

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – AGENDA  
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS:** December 13 and 20, 2022 and January 3 and 17, and February 7, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to discuss the creation of a Sustainability Commission and amend Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro to include this Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to discuss the following street acceptance:

Pursuant to §16–2.2 of the REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO, as amended, to layout a portion of Dale Court (length of 280.21 feet, from STA 2+41.37 to STA 5+21.58) as a public way and accept said way and any related drainage, water or sewer facilities or easements, all as shown on a plan and profile entitled “STREET ACCEPTANCE PLAN DALE COURT EXTENSION, ATTLEBORO, MA”, dated June 6, 2021.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to discuss the City’s Capital Improvements Program for FY2024–2028.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MAYOR’S COMMUNICATION  
CLERK’S COMMUNICATION  
COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS:** For study and recommendation:

That the Municipal Council and School Committee members be granted a salary increase that falls in line with today’s minimum wage and cost of living by amending **Section 13-5.3, and Section 13-5.4 last amended 11/16/2010**

**ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES**

**LICENSE COMMITTEE**

- A letter from Emory Convenience requesting a special act from State House to grant a liquor license (8/16/22)

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Approve the Intermunicipal Agreement with Mansfield (2/21/2)
- Appropriate \$65,000 from Water Earnings to Water Sewer Services to replenish several depleted accounts (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$100,000 from Water Earnings to Water Plant Improvement for traveling screens replacements (2/21/23)
- Approve \$2,125 be used toward Sweeper purchase and transfer \$3,900 from City reserve to Park equipment (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$112,159.96 from Water Earnings to Water Meters to complete FY23 replacements (2/21/23)
- Transfer \$8,115.47 from City Reserve to Park Supplies Ground to cover the rest of FY23 for fertilizer/Lime etc. (2/21/23)
- Transfer \$8,000 from Park Salary to Park Vehicle Maintenance to repair a fuel system in bucket Truck (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$21,932 from Free Cash to Public Works Fuel to cover increased cost and usage of gasoline fuel (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$62,835 from Free Cash to Public Works Diesel fuel for increased cost and usage of diesel fuel (2/21/23)
- New business for Emergency Parking Ban and amendments to Section 10-5 (12/20/22)
- New Business for Inclusive parks and playgrounds (1/3/23) (DeSimone & Dolan) (PH 2-7-23)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Capital Improvements Program for FY24-28 with a public hearing scheduled for 2-21-23 (1/17/23)
- Approve expending state legislative appropriation in FY23 for an Industrial Development Strategy (2/21/23/)
- Transfer \$5,160 from Assessor Legal Services to Assessor subscriptions for CoStar for work in Assessors (2/21/23)
- Authorize \$2,500,000 of ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for Attleboro/Pawtucket Water connection (2/21/23)
- Approve expending MOD office ADA grant for the max of \$87,000for signage improvement around the city (2/21/23)
- Accept \$1,233,000 Bristol County ARPA grant for eligible Wastewater equipment – (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$195,843.41 from Free Cash to Fund 2421 COVID FEMA for expenses not covered by the grant (1/3/23)

### **TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

- New Business to evaluate current layout, signage and conditions for crosswalks near Hyman Fine (2/21/23)
- Request there be no parking from Orange Street to Brownell Street on Parker St. Westerly side (2/7/23)
- That Holden Street traffic calming measures and safety concerns be addressed referred to TSC also (12/20/22)
- To look into multi-way, stop signs at the intersection of Dennis Street at Eldridge Street. (TSC also) (12/6/22)
- Restrict parking to one side of Frank Mossberg Drive (Bennett) (9/20/22)
- Add Stop Sign to Eastbound drivers on Jefferson Street at Fifth Street (Bennett) (9/20/22)
- Letter expressing concern from Juliet Teizeira of Hanish Road regarding Snell St. Traffic light removal (9/20/22)
- Amendment to the Parking ordinance to address the reopening of Rathbun Willard Drive (4/19/22) (PH 6/7/22)

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Appropriate \$34,856.08 from Free Cash to 4 accounts to fill 4 vacancies for Police (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$126,519.20 from Free Cash to Fire Salaries to cover earned time payment for a new retiree (2/21/23)
- Transfer \$2,700 from Fire to Fire-Lights to fire – Scott Air Pac to cover uniforms for 5 recruits and 1 dispatch (2/21/23)
- Approve expending FY23 SAFE grant for \$7,958 for fire safety education to seniors (2/21/23)
- Loan order for \$475,000 for purchase of an Ambulance (1/17/23) (PH 2/7/23)
- Annual fee for propane underground tanks to be inspected (1/3/23) (PH 2/7/23)
- FYI letter from Attleboro Firefighters Union and Police Association regarding a meeting with the Administration. (9/20/22)
- New business to adopt the Mass Police Pay Incentive Program (Quinn Bill) (5/3/22)

### **IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

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### **ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- Street acceptance of a portion of Dale court as a public way (2/7/23) (PH 2-21-23)
- Adopt an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance (See Goal 11, Policy 3 of comprehensive plan) (9/20/22) (10/4/22)
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21) (PH 2-7-23)
- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)

### **CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS COMMITTEE**

- Approve lease agreement for 42 months with Konica Minolta for 13 copiers for APS (2/21/23)
- Approve lease agreement for 36 months for a photocopier for CDBG with Axion Technologies (2/21/23)
- Appropriate \$27,500 from Free Cash to Building Renovations for Shang Building “Election” office space (1/3/23)
- Adopt Article 97 restriction of the Amendments of Mass Constitution for Highland Park (12/20/22)
- Transfer \$100,000 from Reserve for Capital to Highland Pavilion (8/16/22)
- New Business to protect Highland Park Property by transferring to Park Commission for Article 97 (12/20/22)
- Surplus East Attleborough Academy Building on Sanford Street (4/19/22)
- Request to lift the façade restriction from the sale of 135 County Street (4/5/22)
- New Business to review all city’s annual legal expenses to determine if prudent to use new methods (6/15/21)

### **PERSONNEL VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- Approve expending Mass Cultural Council FY23 allocation for \$37,900. (2/21/23)
- Approve Crossing Guards MOA for 2024-2026 to include a 3% COLA (2/21/23)
- Amendments to Exempt Plan to add Inspector of Buildings and City Facilities Manager (2/21/23)
- Transfer \$18,573.62 from City Reserve to Accounting Salary for training overlap prior to a retirement (2/23/21)

### **ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- Amend Sec 10-7.2 of Ordinances allowing Parking for seniors at the library (2-21-23) (DeSimone & Waterman)
- 2 letters of opposition to ordinance change for marijuana zoning, Mr. Cook and Mr. DuPlessie (2/7/23)
- Amend Section 2 to add a Sustainability Commission (1/17/23)
- Requested City Charter change to Article 4 – School Committee (1/17/23)
- Requested City Charter Change to Article 3 – Mayor (1/17/23)
- Marijuana Zoning Ordinances be amended to create an overlay district for GB (1/17/23)
- Amend Council Rules and procedures section 7-1 1(a) to vote items out of committee (1/3/23)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 1-17-23)
- Ordinance amendment to 10-13 Parking to remove the current free spaces in the covered garage (PH 10/18/22)
- Proposed adoption of Chapter 40U of MGL regarding the collection of fines by the city (PH 9-20-22)
- A communication from Scott Horan speaking in favor of the Marijuana business in GB districts (9/20/22)

- Letter from Martha Iannazzi Conti in opposition to Marijuana businesses in GB districts and more permits (9/20/22)
- A letter from the Cannabis Dispensary Coalition suggesting not enough demand to add more retail license (6/21/22)
- A communication from Joe Drazek of South Attleboro with concern about proposed marijuana establishment (3/3/20)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 9-20-22)
- Request amendment to 16-9, suggesting a Fee Report every 3 years by Water Superintendent (4/6/21)
- Request amendment to 16-15 suggesting a Fee Report every 3 years by the Wastewater Dept. (4/6/21)
- Request to review the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro (12/15/20) (DiLisio)
- Letter from Mark Kolakowski regarding change of hours at the city Compost Center. (6/16/20)
- Request that a Special Commission be formed to review the City Charter. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- Adopt language in section 2 of Senior Tax Abatement Program changing from \$600 to \$1,000 (2/21/23)
- A letter from Joseph Murphy of Steer Street with suggestion to help seniors with taxes (11/16/21)
- Request adjustment of money from \$600 to \$700 for property tax exemption for senior citizens. (5/7/19)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION**

- Appropriate \$45,000 from free cash to Personnel Classification Study to hire outside firm (2/21/23)
- Request a Special Committee with focus on current hiring challenges facing the city (9/20/22)

(Disclaimer: This agenda has been prepared in good faith based on topics that the Municipal Council anticipates may be discussed at its meeting). Agenda prepared by the Administrative Assistant from the Office of the Municipal Council.