



CITY OF FITCHBURG

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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AGENDA

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, July 07, 2026
MEETING TIME: 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
MEETING ADDRESS: 700 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA
Chair Walsh, Cruz, Starr, Van Hazinga &
COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Zarrella

AGENDA ITEMS: *

This meeting will be open to the public.

**Council as a Whole Meeting*

Agenda Items: *

Approval of the following Minutes: May 5, 2026

109-26. Christopher J. Paquette, Chief Assessor, requesting adoption of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54, which authorizes the City to establish an exemption threshold for taxable personal property valued at less than \$2,000. Adoption of this clause is intended to reduce the administrative costs associated with the assessment and processing of low-value personal property accounts.

M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 54:

Personal property, if less than an amount established by the city or town, but not in excess of \$10,000 of value. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by a city or town, which shall establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation and may modify the minimum value by vote of its legislative body.

124-26. Councilor Beauchemin, respectfully requests a rule change to require In-Person Voting on Official matters as outlined in the enclosed petition.
[In-Person Voting on Official Matters](#)

125-26. Councilor Beauchemin and Councilor Fleming, respectfully requests to End-Work-From-Home Arrangements as outlined in the enclosed petition.
[End-Work-Home-Arrangements](#)

**Please note: Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires that all topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates must be listed and that the list of topics must be sufficiently specific to reasonably inform the public of the issues to be discussed at the meeting.*



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- 126-26. Michaela Horn, Treasurer/Collector request to adopt Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 200A, Section 9A, which establishes a clear and practical process for municipalities to manage abandoned funds held in municipal custody.
(Legislative Affairs)
- 127-26. Michaela Horn, Treasurer/Collector request to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 23B, which authorizes municipalities to establish a fee schedule for the issuance of Municipal Lien Certificates (ML Cs). Adoption of this statute would provide a, legally authorized and equitable method of recovering a portion of the administrative costs associated with preparing and issuing these certificates.
(Legislative Affairs)

*This notice is provided in the event that a quorum of the City Council is present at this standing committee meeting, thereby constituting a Committee of the Whole. If fewer than a quorum of the City Council is present, no Committee of the Whole meeting shall be convened. If a quorum is present, the Committee of the Whole shall be limited strictly to the standing committee agenda items listed above.

Beth Walsh, Chair, Legislative Affairs Committee

Joanna Bilotta-Simeone

Posted By Joanna Bilotta-Simeone, Clerk