

ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA
REMOTE LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/636857461>

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: March 2, AND March 9, 2021, Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding an application to waive Section 11-15.1 to serve alcoholic beverages or wine on City property for a private wedding.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the City's Capital Improvements Program for FY 2022–2026.

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- A request to study removing Police and Fire from the city network and have their individual networks to prevent Public Safety Emergencies. (DiLisio, Kobus, Blais)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

- Resident letter regarding RRFB and Master Plan regarding safety for pedestrians (3/16/21)
- To restrict parking 20 feet on either side of residential entrances and egresses on Commerce Way adjacent to NESV (NB Porreca (12/17/19)
- Traffic Study Commission recommends delay Rathbun-Willard Dr. opening until proposed traffic light installed (11/19/19)
- Request to review the Lasalette Shrine Holiday Traffic issues (11/19/19 Jackson)
- Letter from Ms. Redlund - Zeoli of Augsburg Dr. about exiting to Slater Street. (10/15/19)
- Amend Section 10-4.15: Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles adding May St. from Washington St. to Newport Ave. (Ms. Porreca 11/6/18)
- Amend Section 10-4.6 Left Turn Prohibited: May Street to Newport Avenue: May Street traffic traveling --- prohibited from making a Left turn onto Newport Avenue Northbound unless directed by a public safety official. (Ms. Porreca 11/6/18)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & CITY DEVELOPMENT

- Grant from Mass DOT for \$122,149.50 to improve the alleyways Banks St and Academy Street (3/16/21)
- CDBG public hearing for FY2021 program, budget and action plan including CARES act funds (PH 4/6/21)
- FY2022-2026 Capital Improvements Program for review and future public hearing (2/16/21) (PH 3/16/21)
- Request IT needs assessment for entire city including pandemic effect in order to better serve (2/2/21) (JD,CD,TD)
- Awaiting grant approval of \$200,000 which may offset Water department project (1/19/21)

PERSONNEL VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Transfer from state Culture Council to Attleboro Council for \$28,800 (3/16/21)
- Reappointment for Board of Assessors, Human Rights and Council on Substance Abuse Prevention (3/16/21)
- Library Trustee appointment for Cynthia Lorincz
- Shine grant award to Council on Aging \$70,580. (3/16/21)

PUBLIC WORKS

- Transfer \$7,500 for resurface of Nickerson field courts (3/16/21)
- Chapter 90 funds for FY2022 apportionment (3/16/21)
- Request from Nat'l Grid for pole at 35 Lathrop Street (2/16/21) (PH 3/2/21)
- Robert Peterson communicating that parking ban is outdated. (12/17/19)
- Haley Fiske communication suggesting winter parking ban is unnecessary (12/17/19)
- George Jackson suggesting "as needed" parking ban (12/17/19)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

- Funds request of \$168,000 for Assessor's office to complete FY2022 revaluation of property (3/16/21)
- Transfer request of \$15,751.76 for repair of existing fire alarm systems in each zoo building (3/16/21)
- To study the request to have a City Wide Vehicle Purchasing program. (11/3/20) (DiLisio, DeSimone and Jackson)
- Request that the Attleboro Municipal council conduct a review of the City's fiscal policy & cash reserve policy (DiLisio)
- FYI on Covid reimbursement explanations and allowed use from Federal Cares Act and FEMA (6/16/20)

- Amend the agreement between City and Schools that all Medicaid reimbursement go to schools. (Ms. Porreca 12/17/19)
- Collaborate with state officials to have a meeting to understand the Community Pact Program thru FY2019 for best financial policies for capital improvement (NB Conti 11/13/18)

ZONING & LAND USE

- Street acceptance for Grace Lane (3/16/21) (PH 4/6/21)
- Street acceptance for Simpson Avenue (3/16/21) (PH 4/6/21)
- Form H filed for partial street discontinuance for Rathbun Willard Drive (PH 4/6/21)
- Amendments to 2-19 District Improvement Financing from Economic Development office (2/16/21)
- A communication from Joe Drazek of South Attleboro with concern about proposed marijuana establishment (3/3/20)
- Amend §17-16.10 NON-CONFORMING SIGNS Delete B in its entirety and insert new language (see New Business-Ms. Porreca & Mr. DiLisio) (12/12/17)

LICENSE

- Application to serve alcoholic beverages or wine on City Property from Adam Semple. (2/16/21) (PH 3/16/21)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

- Surplus declaration for 2 copiers at city hall, Toshiba and Ricoh in poor condition (3/16/21)
- Water department 6 portable gas meters for disposal (11/3/20)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Proposed amendments to Chapter 18, Wetlands Protection Ordinance (3/16/21) (PH 5/4/21)
- Proposed amendments to Section 16-15.6 Building Sewers & Connections (2/2/21) (PH 2/16/21)
- Proposed amendments to Section 16-10 through 16-14 Water (2/21/21) (PH 2/16/21)
- Request to review the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro (12/15/20) (DiLisio)
- Request to present for approval from the Administration Local Option of 940 CMR 29.01,2,3 and 10. (11/3/2020)
- Requested amendments to Section 7 designed to make Attleboro a cleaner, greener, healthier place
- Letter from Mark Kolakowski regarding change of hours at the city Compost Center. (6/16/20)
- Ordinance to 10-4.18 regarding Speed Humps/Speed Cushion (3/17/20) (PH 1/5/21)
- Request that a Special Commission be formed to review the City Charter. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)
- To adopt Massachusetts General law Chapter 41, s. 61. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)
- New Business to add a sentence to City Ordinance 9-28:1 regarding utility pole placement or relocation (Conti 11/5/19)
- To differentiate between the positions of an executive and legislative city solicitor section 2-3 of the Ordinances of the City of Attleboro. (Ms. Holmes and Mr. Kobus 10/16/18)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURES

- Introduce the Revised Attleboro Municipal Council Rules of Procedure (4/28/20)(Docket of 5/19/20)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW

- Request adjustment of money from \$600 to \$700 for property tax exemption for senior citizens. (5/7/19)
- Home Rule petition for city with House of Representatives Amendment Article 89 and MGL Ch. 43B to adopt Ordinance for a Senior Tax Program authorizing City to amend Ch. 169 of Acts of 2012 (House, 3815). (Mr. Conti 7/17/18)
- Create an Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund. (Mr. Kobus 9/18/18)
- That the City of Attleboro create a local property tax freeze program that will bar property tax increases for certain seniors and other eligible populations who are on a fixed income and most affected by an increase taxes (Mr. Kobus 9/18/18)

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: I entertain a motion to refer the following to committee for study and recommendation:

Request to modify the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro to change the term length for appointed paid positions where the term length is currently greater than one year to a length of "up to" the existing term length. This shall not apply to positions which depend on a rotation schedule where one or more positions expire each year.

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