

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DOCKET
MARCH 17, 2020**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: February 18, and March 3, 2020. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

Cathleen DeSimone, Chairperson

A communication dated February 5, 2020 from Steve and Debbie Walsh of Newport Avenue regarding the hazardous conditions at May Street and Newport Avenue.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CITY DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson

Richard Conti,

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Planning and Development Gary Ayrassian and hereby request Your Honorable Body to hold a public hearing on March 17, 2020 relative to the Administration's Program Year 2020 CDBG Entitlement Budget, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Additionally, request for authorization to submit said Program Year 2020 CDBG Entitlement and Program Year 2020 Annual Action plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on or before May 15, 2020.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Library Director Christine Johnson regarding the need for funds for the rental of cooling equipment from June 15, 2020 to September 15, 2020, along with the installation and removal of the rental equipment. As you are aware, the Attleboro Public Library has had on going issues with the HVAC system and it is now in disrepair. The lack of air conditioning effects not only staff and patrons but also the numerous reading material and computers in the building. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$18,776.95 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16101000-527011 (Public Library – Chiller Rental). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$157,670.74. (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Attleboro Public Schools Director of Finance Marc Furtado regarding the need for funds for the repair and replacement of parking lots at Hyman Fine Elementary, Hill Roberts Elementary School, the ring road at Hyman Fine Elementary School and the construction of an "upper" parking lot at Thacher Elementary School. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$180,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3428 – Elementary School Parking Lots.

PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ty Waterman, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Jack Bennett to fill an expired term on the Youth Commission. Term to expire February 2023. (Copies in your packets).

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Thomas Dion, 17 Harvard Street, to fill an unexpired term on the Licensing Board. Term to expire February 2025. (Copies in your packets)

In order to have a quorum for the Licensing Board meeting on March 25, 2020, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to confirm this appointment at your earliest convenience.

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Thomas Dion, 17 Harvard Street, to fill an expired term as a Constable. Term to expire February 2021. (Copies in your packets).

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of David Bliss, 43 Nathaniel Paine Road, to fill an expired term on the Board of Trust Fund Commissioners. Term to expire February 2023. (Copies in your packets)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
John Bement February 2023	Board of Recreation Commissioners	3 Years	
Terrance McCrosson 2021	Constable	1 Year	February
Andrew Wayland February 2023	Council on Substance Abuse Prevention	3 Years	
Rachel Legend 2021	Council on Substance Abuse Prevention	1 Year	February
Scott Horan February 2023	Traffic Study Commission	3 Years	

PUBLIC WORKS

Kate Jackson, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need to purchase a new Ford F350 pick-up truck. This vehicle is currently listed in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program. The purchase will include a plow package, strobes, radio and lettering. This vehicle will replace a 2003 Ford F350 that no longer passes inspection. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable

Body appropriate \$51,494.00 from Account 6100-359000 (Water Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6100-587044 (Water Enterprise Fund – Replacement Truck). (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need to purchase a new Ford F150 pick-up truck. This vehicle is currently listed in the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program. This purchase will include strobes, radio and lettering. This vehicle will replace a 2007 Ford F150 which no longer runs and is in need of a new engine and transmission. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$37,326.00 from Account 6100-359000 (Water Enterprise Fund – Retained Earnings) to Account 6100-587044 (Water Enterprise Fund – Replacement Truck). (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to support three recreational field projects this spring. Each project will be in partnership with one of our affiliated youth leagues. The projects will include S.A. Veteran’s Memorial Park (Lee’s Pond) Softball Diamonds, Poncin-Hewitt Baseball Diamonds and Poncin-Hewitt Soccer Fields. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$10,000.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16301000-524002 (Recreation -Maint. of Recreation Grounds). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$147,670.74. (Copies in your packets)

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Jay DiLisio, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Attleboro Public Schools Director of Finance Marc Furtado regarding FY2019 fiscal obligations that were not received in time to be processed in the normal FY2019 business cycle. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to authorize the School Department to pay these previous year school bills totaling \$236.25 as identified in Mr. Furtado’s communication. (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$1,015.20 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11211000-511000 (Mayor – Salary) to cover the increase in salary due to the Administrative Assistant position in the Mayor’s Office. Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$146,655.54.

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

Sara Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Library Director Christine Johnson regarding the donation of a Westinghouse 55” 1080P LED HDTV, with an approximate value of \$300, from Richard Gomes. In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised

Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to accept this generous donation to the City of Attleboro. (Copies in your packets)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding a copier that the Council on Aging would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition: (Copies in your packets)

DESCRIPTION	SERIAL NO.	CONDITION
Ricoh MP2852 Duplexing Copier	W422L600644	Fair

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Diana Holmes, Chairperson

Speeding is one of the most common complaints in the city. As such, the Police Chief and I have conferred about ways to reduce speeding. Speed humps/cushions are one proven way to reduce speeding. These are not speed bumps. These are wider where vehicles, including snow removal plows, can go up and over the speed hump in a smooth manner but at a reduced speed. This ordinance is nothing more than enabling legislation. It would give the city the ability to put down a speed humps/cushions on a permanent basis. The process by which this would happen would be the following. The city gets a complaint from a resident or residents about speeding. The mayor then asks the police chief if a speed hump/cushion is the best course of action. If it is determined that it is the best course of action, the mayor then asks the residents who live where the proposed speed hump/cushion would be located if they are open to a speed hump/cushion. If they are, the city would first do a traffic study of the number and speed of cars. This would be important to establish a baseline. Once that data is collected, the city would deploy temporary speed humps/cushions. While the temporary speed humps/cushions are deployed, the city would collect more data to see the difference in speed and number of vehicles. If the data supports that speeding was slowed down during this experimental period, the data would be presented to the residents and their input would be sought about the placement of a permanent speed hump. If the residents support a permanent speed hump/cushion, the mayor would then ask the council's permission to install a permanent speed hump/cushion. DPW would construct the permanent speed hump/cushion in a way that allows for their plows to smoothly go over the traffic calming measure without damage to the plow, truck or speed hump. Lastly, to be clear, the city council's approval for each permanent speed hump/cushion would still be needed. Due to a myriad of factors, we anticipate that no more than two speed humps/cushions would be erected in the city per calendar year. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body vote on the following ordinance change:

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

10-4.18 Permanent Speed Humps/Speed Cushions

A. Definition:

a. Speed Hump/Cushions are Traffic Calming measures involving the profile and surface of the street and are specifically appropriate for minor collectors and local roads.

b. Hump/Cushions and elevated segments of streets are intended to let vehicles operating at intended speed (15 MPH) to pass upon them with little or no discomfort to the driver or vehicles and are an effective measure for controlling speeds.

B. Conditions:

- Speed humps/cushions are restricted to residential secondary streets that have been identified as popular alternate or cut through routes to avoid traffic delays and that posted speed limits are 30 MPH, or less;

- Speed humps/cushions may never be installed on primary or through roadways;

- Speed humps/cushions must be installed using the accepted proper signage in advance of the location;

- Speed limit shall be posted as 15 MPH crossing speed when crossing over the speed hump; normal traffic speed for the rest of the roadway would still apply.

C. Placement:

a. The placement of speed hump/cushions will be determined and recommended by the mayor [NOTE: the mayor's determination and recommendation to the Council would come after consultation occurred with the police chief, fire chief and the DPW superintendent, the residents of the streets in question, and data is obtained that measured the pre- and post- effects on speed and volume of a temporary speed hump placement] by first making a recommendation to the Municipal Council.

b. The Municipal Council shall determine if a recommended location for a permanent speed hump shall be granted.

c. Residents on the specific residential secondary streets will be notified in writing one week prior to the implementation of this measure by the mayor's office.

D. Effective Date:

a. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon satisfaction of the requirements of M. G. L. c. 90, s 18.