

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 6, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

REMOTE LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/636857461>

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: March 16, 2021. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR REGULAR MEETING APRIL 6, 2021:

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the joint public hearing with the Planning Board, to discuss the partial street discontinuance of Rathbun Willard Drive (approximately 530 feet).

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the street acceptance plan of Grace Lane, length of 615.82 feet.

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the street acceptance plan of Simpson Avenue, length of 165.71 feet.

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the Administration's Program Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Budget, Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan and amendments including CARES Act Funds.

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Transfer \$5,000 for pre-approved college course payments for the Fire Department (4/6/21)
- Transfer \$45,000 for Fire Department dispatcher overtime for the remainder of FY2021 (4/6/21)
- Transfer \$15,712.03 to cover the cost of Sick Leave Incentive payments for the Fire Department (4/6/21)
- Grant from MEMA to Fire Department for \$15,500 and transfer \$2,634.00 to Fire Department (4/6/21)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

- 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)
- 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

- Transfer \$4,127.92 to repair Police Department air conditioning system (4/6/21)
- Close funds from completed projects – 3215 CAP/DEMO old landfill and 3223 Vehicle Equipment (4/6/21)
- Appropriate \$50,000 to fund design portion of Fire Dept roof replacement (4/6/21)
- 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)
- 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

- Appointment of Aretha Weadbrock-Still to fill an expired term on the Disability Commission (4/6/21)
- Accept \$50 donation in Stop and Shop gift cards from Lori Scales to the Veterans Department (4/6/21)

PUBLIC WORKS

- Transfer \$13,700 from Water Enterprise to fund four filter effluent valves and controllers (4/6/21)
- Appropriate \$65,000 from Water Fund for Effluent/Valves (4/6/21)
- Transfer \$25,000 from Water Enterprise to replenish Leak Detection Account (4/6/21)
- Appropriate \$18,326.60 to purchase a heavy-duty scanner and diagnostic tool DPW (4/6/21)
- Transfer \$4,885 from Recreation Salary to Maintenance for pool and field repairs (4/6/21)
- 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

- Authorize Attleboro Public Schools to pay an FY20 invoice from the Police Department for \$440.00 (4/6/21)
- Appropriate \$55,218.59 to School Appropriation – Medicaid fund under a revenue sharing agreement (4/6/21)
- Close out several School Dept Capital Projects: Brennan/Wamsutta roof repair; Studley Kalwall and AHS Athletic Complex
- 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

- 2 letters from Planning Board regarding tripartite security agreements held at 2 unfinished subdivisions (4/6/21)
- \$3,540 for professional engineering and land survey at Highland Park and Mechanic Street for 4 parcel section (4/6/21)
- 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)
- Planning Board unanimous vote to adopt 17-13 Water Protection amendments (3/16/21)
- 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)
- Application from Schnitzer Northeast for recycler and junk dealer license (4/6/21)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

- Request to transfer \$4,520.73 to replace the copier in the Treasurer’s office (4/6/21)
- Transfer \$119.00 for the purchase of an adjustable desk riser for a planning office employee (4/6/21)
- Surplus declaration on 10 items from the Water Department for equipment that no longer works (4/6/21)
- Water department 6 portable gas meters for disposal (11/3/20)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Letter from Ted Charon regarding amendments to the Wetland Protection Ordinance for buffers (4/6/21)
- Letter from Timothy Caponigro regarding the Wetland Protection amendment proposal (4/6/21)
- Request to modify Revised Ordinance to change the term for appointed paid positions (4/6/21)
- Wetland Protections Act Chapter 18 - proposed amendments (3/16/21) (PH 5/4/21)
- 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:

(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.