



REVISED
3:55 pm, Mar 13, 2026

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2026

**Fitchburg Legislative Building
700 Main Street
Fitchburg MA 01420
6:00 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 THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee

Oral Report

Meeting of March 17, 2026

New Appointments:

Fitchburg Conservation Commission

Abigail Wolf

(Term to expire on January 1, 2027)

New Appointments:

Fitchburg Redevelopment Board

Brian Lipomi

(Term to expire on March 17, 2031)

Kerry C. Siomos, Jr.

(Term to expire on March 17, 2031)

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Airport Commission

Richard Liberatore

(Term to expire on July 1, 2028)

Re-Appointment:

Executive Director of Community Development and Planning

Elizabeth 'Liz' Murphy

(Term to expire on December 12, 2028)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Her Honor the Mayor

1. New Appointment letter:

Deanna 'DJ' Tardiff, as a Member of the Fitchburg Disability Commission, for a term to expire on April 7, 2029.

2. New Appointment letter:

Julio Fuentes, as a Member of the Fitchburg Cultural Council, for a term to expire on April 7, 2029.

3. New Appointment letter:

Brittney Fish, as Director of Human Resources, for a term to expire on December 31, 2028.

4. New Appointment letter:

Alex Stellato, as a Full-Time Police Officer.

5. New Appointment letters:

Full Time Student Police Officers

For the City of Fitchburg

- Nathan Voight
- Dylan Bartlett
- Stefano Allen

Promotion Letters

1. Promotion letter:

Firefighter Skylar Kozloski to rank of permanent Firefighter Lieutenant.

The MassDOT Highway Division

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 The MassDOT Highway Division is hereby notifying you that the 2026-2030 Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for the proposed herbicide application has been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR).

[Public Hearing Notice](#)

VI. ANNUAL REPORT

043-26. ANNUAL REPORT: Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority for Fiscal Year 2025 and The Audited Financials for Fiscal Year 2024.

[Memo to City Council](#)

[FRA Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2025](#)

[FRA Audited Financials](#)

VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of March 11, 2026

Oral Report

034-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approve the expenditure of grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration in the approximate amount of ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT AND 03/100 DOLLARS (\$119,768.03) for the purpose of improvements and deferred maintenance at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport.

(Be Held)

- 035-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) from Wastewater Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, crediting Wastewater Enterprise Fund Expenses – Architectural & Engineering.
(Be Adopted)
- 036-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriates the sum of ELEVEN THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN AND 73/100 DOLLARS (\$11,416.73) from Available Funds to cover the Fiscal Year 2025 Snow & Ice deficit.
(Be Adopted)
- 037-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriates from Available Funds the sum of THREE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$318,000) to DPW CAPITAL – Equipment.
(Be Adopted)
- 038-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby appropriates from Available Funds the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000) to COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES – Capital Improvements.
(Be Adopted)
- 039-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of MassDevelopment grant funds in the approximate amount of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$250,000) to support the design of water, sewer, and storm drain upgrades, and a hotel study for the Airport land now designated as non-aviation.
(Be Held)

Legislative Affairs

Meeting of March 17, 2026

Oral Report

- 041-26. AN ORDINANCE: by the City Council of the City of Fitchburg that the Code of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 3, Article I § 3-5 titled *Temporary Appointments* is hereby amended as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
(Ref. Petition 014-26)

VIII. ORDER – FINANCE

- 044-26. 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 SEVENTY THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT and 84/100 DOLLARS (\$170,098.84) for the purpose of training Fire Department dispatchers in Emergency Medical Dispatch procedures, and Police Department dispatchers in 911 Emergency procedures.

045-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg approve the expenditure of Shannon Community Safety Initiative Grant fund in the approximate amount of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHTY-TWO AND 51/100 DOLLARS (\$322,082.51) from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for multi-jurisdictional youth initiatives.

046-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of state earmark fund in the approximate amount of THREE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$304,000) to support the production of market-rate housing at the Iver Mills development project on River Street.

IX. ORDINANCE

023-26. AN ORDINANCE: amending the Code of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 94, Article I § 94-1 through 94-3 titled *Building Fees* to update fee amounts.

047-26. AN ORDINANCE: amending Chapter 132 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg by adding a new Article VIII, Municipal Parking Garage Restrictions.

X. PETITIONS

048-26. City Council to hold a Public Hearing to consider proposed amendments to 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.
(Referred to Public Hearing on April 7, 2026)

049-26. Until to petition for a new pole A on Jeffery Keating Road, approximately 95’ from Mount Elam Rd. and approximately 665’ from Forest Hill Road.
(Referred to Public Hearing on April 7, 2026)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:00 PM