

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETINGS  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 - AGENDA  
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

**APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS:** August 16 and 18, 2022

**NO PUBLIC HEARINGS SEPTEMBER 6, 2022**

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**

**CLERK'S COMMUNICATION**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OLD BUSINESS :** (HOLD) **I move to rescind vote #1 from the meeting of April 26, 2022 due to a duplicate at the State House. (CONTI)**

Voted 8 yeas – 1 nay (Blais) (Bennett, Reynolds absent) to adopt a senior means tested exemption by way of a special act as a way of relieving some of the property tax burden of certain qualifying Attleboro residents.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEANS-TESTED PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION IN THE CITY OF ATTLEBORO.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Move to have the following new business assigned for study and recommendation:**

To restrict parking to one side of Frank Mossberg Drive. (Bennett)

**Move to have the following new business assigned for study and recommendation:**

To Amend Section 10-4.11 of the Revised Ordinances, Isolated Stop Signs, by adding Eastbound drivers on Jefferson Street at Fifth Street. (Bennett)

**Move to have the following new business assigned for study and recommendation:**

That Attleboro adopt an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance as a means of increasing the supply of housing that is available and affordable to low - or moderate-income households, with an emphasis on family housing, and preventing the displacement of Attleboro residents. (See Goal 11, Policy 3 of the Comprehensive Plan) (DeSimone and Dolan)

**Move to have the following new business assigned for study and recommendation:**

To create an Attleboro Municipal Council Special Committee on Classification and Compensation with the focus to better understand current hiring challenges facing the City of Attleboro with the end result being to ensure the effective, efficient, and high-quality delivery of city services through ensuring Attleboro is competitive in classification and compensation with surrounding communities. As part of this committee, the Personnel Director shall be asked to provide a report to the Council about the current Compensation and Classification Plan, the number and nature of current position vacancies and length of those vacancies, projected retirements within the next year, and recruitment strategies to fill current and future openings. (DeSimone, DiLisio)

## **ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES**

### **LICENSE COMMITTEE**

- Ring a Bell application and Hawkers Peddlers app from Adam Palagi of Pawtucket (8/16/22)
- Ring a Bell application and Hawkers Peddlers app from Wayne Labossiere of Pawtucket (8/16/22)
- Application for the Friends of Capron Park Zoo to waive serving alcohol for an Oct event (6/21/22) (PH 8/16/22)

- A letter from M. Rodriguez with fraudulent business practice complaint against 100 percent auto, Wholesalers (5/3/22)
- A letter from Pamela Crowley of Stoughton regarding a false bill of sale from 100% Auto (4/19/22)
- A letter with complaints about Lemon Law Violations 100 Percent Auto at 21 Washington St (6/1/21)

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Easement request from Verizon New England Inc. for communication lines at Rathbun Willard AHS (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$2,413 from Wastewater Reserve to Wastewater Insurance for higher insurance premiums (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$6,922 from Water Reserve to Water Insurance for higher insurance premiums (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$4,877 from City Wide to Park Building Maintenance for Newell Shelter repairs (8/16/22)
- Award of \$35,012.64 from Mass DOT to purchase a new sidewalk cleaner (8/16/22)

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- TIE amendment requested by 27-39 South Main Street, LLC - Resolution (8/16/22)
- CDBG grant of \$11,640 to Recreation Youth Center Program for FY2023 (8/16/22)
- \$30,000 from City Wide to Park Fencing for replacement of Wolfenden Fence at Capron Park (8/26/22)
- Correspondence advising no fees needed for gym floor replacement for middle school gyms (8/16/22)
- Request to change May 4, 2021 TIE for 27-39 South Main Street due to increase in costs and supplies (8/16/22)
- 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)
- 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)

#### **TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

- Refer to the Traffic Study Commission a request to install multi-way stop at Greenwich and Holly Streets (8/16/22)
- Amendment to the Parking ordinance to address the reopening of Rathbun Willard Drive (4/19/22) (PH 6/7/22)
- Amendment to ordinance 10-4.18 regarding removal and modification of permanent speed humps (3/15/22)
- Request to look again at Angeline Street and parking issues (2/15/22)
- Amendments for Chapter 10 and 17 regarding commercial vehicles (11/2/21) (PH 1/18/22)
- Traffic Study Commission recommends delay Rathbun-Willard Dr. opening until proposed traffic light installed (11/19/19)
- 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)

#### **IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

- Transfer \$12,330 for a new firewall appliance for Budget and Administration (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$1,100 from City Wide to Administration supplies for MIS new chairs (8/16/22)
- Appropriate \$8,928.36 for Library Internet Line to defray 60% of monthly internet access bills (8/16/22)

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

- Waive Building Fees of \$168,000 for rehab of Gardner Terrace from Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc.
- A letter from the Cannabis Dispensary Coalition suggesting not enough demand to add more retail license (6/21/22)
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21)
- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)
- 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)

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

- Surplus Wall Mats in large gym for High School (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$100,000 from Reserve for Capital to Highland Pavilion (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$857.60 for Assessor to purchase 4 new office chairs (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$6,700 from City Wide to Library maintenance for plumbing issues (8/16/22)
- 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**

- Appointment of Steven Escobar of Thatcher Street to Taxation Aid Committee (8/16/22)

- Appointment of Patricia A Bellfield of Newport Ave to Council on Human Rights (8/16/22)
- Donation of \$1,000 in Stop & Shop gift cards from Attleboro Elks #1014 to the Veterans office (8/16/22)
- Transfers to facilitate the hiring of a Senior Clerk for a full-time position in the Elections office (8/16/22)

**ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE**

- A vote from the Planning Board recommending amendments to S. 17 defining Commercial Vehicles (8/16/22)
- Transfer \$11,542.93 from City Wide to Elections Postage for polling location changes information (8/16/22)
- Proposed adoption of Chapter 40U of MGL regarding the collection of fines by the city (PH 9-20-22)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 9-20-22)
- Proposed acceptance of MGL c. 40 sections 42G -42i and 42K (7/21/22)
- Proposed amendments to section 7-9 Storage and Collection of Solid Waste (PH 8/16/22)
- Proposed amendments to Section 16-11 regarding water assessments (6/21/22) (PH 07/19/22)
- New business to change the effective date of paper straws and plastic container bans to 1/23/21 (6/15/21) (PH 7/19/22)
- Proposed Amendment to Chapter 7, Health Department regarding Plastic Shot bottle waste (4/19/22) (PH 5/17/22)
- Public Hearing January 18, 22 with Planning Board regarding Ch. 17-3.3 - Commercial Vehicle Parking (12/21/21)
- 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)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Grant from FY23 911 Training Grant from EOPSS for \$223,635.54 (9/6/22)
- Transfer \$50,000 from City Labor Negotiations to satisfy MOA for Police and Fire (9/6/22)
- Transfer \$2,600 from City Wide to Police Copiers for a refurbished copier for Police (9/6/22)
- New business to adopt the Mass Police Pay Incentive Program (Quinn Bill) (5/3/22)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

- 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)