



WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

January 7, 2025

**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 17, 2024)

IV. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

1. New-Appointment letter:

Captain Steven D. Giannini, to the position of Chief of Police, effective February 1, 2025, for a term to expire January 31, 2028.

(Suspension of the Rules, if approved Recess into Council as a Whole Meeting)

V. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 003-25. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds from the Mass DEP FY25 Sustainable Material Recovery Recycling Program, Recycling Dividends Fund, in the approximate amount of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) for the purpose of said grant, which is to implement specific programs and policies to maximize reuse, recycling, and waste reduction of curbside and drop-off disposal in Fitchburg.
- 004-25. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the approximate amount of NINETEEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$19,287) for community policing efforts.
- 005-25. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$75,000) from POLICE PERSONAL SERVICES – Patrolmen to the POLICE DETAIL ESCROW fund.

VI. ORDER – OTHER

- 006-25. ORDER THAT: Authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Agreement between The City of Fitchburg and The Fitchburg Police Union as outlined in the attached Order.
(Public Safety)

VII. PETITION

- 007-25. Jeffrey A. Bean, to petition that the Legislative Building be named “The Ronald B. Ingemie Legislative Building”.
(Legislative Affairs)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 PM