

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 – AGENDA
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

7:00 PM start for regular meeting.

Records for approval – November 7, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the proposed amendment to Section 16-12.24 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, Water Emergency. Proposal available through the City Council office council@cityofattleboro.us

PUBLIC HEARING regarding the proposed addition to Chapter 11, Offenses, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro to include Section 11-23, Trade in Fur Products. Proposal available through the City Council office council@cityofattleboro.us

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION
CLERK'S COMMUNICATION
COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES

LICENSE COMMITTEE

- Additional 24 Class II license renewal applications. (11/21/23)
- Additional 3 Class I license renewal applications (11/21/23)
- A Class III license renewal application (11/21/23)
- An Automatic Amusement Device license renewal for 2 rides at Market Basket. (11/21/23)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- Mass Dev Brownfields Grant of \$165,000 for remediation at 53 Falmouth Street (11/21/23)
- Loan order for \$500,000 for rehab of a 30-inch sewer located off Tiffany St, (11/21/23) (PH 12/5/23)
- Transfer \$9,875 from City Reserve to Fire Suppression Services for testing at DPW building Lamb St (11/21/23)
- Transfer \$2,270 from City Reserve to Rec Services to pay a bill for dye test at Briggs Pool recently (11/21/23)
- Transfer \$12,456.24 from City Reserve to Public Works accounts to build 8 X 8 block building to replace a shed (11/21/23)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Previous year bill for \$173.33 from Skills USA to APS (11/21/23)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

- New business to look at Holman Street to Forest Street (Bennett) (10/17/23) (PH 12-5-23)
- New business to look at speed limit on South Avenue from Tiffany to State Layout from 50 to 40 Bennett (10/17/23)
- 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

- Planning Board vote recommending amendments to ordinance 17 about accessory dwelling (4/4/23) (11/7/23)
- 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 for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21) (PH 2-7-23) (10/17/23) (DeSimone – Holmes)
- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

- Gift Cards totaling \$325.00 from Holiday Spirit Committee to Health Dept. Outreach (11/21/23)
- Surplus Inspection Department 2011 Ford Crown Victoria, 180,000+ miles (11/21/23)
- Surplus Treasurer's office furniture including a Bookshelf and an office chair both in good condition (11/21/23)

- Surplus a School Department Rizo Copier no longer operable (11/21/23)
- Surplus 1990 John Deere Backhoe in very poor condition from the Recreation Department (11/21/23)
- 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

- Transfer \$2,300 from City Reserve to Personnel Office Supplies for employee id badger printer (11/21/23)
- Monument Campaign Steering Committee for a monument to pay tribute to GWOT veterans (11/21/23)
- Add Exempt position "Assistant Personnel Director" at grade 10 (11/21/23)
- Transfer \$35,000 from City Reserve to Personnel Safety Study to update Compliance (11/21/23)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- Amendment to Section 12-3.3 to remove language and reserve for future rewrite (11/21/23)
- 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) (PH 11/21/23)
- Amend Section 11 to add "Trade in Fur Products Prohibited" (Angelo) (9/19/23) (PH 11/21/23)
- Letter from Safety and Loss Prevention Manager of Nova Farms disputing previous letter for employee (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)
- Request that a Special Commission be formed to review the City Charter. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- FY23 invoice cost increase of \$1,372.01 to Police for ordered vehicle 1/6 years ago (11/21/23)

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)

Old Business : I move to amend item #12 of the September 19, 2023 certificate of vote to correct a scrivener's error regarding the VIN # of a surplus vehicle. It currently reads Surplus an APS - 1995 GMC Sierra Pickup Vin# 1GTHK340SE505475.

The correct VIN# is 1GTHK340SE505472. (City Property and Claims)

New Business: To amend 10-4.11 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, Isolated Stop Signs to add:

Northbound Drivers Norgate Road at Commonwealth Avenue. I move to call for a public hearing on December 5, 2023. (Bennett and TSC)

New Business: To be referred for Study and Recommendation:

That the City undertake a comprehensive study of pedestrian crosswalks in the City of Attleboro for the purpose of developing consistent and safer pedestrian crosswalk design and improving pedestrian crossing conditions and vehicle traffic awareness.

Currently, the City has a variety of crosswalk configurations, varied striping, different signage and signage locations. The City has invested in improving existing crosswalks in some locations with upgraded lighted signage; however, in other locations implementing much needed crosswalk improvements has posed challenging due to current positioning or location of these crosswalks, lack of sidewalk landings, and accessibility concerns. Additionally, the varied or lacking signage and/or faded or inconsistent markings has resulted in driver disregard of marked crosswalks in some locations. Driver distraction and speeds on City roads are a chronic and difficult challenge to address to improve pedestrian crossings, even where signage and markings have been improved.

The Safer Crossings for Attleboro PEDESTRIANS (SCAPED) initiative would provide a comprehensive review of existing crosswalks in the City to evaluate existing crosswalk striping, markings, signage, dimensions, and locations, consideration of traffic conditions and determine needed or recommended improvements. The study should incorporate recommendations for improvements, and look to recommend best practices to support redesigns where needed and future crosswalk development. The study should also examine the incorporating new design tools to improve driver alertness and pedestrian crossing design, for example the use of 3-dimensional crosswalk painting, use of transverse rumble strips as a physical alert to drivers of approach to a pedestrian crosswalk in areas where such measures will improve pedestrian safety, throughout the City, and employ or incorporate new tools and measures not currently employed by the City. (BENNETT)

(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.