

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 3, 2023 – AGENDA  
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

**Records for approval – September 19, 2023**

**6:45 IT & Infrastructure Committee - 6:55 Finance Committee with Regular meeting to follow at 7:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** to hold a public hearing for the purpose of setting the tax classification for Fiscal Year 2024 including discussion on the percentage of the local tax levy to be borne by each class of property.

**PUBLIC HEARING** relative to the laying out and acceptance of 66 streets as public ways – with a combined length of 42,290.61+/- feet, 8.01 +/- miles. A list of the ways proposed to be accepted are available for review at the Municipal Council Office.

**PUBLIC HEARING** discussing a vote to release a deed conveying all of the City’s right, title and interest in the property known as Read Street (Assessor Map 25, Lots 13 and 14) to the heirs of Walter L. Kelley.

**PUBLIC HEARING** relative to a request to Amend S. 10-4.11 of the Revised Ordinances of Attleboro, Isolated Stop Signs, to add: Southbound Drivers on Steeple Chase Circle at Bishop Street.

**ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES**

**LICENSE COMMITTEE**

- Application from Beck-Harlow of Pike Avenue to keep 3 unregistered vehicles on their property (9/19/23) (PH 10/17/23)

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Transfer \$26,460 from Wastewater-Reserve to Wastewater – Safety Study for required safety, health compliancy (10/3/23)
- Transfer \$2,450 from City Reserve to City Supplies to replenish money used for sand bags (10-3-23)
- Request from National Grid for a line of underground conduits for new service at 27-29 S. Main St. (10/3/23)(10/17/23 PH)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Public Hearing 10-3-23 for setting the tax classification for FY24 (10/3/23)
- Appropriate of \$5,871,782 to account for State & County Charges Intergovernmental (10/3/23)
- Final estimates increased projected state aid, appropriate of \$107,286 to City Reserve Fund
- Appropriations to school as follows: \$95,557 - \$127,726 - \$127,726 - \$32,169 (10/3/23)
- Final numbers from Div of Local Services for FY24 rescind vote for 6-6-23 to correct with new numbers (10/3/23)
- Request from Public Schools to authorize payment previous years bills totaling \$7,262.04 (10/3/23)
- Loan order for \$1,580,000 for design, permitting, bidding for PFAS treatment facility at Wading River Plant (9/19/23)

**TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE**

- Request Isolated Stop Sign Southbound on Steeple chase Circle at Bishop Street (8/15/23) (PH 10/3/23)
- 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)

**IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

- Transfer \$14,942.36 from City Wide to Admin – Emergency Alert for new city alert system (10-3-23)

**ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE**

- Approve expending \$45,000 Housing and Livable Communities Best Practices grant (10-3-23)
- Planning Board certificate of vote recommending acceptance of 66 streets as public ways (4/4/23) (PH 10-3-23)
- Planning Board certificate vote recommending adoption of amendments to ordinance 17 about accessory dwelling (4/4/23)
- Adopt an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance (See Goal 11, Policy 3 of comprehensive plan) (9/20/22) (10/4/22) (10/17/23)
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21) (PH 2-7-23) (10/17/23)

- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)

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

- Transfer \$14,396.50 from City Reserve to 3 city accounts to for updates & improvements to city hall interior (10/3/23)
- Surplus Water Dept meters and a 1984 Cat950 Front end Loader (10/3/23)
- Surplus Police Dept. vehicle - 2014 Chevy Impala for 133,436 miles in poor condition (10/3/23)
- Surplus Treasurer's office furniture – filing cabinet and 2 desks (10/3/23)
- Adopt Article 97 restriction of the Amendments of Mass Constitution for Highland Park (12/20/22)
- New Business to protect Highland Park Property by transferring to Park Commission for Article 97 (12/20/22)
- 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 the Bristol Elder Service grant for \$7,514 for the COA (10/3/23)
- Appointment of Samuel J Harrington of Oak Hill Ave as Constable – term to expire 2-2024 (9/19/23)
- Transfer \$1,326 from City Reserve to City Grant and transfer \$1,326 Bristol Elder – Mind & Body (10/3/23)
- Appointment of Rick Rathbun of Tennant Way for the Traffic Study Commission to fill a vacancy (10/3/23)
- Appointment of Sara Ryan-Theroux of Tiffany Street to the Cultural Council to fill a vacancy (10/3/23)
- Appointment of John Camara South Main Street as an associate ZBA member. Term expires 2-2024 (9/19/23)
- Changes to Personnel Rules for Exempt employees to add a title to clothing Allowance Section and Stipend (9/5/23)

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

- Proposed amendment to Section 16-12, Water Emergency (10/3/23)
- Amend Section 11 to add “Trade in Fur Products Prohibited” (Angelo) (9/19/23)
- Vote release of deed conveying City's right and interest to the heirs of W. L. Kelley (PH 10-3-23) ( 9/5/23)
- Letter from Safety and Loss Prevention Manager of Nova Farms disputing previous letter for employee (6/6/23)
- Letter from Jason Leclerc support Nova Farms developing 1000 Washington Street to a cannabis dispensary (6/6/23)
- 3 letters supporting Sustainability commission – School Superintendent, Land Trust Board and Housing Authority (3/7/23)
- Amend Sec 10-7.2 of Ordinances allowing Parking for seniors at the library (PH 3-21-23) (Desimone, Waterman)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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**

- Approve spending an awarded \$50,000 Public Safety Best Practices grant for the Police Dept. (10/3/23)
- Approve spending a \$119,000 grant from Dept. of Mental Health Jail/Arrest Diversion (10/3/23)
- Transfer \$270.75 to pay an FY23 bill from Blackinton & Co. from Police Supplies to Police Prev Year Bills (10/3/23)
- Approve spending an awarded Public Safety Grant from BCSB for \$25,000 (10/3/23)
- 4 Transfers from City Wide Reserve Fund for Labor Negotiations to 4 Police accounts totaling \$195,000 (10/3/23)
- New business to adopt the Mass Police Pay Incentive Program (Quinn Bill) (5/3/22)

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION**

Request a Special Committee with focus on current hiring challenges facing the city (9/20/22)

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Submit for study and recommendation the following:

Request to amend Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, Sec. 10-5.2(A), Prohibited on Certain Streets, as follows:

Delete: Holman Street, southerly side, from Pleasant Street to Brook Street;  
Add: Holman Street, southerly side, from Pleasant Street to Forest Street;  
(Referral to Traffic Study Commission, For Study and recommendation) **(Bennett)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Submit for study and recommendation - reduce speed limit on South Avenue from Tiffany to State Layout from 50 mph to 40 mph.

This small stretch of before the State layout for the Interstate 95 interchange runs past several homes with driveways that enter onto South Ave (Rte. 123) before the highway interchange and state layout begins. This high-speed limit is posted at the Tiffany Street intersection and encourages high speed travel past these homes, contributing to several serious accidents on this stretch. The high rate of speed is not in line with other posted speeds on South Ave, and creates unsafe conditions for residents on South Ave and motorists leaving Green Drive and entering South Ave heading eastbound.

The posted speed limit eastbound on South Ave on the other side of the 95 interchange is posted 40mph passing other homes located on South Ave. **(Bennett)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Submit for study and recommendation the following:

Changes to 7-8.2 of the City Ordinance; requesting a review and overhaul of the Abatement process for Non-Municipal Users of the City's Rubbish/Recycle Program **(Reynolds, Holmes)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Submit for study and recommendation the following:

That the Mayor approve the Local Option of MGL CH 60 §3C, a City Scholarship Fund which Residents will have the ability to voluntary contribute as follows:

The Mayor with approval of the Attleboro Municipal Council, shall form a City of Attleboro Scholarship Committee which will consist of the Superintendent of Schools, and four members of the community. The Committee must adhere to the following guidelines and Criterion:

- a) The recipients of financial aid must be residents of the City of Attleboro at the time the financial aid is first awarded and have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level at an institution deemed accredited by the committee.
- b) The committee shall take into consideration each recipient's financial need, character, scholastic record, and involvement with in community work was well as extracurricular school activities.
- c) The scholarship committee may distribute financial aid, or the education committee may distribute supplemental education funds for the school, from both interest and principal of the fund without further appropriation.
- d) The scholarship committee shall establish a procedure for determining the amounts or percentage of the funds that shall be authorized for distribution and for notifying the investing officer or agency so that the funds may be made available in a timely manner and with a minimum of penalties. **(Conti)**

(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.