

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DOCKET  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

**APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS:** January 4, 11, 18 and February 1, 2022. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to amend Chapter 17-9.0 Special Permits and Chapter 15.0 Site Plan Review of the Zoning Ordinances with the **Planning Board**.

**PUBLIC HEARING** for a Special Act to amend the City Charter, Article 3, Section 3-8 (a) “Vacancy in Office of Mayor – Special Election”.

**PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the new Class II application for 800 Washington Street from the Blasius Auto Group with 10 customer parking spaces and 100 storage spaces.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to amend Section 10-8, Monthly Parking in the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro.

**PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the submission to the Council of the proposed Capital Improvements Program FY 2023-2037.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to address the following amendment to Section 10-4 by adding section 10-4.18 E “The following streets are designated as having speed humps/speed cushions and the City is hereby authorized and directed to erect and maintain speed humps/speed cushions: Add the following in proper alphabetical order: Claflin Street

**PUBLIC HEARING** to add “no parking” on the southerly side of East St. 510 feet from O’Neil Boulevard.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to amend Chapter 10-4.11, Isolated Stop Signs, of the Revised Ordinances as follows: Delete “Westbound drivers on Bliss Avenue at Bourne Avenue” and replace with “Eastbound and Westbound on Bliss Avenue at Bourne Avenue”.

**LICENSES**

**Ty Waterman, Chairperson**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Laura Dolan, Chairperson**

New Business to be referred to the Administration and the Department of Public Works for study and recommendation:

To add the Honorable Municipal Councilor (at least ward councilor) to the discussions with DPW Superintendent regarding city improvements as it relates to new streets and sidewalks as well as repair and replacement of such, prior to the activity taking place. (Reynolds)

New Business to be referred to the Administration and the Department of Public Works for study and recommendation:

To request the DPW Superintendent come before the Council at Committee of the Whole with the Department's recommendations and reasoning for picking/targeting those areas for improvements prior to any new repairs or replacement of roadways, sidewalks etc. taking place. (Reynolds)

### **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**Richard Conti, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits communications from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney and Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds to purchase body worn cameras, in-car video system and necessary associated computer software and technical components for the systems operation. This request is for this project to be funded through the Reserve for Cannabis Impact Fee expenditure line. As you are aware, this particular revenue source – 3% of calendar year gross sales of the cannabis store in Attleboro – sunsets after five years. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$636,000 from Account 11241000-578390 (City Wide – Reserve for Cannabis Impact Fee) to 11241000-599300 (City Wide – Transfer to Capital Fund) and further transfer the \$636,000 from 11241000-599300 (City Wide - Transfer to Capital Fund) to Account 3567- 499000 (Police Body Cameras – Other Financing Sources).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Economic Development Director Catherine Feerick regarding a grant to the participate in *Making it Public!*, a partnership between the New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA), Forecast, and MAPC. This grant is to promote public art across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding the need for funds for a feasibility study for a new Senior Center Facility. The “Needs Assessment Study” conducted by UMASS Boston and completed in 2020 justifies the need in the community for a new facility to adequately meet the needs of our senior citizens. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$150,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3568 Feasibility-New Senior Center.

### **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Kelly Bennett, Chairperson**

As you are aware, Your Honorable Body voted on May 30, 2017, to amend Section 10-5.2(A) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro (Prohibited on Certain Streets)

to include Angeline Street, both sides. The Mayor has been contacted by a business owner on Angeline Street asking for this ordinance to be changed. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to revisit this issue to see if a different solution can be made.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

**Todd Kobus, Chairperson**

**ZONING AND LAND USE**

**Diana Holmes, Chairperson**

**CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS**

**Sara-Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Veterans Ben Quelle regarding the need for funds to repair brakes and for a state inspection sticker for a vehicle that has been transferred from the School Department to the Veteran’s Department. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$400.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 15431000-524230 (Veterans – Maintenance of Vehicles). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$34,993.26.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Personnel Director Owen Bebeau regarding the need for funds to purchase four desk chairs, four standing desk converters and five wireless keyboard/mouse combinations for the Personnel Office. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$1,052.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11521000-542020 (Personnel – Supplies Office Equipment). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$29,444.16.

**PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Michael Angelo, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding the donation of \$360.00 in food gift cards from Home Instead. In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to accept these generous donations.

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the following reappointments for the positions and for the terms as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Terrance McCrosson	Constable	1 Year	February 2023
Joshua Jorge	Constable	1 Year	February 2023

Laurie Sawyer	Council on Human Rights	3 Year	February 2025
Stephanie Gray	Council on Human Rights	3 Year	February 2025
Cynthia Van Voris	Disability Commission	3 Year	February 2025
Mary Flaherty	Disability Commission	3 Year	February 2025

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Michael Morgan, 97 May Rocha Way, to fill an expired term on the Traffic Study Commission. Term to expire February 2025.

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Linda Alger, 24 Handy Street, to fill an expired term on the Board of Park Commissioners. Term to expire February 2027.

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Delia Russell, 6 Jody Way, to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Park Commissioners. Term to expire February 2025.

The Mayor respectfully submits a letter regarding the award of the Attleboro Cultural Council FY22 allocation from the Massachusetts Cultural Council in the amount of \$32,200.00. Please note that there is no matching requirement. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to approve expending such funds and any future grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding a grant that has been awarded from Bristol Elder Service in the amount of \$18,884.57. This grant will be used for a part time Outreach position. There is a non-federal match required by the City. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments. Additionally, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$3,332.57 from 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11241000-599200 (City Wide – Transfer to Grant) and further transfer \$3,332.57 to Account 2338L4-499700 (Bristol Elder – COA Outreach – Municipal Distribution). Upon approval, the available balance, to include any pending requests, in Reserve Fund for Transfer will be \$31,310.66. (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding a grant that has been awarded from Bristol Elder Service in the amount of \$4,615.00. This grant will be used to implement a new initiative called “Mind and Body” which will offer a combination of technology and exercise classes. There is a non-federal match required by the City. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments. Additionally, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$814.50 from 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11241000-599200 (City

Wide – Transfer to Grant) and further transfer \$814.50 to Account 2337L4-499700 (Bristol Elder – COA – Mind & Body). Upon approval, the available balance, to include any pending requests, in Reserve Fund for Transfer will be \$30,496.16.

**New Business to be referred to Personnel for study and recommendation:**

To re-appoint Deborah Gould of 386 South Washington St., North Attleboro for a two year term as Auditor. Term to expire February 2024. (DiLisio and Kobus)

**New Business to be referred to Personnel for study and recommendation:**

To reappoint Virginia Stuart-Becker of 101 South Avenue, Attleboro for a two year term as Council Assistant. Term to expire February 2024. (DiLisio and Kobus)

**ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**Cathleen DeSimone, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from City Auditor Deborah Gould, City Treasurer Laura Gignac, City Collector Zaida Keefer and Chief Assessor Julie Hobson regarding the acceptance of additional statutes for deferral of utility liens for real estate properties deferred under M.G.L. c.59 s.5 Clause 41A. On December 17, 2019 Your Honorable Body voted to reduce the interest rate that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under M.G.L. c.59 s.5 Clause 41A and also voted to amend the income limits for seniors to be consistent with the ‘circuit breaker’ this change also was effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for the fiscal year beginning after July 1, 2020. In implementing these changes, the City’s treasurer, chief assessor, collector and auditor, herein the finance team, met multiple times and reviewed documentation related to deferred property in the Commonwealth. As a result of this research and these meetings and in consultation with the City Solicitor, the finance team, has determined that the City would need to accept additional statutes. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body accept the following statutes:

MGL c.40 § 42J for the authority to defer water liens

MGL c.83 § 16G for the authority to defer wastewater liens

MGL c.40 § 42J for the authority to defer rubbish liens

MGL c40 §§42G-42I (§42K optional)

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Peter Blais, Chairperson**

A Certificate of Vote from the Planning Board stating that the Board found the Loan Order for \$450,000 for the cost of purchasing and equipping an ambulance is consistent with the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR TAX**

**Richard Conti, Chairperson**