 2027 Airport Fund accounts as follows:

Personal Services	\$ 363,206
Expenses	\$ 774,713

075-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg is authorized to establish the following Revolving Fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E 1/2, with a maximum annual expenditure limit of \$100,000, and in accordance with the following specifications:
(GIVE LEAVE TO WITHDRAW)

REVOLVING FUND	PROGRAMS & PURPOSES	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS	AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND
Planning Board	Applicant Advertising		
Community Development	Planning Board applicant advertising expenses	All receipts from Planning Board applicants for payment of advertising public meetings.	Community Development Director or designee

076-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the following Revolving Funds, authorized by City Ordinance, up to the amount available in the fund or \$100,000 (except Public Health Sustainability which shall have a FY2027 limit of \$750,000), whichever is less:
(LEAVE TO WITHDRAW)

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized Official</u>
Animal Control	Police Chief
Civic Days	Mayor or Mayor's Designee, Recreation Director
Communication Tower & Equipment	Fire Chief
Demolition	Community Development Director or Designee
Planning Board Advertising	Community Development Director or Designee
Public Cemetery	Cemetery Superintendent, Public Works Commissioner
Public Health Sustainability	Public Health Director
Public Library	Library Trustees, Chief Librarian
Traffic Enforcement	Police Chief
Traffic Safety Equipment	Police Chief
Senior Center Activities	Executive Director of the Council on Aging
Sidewalk	Public Works Commissioner
Stormwater Maintenance	Public Works Commissioner

077-26. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, by adding thereto the following step assignments as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
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130-26.

ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg is authorized to establish the following Revolving Funds pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E 1/2, with a maximum annual expenditure limit of \$100,000, and in accordance with the following specifications:

REVOLVING FUND	PROGRAMS & PURPOSES	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS	AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND
Parks Division	Parks Activities & Event Costs		
Parks Department	Expenses related to rental of city Parks, including overtime wages to staff for set-up, clean-up, and related activities.	All receipts related to reimbursement of city costs for activities and events held in city parks	Director of Parks & Recreation, Public Works Commissioner
Planning Board Community Development	Applicant Advertising Planning Board applicant advertising expense	All receipts from Planning Board applicants for payment of advertising public meetings	Community Development Director or designee

131-26.

ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the following Revolving Funds, authorized by City Ordinance, up to the amount available in the fund or \$150,000 (except Public Health Sustainability which shall have a FY2027 limit of \$750,000), whichever is less:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized Official</u>
Animal Control	Police Chief
Civic Days	Mayor or Mayor's Designee, Recreation Director
Communication Tower & Equipment	Mayor or Mayor's Designee
Demolition	Community Development Director or Designee
Parks Activities & Events	Director of Parks & Recreation, Public Works Commissioner
Planning Board Advertising	Community Development Director or Designee
Public Cemetery	Cemetery Superintendent, Public Works Commissioner
Public Health Sustainability	Public Health Director
Public Library	Library Trustees, Chief Librarian
Senior Center Activities	Executive Director of the Council on Aging
Sidewalk	Public Works Commissioner
Stormwater Maintenance	Public Works Commissioner
Traffic Enforcement	Police Chief
Traffic Safety Equipment	Police Chief

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

Very truly yours,
Anthony M. Zarrella
City Council President

By: Joanna Bilotta, City Clerk