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3:27 pm, Sep 15, 2026

WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL**September 15, 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 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 September 15, 2026

New Appointments:

Special Police Officers

The following five Fitchburg State University Police Officers as Special Police Officers for the City of Fitchburg:

1. Patrol Officer Amelia Bailey
2. Patrol Officer Jenna Peters
3. Patrol Officer Colin Bozek
4. Patrol Officer Barry Doucette
5. Sergeant Douglas Costa

New Appointment:

Trustees of Public Burial Grounds

Robert J. Talbot

(Term to expire September 2, 2029)

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 2, 2026

V. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

1. New Appointment letters:

Full Time Student Police Officers

For the City of Fitchburg

- Zackary Legros
- Benjamin Graciani
- Karina Rosado
- Anthony Stowell
- Sarah St. Peter

2. Sandra Charton, HR, Consulting LLC.

Communication from her Honor the Mayor regarding appointment of Sandra Charton, the firm of Sandra Charton HR Consulting LLC.

Brittney Fish, SPHR – Human Resources

1. Memorandum Agreement:

Memorandum of Agreement by and between the City of Fitchburg and The Fitchburg Police Dispatchers Union, MassCOP Local 492 (Union).

[The Fitchburg Police Dispatchers Union, MassCOP Local 492 Union](#)

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting of September 2, 2026

Oral Report

- 150-26. Stephen D. Curry, Director of Public Health, requests that the City Council repeal Chapter 164 of the City Ordinances, *Sales of Tobacco Products* as outlined in the enclosed petition.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Stephen D. Curry – Director of Public Health

Trash & Recycling Program

VIII. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 152-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$42,384) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES and credited to the following Personal Services accounts:

TREASURER – Parking Officer	\$1,352
POLICE – Dispatch Salary	\$33,393
POLICE – Dispatch Overtime	\$4,010
POLICE – Holiday	\$2,171
POLICE – Clothing	\$1,000
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS – Buybacks	\$458

- 153-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$4,716) same to be charged against AIRPORT RECEIPTS RESERVED and credited to the following Personal Services accounts:

LABOR -	\$3,843
OVERTIME -	\$615
BUYBACKS -	\$258

- 154-26. ORDER THAT: there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$750,000) same to be credited to the Fitchburg Public Library renovation and reconstruction project.

IX. ORDINANCE

- 155-26. AN ORDINANCE: by the City Council of the City of Fitchburg that Code of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 169, § 24 titled Vehicles and Traffic is hereby amended as follows:

That the General Ordinances of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 169, § 24, as most recently amended, be further amended by adding the following location to the list of streets, or parts thereof, where parking is prohibited:

NAME OF STREET	SIDE	LOCATION
<u>Birch Street Passway</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>From 36 Birch Street</u> <u>Passway to 89 Birch Street</u> <u>Passway.</u>

(First Reading)

X. PETITIONS

- 156-26. Liz Murphy, Executive Director of Community Development & Planning, City of Fitchburg, is requesting that City Council declare surplus and authorize the sale of the following properties through an RFP Process:

- 465 Westminster St
Assessor's Map W-2-A
- 0 Westminster St
Assessor's Map W-2-1A

(City Property)

- 157-26. Paula Caron, Chair, Fitchburg Planning Board, Petition to designate Ross Street between North Street and Blossom Street, and the entirety of Flat Rock Road, as Scenic Roads.

(City Property)

- 158-26. Paula Caron, Chair, Fitchburg Planning Board, as outlined in the attached letter and plan of land, request to declare the surveyed portion of Laurel Hill Cemetery, identified as Parcel A, surplus to the City's needs and make the property available for sale and development through an RFP process.

(City Property)

- 159-26. Paula Caron, Chair, Fitchburg Planning Board: Request to amend Chapter 181 of the Fitchburg Zoning Code to establish a temporary zoning moratorium on Locally Regulated Commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems (LRC-BESS).

(Legislative Affairs)

- 160-26. Paula Caron, Chair, Fitchburg Planning Board, request to amend chapter 181 of the Fitchburg zoning code to add a temporary zoning moratorium on large-scale data centers.

(Legislative Affairs)

- 161-26. City Councilor Bernie Schultz, on behalf of Wayne Shaw of 508 Milk Street, to install a berm to stop water runoff from damaging the front yard of his home.
(Public Works)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

- 077-26. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, by adding thereto the following step assignments as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
[Amended Grade Steps Fiscal Year 2027](#)
(VETO OVERRIDE)

Next Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 7:00 PM