



WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

December 3, 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

(Meeting Minutes November 19, 2024)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of November 27, 2024

Oral Report

- 195-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of Department of Justice COPS PACT (Promoting Access to Crisis Teams) CIT Grant funds in the approximate amount of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE DOLLARS (\$371,223) to expand upon the Police Department Crisis Intervention program.
- 196-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of Department of Justice COPS Recruitment & Retention Grant funds in the approximate amount of ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$175,000) for the purpose of implementing a Fitchburg Pathways to Employment Program and to further support the police department's professional development program.
- 197-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds from the Commonwealth of Mass Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in the approximate amount of TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO (\$28,732) for a Municipal Road Safety Program to enhance traffic and pedestrian safety through high-visibility police patrols and occupant protection mobilizations.
- 198-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds from the United Way of North Central Massachusetts, in the approximate amount of TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000), awarded to the city Recreation Program from the DESE After School and Out of School Time Program Grant to help cover the cost of weekly STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) activities in collaboration with the Fitchburg Public Library.

Public Safety Committee
Meeting of December 3, 2024
Oral Report

194-24. J Motors Inc., to petition for a Class II Dealer's License located at 71 John Fitch Hwy. Fitchburg, MA 01420

V. ORDERS - FINANCE

201-24. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FORTY-TWO AND 23/100 DOLLARS (\$141,242.23) from RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION, PEG ACCESS for the purpose of remitting to FATV the third quarter 2024 franchise fees, and its share of annual capital grant proceeds.
(Suspension of Rules)

202-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of grant funds by the Board of Health in the amount of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000) from the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts to support an overnight Winter Warming Center.

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.

204-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriate and transfer the sum of ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$130,000) from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – Capital Expenses to FIRE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – Boiler Replacement.

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.

206-24. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriate and transfer the sum of 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

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.

VI. ORDINANCE

- 200-24. AN ORDINANCE: Adjusting downtown zoning to comply with statutory MBTA Communities mandates, as detailed in the enclosed document.
[Ordinance](#)
(Final Reading)

VII. PETITION

- 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
(Public Safety)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM