

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DOCKET
AUGUST 17, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING with the Planning Board of Attleboro, to address the rezoning petition from Vela, Inc. for the property at 829 Newport Avenue also known as Assessor's Plat 19, Lots 246 thru 252 and lots 254 and 255. The requested change would be from Single Residence – A to General Business.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 18, Local Wetland Protection, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Peter Blais, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Heather Whitehead, 1350 Park Street, to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Board. Term to expire February 2023.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Fire Chief Scott T. Lachance regarding the receipt of a FY2021 Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) Grant and a FY2021 Senior SAFE Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of approximately \$9,260.00. The mission of the SAFE program is to provide fire and life safety education within the community, with an emphasis on educating children and seniors about fire and other related dangers. There is no matching requirement for this grant. 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 by the Attleboro Fire Department.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Fire Chief Scott T. Lachance regarding the need for funds for uniforms and medical exams for thirteen firefighters. I have authorized the process to hire thirteen firefighters with an anticipated start date of October 1, 2021. This will allow the Fire Department to maintain staffing levels and reduce overtime costs for the City. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$26,000.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to the following:

\$16,000.00 to Account 12201000-530104 (Fire – Medical Consultation)

\$10,000.00 to Account 12201000-558310 (Fire – Uniforms)

Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$474,000.00.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the anticipated receipt of the FY21 911 Training Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) in the amount of approximately

\$304,879.01. Monies from this grant must be expended no later than June 30, 2022. Please note this grant follows reimbursement protocol and 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 approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the Community Development Block Grant for PY2021 (FY2022) for the Youth Center Program in the amount of approximately \$12,000. 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 the expenditure during FY2022 of this Community Development Block Grant and also approve any future grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to purchase a new Ford F350 Pick-up truck with an 8' snow plow. This vehicle will replace a 2004 Ford Expedition used by the department Foreman. The requested funds include after-market installation of a 2-way radio and City seal. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$42,709.20 from Account 11241000-578380 (City Wide -Reserve Fund for Capital) to Account 16301000-587031 (Recreation – Purchase of Pick-up).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to purchase a new Ford F350 Dump Body with a diesel engine and 9' snow plow. This vehicle will replace a 2003 F350 that was taken off-line in March after a thorough inspection by DPW. The requested funds include after-market installation of a 2-way radio and City seal. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$66,126.66 from Account 11241000-578380 (City Wide -Reserve Fund for Capital) to Account 16301000-587069 (Recreation – Purchase of Dump Truck).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds for the replacement of the basketball court at the Conley Playground. This project is listed as “URGENT” in the FY2022-26 Capital Improvements Plan. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$25,340.00 from Account 11241000-578380 (City Wide -Reserve Fund for Capital) to Account 16301000-584029 (Recreation – Outdoor Facility Improvements).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to perform crack-fill and sealing on various asphalt basketball surfaces. This project is listed as “URGENT” in the FY2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$17,500.00 from Account 11241000-578380 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Capital) to Account 16301000-584036 (Recreation – Crack seal Asphalt).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds for the replacement of the basketball court at the Poncin-Hewitt Recreation Facility. This project is listed as “URGENT” in the FY2022-26 Capital Improvement Plan. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$36,200.00 from Account 11241000-578380 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Capital) to Account 16301000-584029 (Recreation – Outdoor Facility Improvements).

PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ty Waterman, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Veterans’ Services Ben Quelle regarding the donation of \$1,000.00 in Stop & Shop gift cards from VFW Post 115. Their generous donation is a terrific asset to the veterans of Attleboro. 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 to the City of Attleboro.

For Your Information: The Mayor regrets to inform Your Honorable Body that we have received the resignation of Ashley Stewart from the Council on Human Rights. Please join me in thanking Ms. Stewart for her service to the City.

PUBLIC WORKS

Kate Jackson, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Wastewater Thomas Hayes regarding the need for funds for insurance due to a greater than anticipated increase in insurance premiums for FY2022. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$10,000.00 from Account 6000-578300 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6000-574010 (Wastewater Enterprise Fund – Insurance).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds for the replacement of the asphalt walking path around Lees Pond at S.A. Veteran’s Memorial Park. Unfortunately, this project is not on the Recreation CIP list, as we thought we could keep patching it, but the deterioration over the winter was to the extent that repairs are no longer a viable alternative. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$42,500.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16301000-589041 (Recreation – Asphalt Walkway). Upon approval, the available balance, to include any pending requests, will be \$431,500.00.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds for the purchase and installation of a replacement slide at the S.A. Veteran’s Memorial Park Playground. The current slide has cracks

which makes it dangerous for children. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$9,100.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16301000-585012 (Recreation – New Playground Equipment). Upon approval, the available balance, to include any pending requests, in Reserve Fund for Transfer will be \$422,400.00.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Water Kourtney Wunschel regarding the need for funds for insurance due to an increase in insurance premiums for FY2022. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$9,491.00 from Account 6100-578300 (Water Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6100-574010 (Water Enterprise Fund – Insurance).

Additionally, funds are needed for any unanticipated claims for FY2022. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$1,000.00 from Account 6100-578300 (Water Enterprise Fund – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 6100-576010 (Water Enterprise Fund – Claims).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Park & Forestry Derek Corsi regarding the need to pay an FY21 invoice to *U.S. Bank National Association* in the amount of \$336.00. A vote authorizing payment is needed to satisfy this debt. There is no transfer of funds needed to pay these bills, as there is sufficient funding in Fund 2607.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Jay DiLisio, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to transfer \$5.15 from Account 11211000-542010 (Mayor-Supplies Office) to Account 11211000-578020 (Mayor-Bills from Previous Years) in order to pay an FY2021 invoice to *W.B. Mason*.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Solid Waste Administrator Jessica Santos regarding the need to pay an FY21 invoice in the amount of \$1,166.00 for the Solid Waste Department. A vote authorizing payment is needed to satisfy this debt. There is no transfer of funds needed to pay this bill, as there is sufficient funding in Fund 2604.

The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to transfer \$75.00 from Account 11241000-534210 (City Wide -Postage) to Account 11241000-578020 (City Wide -Bills from Previous Years) in order to pay an FY2021 invoice to *Fedex*.

ZONING AND LAND USE

Todd Kobus, Chairperson

A request from Attorney John Jacobi asking that the 37 Union Street public hearing be continued until Thursday, July 22, 2021 due to a conflict with scheduling.

Information and details from Economic Development Director Catherine Feerick pertaining to the Building Permit Fee Waiver Request for 37 Union Street project.

CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS

Sara-Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding items that the Water Department would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Condition</u>
4	Fire Hydrants, associated parts and piping	Damaged

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Vin #</u>	<u>Condition</u>
2008	Ford E250 Van	1FTNE24L68DA09457	Poor

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Legal Secretary Alison Wood regarding a vehicle that the Police Department would like to declare as surplus. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to declare the following as surplus and available for disposition:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Vin #</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Condition</u>
2011	Ford/Crown Vic	1FABP7BV5BX176445	83,746	Poor

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Health Department Outreach Worker/Case Manager Tecia Silva and Public Health Nurse Jacqueline Joyal O'Brien regarding the donation of \$200.00 in Seabra gift cards from The Healthy Lifestyle Alliance. These cards will be offered by the Health Department's Public Health Nurse and Outreach Worker to individuals and families in need. 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 gifts to the City of Attleboro.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Park & Forestry Derek Corsi regarding the donation of a "Birds of Paradise" sculpture to the Capron Park Zoo from Emerson Adjusting & Reporting Services with an estimated value of \$8,000.00. 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 gift to the City of Attleboro.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Library Director Amy Rhilinger regarding the donation of 12 computers to the Attleboro Public Library from Sensata

Technologies with an estimated value of \$6,000.00. 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.

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Diana Holmes, Chairperson

A letter from Attorney Brian Hatch in support of proposed Wetland Protection Ordinance Amendments, section 18.1.8

A letter from John Case against the proposed amendments to the Wetlands Protection Ordinance.