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2:10 pm, Apr 17, 2026

***WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL***

**April 21, 2026**

**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](http://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](mailto:cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov) by 12:00 PM (noon) on the day of meeting.

## II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of April 7, 2026

## IV. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

1. **Promotion letter:**

Patrol Officer Travis Morcaldi to the position of Permanent Police Sergeant.

## V. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

### **Finance Committee**

### **Meeting of April 8, 2026**

### **Oral Report**

- 051-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Fire Services Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant in the approximate amount of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 68/100 DOLLARS (\$24,535.68) for the purpose of purchasing tools and equipment for the radio system.  
**(Be Adopted)**
- 052-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$60,000) to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime from FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Holiday.  
**(Be Adopted)**
- 053-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000) to FIRE PERSONAL SERVICES – Overtime from RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES – Expenses.  
**(Be Adopted)**

### **FINANCES COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**APRIL 22, 2026**

- TREASURER'S OFFICE – MICHAELA HORN – TREASURER/COLLECTOR
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING – DIRECTOR LIZ MURPHY

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting of April 21, 2026**  
**Oral Report**

- 029-26. Councilor Amy Green, to petition for a 20–30-foot space with no parking at any time on Summer Street. Specifically at 401 Summer St. corner of Poplar St. and Summer St.
- 054-26. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Ali Olivera of 87 Birch Street Passway and in conjunction with Sgt. Liana Teague, to install a No Parking sign or two for the purpose of having no parking on one side of Birch Street Passway.

**VI. ORDER – FINANCE**

- 056-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby transfers the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000) to BOARD of HEALTH EXPENSES – Food and Milk Inspector Services from BOARD of HEALTH PERSONAL SERVICES – Food and Milk Inspector.

**VII. ORDINANCES**

- 041-26. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 3, Article I §§ 3-4, 3-4.1, 3-5 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg as most recently amended pertaining interim appointments be further amended by adding the language denoted as emboldened and removing the language stricken through as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance. **(Ref. petition 014-26)**  
**(Final Reading)**
- 055-26. AN ORDINANCE: Amending the Fitchburg Zoning Ordinance, including revisions to Sections 181.10, 181.31, 181.51, 181.64, 181.94, and 181.95, relating to site plan applicability, site plan review and special permit procedures, revisions to the definition of “Transportation Terminal,” extension of permitted hours of operation for marijuana establishments, and expansion of zoning districts permitting marijuana delivery courier and operator uses. **(Ref. petition 048-26)**  
**(Final Reading)**

**VIII. PETITION**

- 057-26. President Zarrella and Vice President Cruz, to amend Chapter 44 of the City Ordinances to increase the grade of the "City Clerk" position in the salary matrix from 13 to 14.  
**(Legislative Affairs)**

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

Next Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 7:00 PM