

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2023 – AGENDA
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

6:30 Start with Zoning Committee (Guests)

Records for approval – September 19 and October 3, 2023

Public Hearing: for the following loan order:

ORDERED: that One Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$1,580,000.00) is appropriated for the design, permitting, bidding for the permanent PFAS treatment facility to be located at the Wading River Plant, located at 250 Balcolm Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow One Million Five Hundred Eighty Thousand (\$1,580,000.00) under section 7(7) of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other necessary or convenient to carry out this Project.

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the request from National Grid of Brocton MA, to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across public ways at 27 – 39 So Main St. This is for a new commercial service for a new constructed multi-residential building.

Public Hearing: for a proposed amendment to the City Ordinances to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units on qualifying residential properties.
Proposed Amendments to §17–3.5 Table of Accessory Use Regulations, §17–4.5 Accessory Structures, and §17–11.2 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance Relative to In–Law Apartments.

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

ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES

LICENSE COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- Mass TDI grant to Attleboro Art Museum for 2 painted murals at Balfour Riverwalk Park – a gift to the city (10/17/23)
- \$24,570 from Water Reserve - Water Safety Study to hire consultant for safety/health compliance training (10/17/23)
- Receipt of a Lead Service Line Inventory Grant to the Water Department from Mass Clean Water Trust (10/17/23)
- Transfer \$5,625 for a “Tommy Gate” for a recreation truck to assist 140 trash pickups weekly (10/17/23)
- 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

- Grant from Mass DEP to Solid Waste for \$51,000 to be used to enhance city’s waste reduction programs (10/17/23)
- Certificate of Vote from Planning Board in support of Loan Order for PFAS treat facility of 1,080,000.00 (10/17/23)
- New business to approve MGL CH 60 S. 3C- establish a city scholarship fund for voluntary contributions (10/17/23)(Conti)
- Public Hearing 10-3-23 for setting the tax classification for FY24 (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

- New business to look at Holman Street to Forest Street (Bennett) (10/17/23)
- New business to look at speed limit on South Avenue from Tiffany to State Layout from 50 to 40 Bennett (10/17/23)
- 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)
- That Holden Street traffic calming measures and safety concerns be addressed referred to TSC also (12/20/22)

IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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

- 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

- Authorize 36-month contract between the city and Comstar, a third-party ambulance billing company (10/17/23)
- Transfer \$2,261.91 from City Wide to Veteran' Benefits – Salary for a shortfall in salary for FY24 (10/17/23)
- COA received a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Services for \$80,207 (10/19/23)
- 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

- New Business for overhaul of Abatement process for Non-municipal Users of Rubbish/Recycle program (10/17/23)
- 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

- Green Communities Grant of \$110,050 from EOEEA to the city for weatherization of a number of city buildings (10/17/23)
- Contract with Comstar, a third-party ambulance billing company with the city (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 and no 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.