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WELCOME TO THE FITCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 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 October 6, 2026

New Appointment letters:

Full Time Student Police Officers

For the City of Fitchburg

Zackary Legros

Benjamin Graciani

Karina Rosado

Anthony Stowell

Sarah St. Peter

IV. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

Joint Convention of the City Council and the School Committee meeting minutes of September 14, 2026

Regular City Council meeting minutes of September 15, 2026

V. COMMUNICATION

Her Honor the Mayor

1. New-Appointment letter:

Miatta Edo-Osagie, as a Member of the Fitchburg Agricultural Commission, for a term to expire on October 1, 2029.

2. New-Appointment letters:

Fitchburg Cultural Council

Abigail Battles, for a term to expire on October 1, 2029.

Racheal Xavier, for a term to expire on October 1, 2029.

Stephanie Lee, for a term to expire on October 1, 2029.

3. Re-Appointment letter:

Dominic Iacopino, as a Member of the Fitchburg Agricultural Commission, for a term to expire on April 1, 2028.

4. Re-Appointment letter:

James K. Momanyi, as a Member of the Fitchburg Agricultural Commission, for a term to expire on April 1, 2028.

Promotion Letter

1. Promotion letter:

Captain Ryan Cringan to Permanent Deputy Chief.

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

City Property Committee **Meeting of October 6, 2026** **Oral Report**

- 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
- 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.
- 158-26. ~~Paula Caron, Chair, Fitchburg Planning Board~~ Liz Murphy, Executive Director of Community Development, 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.

Finance Committee **Meeting of September 23, 2026** **Oral Report**

- 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
(Be Adopted)	

- 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

(Be Adopted)

- 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.~~

~~there be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN DOLLARS (\$1,880,117) from available funds, same to be credited to the Fitchburg Public Library renovation and reconstruction project.~~

(Be Adopted as amended)

Legislative Affairs Committee

Meeting of October 6, 2026

Oral Report

- 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).
- 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.

Public Works Committee

Meeting of September 29, 2026

Oral Report

- 151-26. Vice President Cruz, on behalf of the residents of Greenhurst Ave. to petition for temporary repairs of a private way as outlined in the enclosed petition.
(Be Held)
- 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.
(Be Granted)
- 062-26. Councilor Fleming on behalf of the residents living at 77 Congress St to install a berm in front of the house and around the corner heading toward Lunenburg St.
(Be Granted as Amended)

VII. ORDERS – FINANCE

- 162-26. 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 TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000), awarded to the city Recreation Program from the DESE After School and Out of School Time Program Grant to cover the cost of weekly STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) activities throughout the school year in collaboration with the Fitchburg Public Library.
- 163-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of a donation from the Friends of Coggs Hall Park, in the approximate amount of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS \$15,000, toward the purchase and installation of a new playground at Coggs Hall Park.
- 164-26. ORDER THAT: the City of Fitchburg hereby approves an expenditure by the Parks Department of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000) from the Henry F. Coggs Hall Trust toward the purchase and installation of a new playground at Coggs Hall Park.

VIII. ORDER – OTHER

- 165-26. ORDER THAT: Authorizing the City Clerk to notify the voters of the State Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2026.
[State Election Warrant 2026](#)
[State Election Warrant 2026 Spanish](#)

IX. ORDINANCES

- 166-26. AN ORDINANCE: President Zarrella and Vice President Cruz, to amend §3-19 and §3-43 of the City Code, concerning the management and responsibilities of the City Clerk, as detailed in the enclosed ordinance.
[Amend §3-19 and §3-43 of the City Code](#)
(First Reading)
- 167-26. AN ORDINANCE: That the General Ordinance of the City of Fitchburg, Chapter 164, shall be repealed in its entirety.
Ref. petition 150-26
(First Reading)
- 144-26 A. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 169, § 59 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
[Amending Chapter 169 § 59](#)
(Final Reading)
- 144-26 B. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 169, § 76 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
[Amending Chapter 169 § 76](#)
(Final Reading)

- 144-26 C. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Part II General Legislation, Chapter 169, § 77 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg as outlined in the enclosed Ordinance.
[Amending Chapter 169 § 77](#)
(Final Reading)
- 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>

(Ref. petition 054-26)
(Final Reading)

X. PETITIONS

- 168-26. President Zarrella, on behalf of Marisa R. Fleming, to petition for Special Legislation relative to the creditable service of Marisa R. Fleming, as outlined in the enclosed petition.
[Special Legislation Relative to Creditable Service](#)
(Legislative Affairs)
- 169-26. 7 BEEKMAN ST – Unitil petitions to relocate Pole #8 (Salem St.). The proposed Pole #8 would be relocated approximately 26 feet from its original location and would be situated approximately 80 feet from Beekman St. and approximately 415 feet from Spruce St., Fitchburg.
(Refer Public Hearing October 20, 2026)
- 170-26. 470 ALPINE ROAD – Unitil petitions to install a new midspan Pole #30A on Alpine Road. The proposed Pole #30A would be situated approximately 52 feet from existing Pole #30 and approximately 997 feet from the intersection of McIntire Road, Fitchburg.
(Refer Public Hearing October 20, 2026)
- 171-26. Councilor Bowen, on behalf of the Crocker Field Restoration Committee, requests that the City investigate and implement enforceable parking controls along Broad Street and Circle Street adjacent to Crocker Field to improve parking availability during Crocker Field events, particularly in light of ongoing long-term occupancy of public on-street parking spaces.
(Public Safety)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Next Regular City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 7:00 PM