

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

**Meeting begins at 6:30 pm with a committee meeting for Ordinances and 6:30 for Personnel**

**APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS:** December 6, 13 and 20, 2022

**No public hearings**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**MAYOR'S COMMUNICATION**

**CLERK'S COMMUNICATION**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NEW BUSINESS:** To recommend the following for study and recommendation:

That the marijuana zoning ordinances be amended to create an overlay district for marijuana retailers seeking a special permit to operate in General Business zoning districts. (DeSimone and Reynolds)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES**

**LICENSE COMMITTEE**

- An Automatic Amusement Device Renewal from Market Basket on Newport Ave (1/3/23)
- A New Class II license application from Tyson Auto, Inc. at 833 Washington Street (1/3/23)
- A letter from Emory Convenience requesting a special act from State House to grant a liquor license (8/16/22)

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

- Transfer \$3,200 to purchase 2 solar powered stop signs for DPW (1/3/23/)
- Transfer \$14,3325 to purchase a 2022 Ferris Hurricane ride on blower for Park & Forestry (1/3/23)
- Transfer \$47,066.40 for Parks & Forestry to purchase a Smithco Sweep Star lawn Sweeper (1/3/23)
- Transfer \$2,874.51 to replace fences at Finberg Field damaged by trees (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$25,000 to snow participation fund per MOA for DPW and approve MOA 22-23 winter (1/3/23)
- New Business to make city parks and playground inclusive for people of differing abilities (1/3/23)
- New business for Emergency Parking Ban and amendments to Section 10-5 (12/20/22)
- Loan Order for \$355,000 for a front-end loader for Water Department (12/20/22) (PH 1-17-23)
- Appropriate \$500,000 from free cash to Fund 3564 for Bishop Street Sidewalk Construction (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$81,067 from Free Cash to Rec F-350 truck (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$64,250 from Free Cash to Rec Equipment for a Skid Steer Loader (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$250,000 from free cash to public works F550 and a Dump Truck (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$81,067 from Free Cash to Rec Equipment for an Overseeder. (12/20/22)
- Transfer \$18,337 from Reserve to Public Works Small Equipment for 2-line painting machines (12/20/22)
- Transfer \$10,353 from Reserve to Public Works small equipment for 2 tow-behind cement mixers (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$1,000,000 from Free Cash to Fund 3575 Roadway Repairs (12/20/22)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

- Appropriate \$195,843.41 from General Fund to Covid FEMA Fund to pay expenses not paid by ARPA (1/3/23)
- Accept MGL Chapter 40 S. 13D to address compensated absences (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$500,000 from General Fund to Reserve for Compensated Absence & add Water and Wastewater (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$150,000 from Free Cash to Planning and Land Use – Comprehensive Plan (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$45,000 from Free Cash to Planning – Housing Needs Assessment (12/20/22)
- Appropriate \$41,000 from Free Cash to Planning Space and Rec Consulting (12/20/22)

- Appropriate \$149,000 from Free Cash to Fund 3518 City Hall Facility for engineering for parking (12/20/22)
- Request that the Attleboro Municipal council conduct a review of the City's fiscal policy & cash reserve policy (DiLisio)

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

- 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)
- Amendment to city speed hump policy, C. 10 S. 4.18C, for humps w/in 300 ft of school (10/18/22) (PH 11/15/22)
- Restrict parking to one side of Frank Mossberg Drive (Bennett) (9/20/22)
- Add Stop Sign to Eastbound drivers on Jefferson Street at Fifth Street (Bennett) (9/20/22)
- Letter expressing concern from Juliet Teizeira of Hanish Road regarding Snell St. Traffic light removal (9/20/22)
- 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)
- Request to look again at Angeline Street and parking issues (2/15/22)
- 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**

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

- Accept Easement on 317 Bishop Street, Assessors Map 121, Lot 23 (Lot 1) (1/3/23)
- Accept Easement for 536 Read St. Map 76, Lot 474C (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$5,000 from Free Cash to Res Street Sidewalk Taking/Easement (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$35,000 from free Cash to Planning – Zoning Consultant (12/20/22)
- Withdraw request to rezone Highland Park from the Administration (12/20/22)
- Adopt an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance (See Goal 11, Policy 3 of comprehensive plan) (9/20/22) (10/4/22)
- Rezoning request for plat 115 lot #1 and plat #127 lot #1 – Highland Park (9/20/22) (PH 10/18/22)
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21)
- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)
- 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**

- Appropriate \$27,500 from Free Cash to Building Renovations for Shang Building and Elections (1/3/23)
- Adopt Article 97 restriction of the Amendments of Mass Constitution for Highland Park (12/20/22)
- Transfer \$100,000 from Reserve for Capital to Highland Pavilion (8/16/22)
- New Business to protect Highland Park Property by transferring to Park Commission for Article 97 (12/20/22)
- 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 Susan Williams of Brookwood Road to Council on Aging (1/3/23)
- Donation of \$500 in gift cards from the Daughters of the American Revolution, Attleboro to Vets office (1/3/23)
- Donation from an anonymous donor of \$200 in gift cards to the Veterans' office (1/3/23)
- MOA for fiscal 24-26 for Clerks Association (1/3/23)
- 52 reappointments to various Boards and Commissions as well as Constables (1/3/23)
- Request an additional full-time employee at Grade 9, Deputy Inspector of Buildings (1/3/23)
- Reappointments to 15 positions Administration/Planning/Inspectors/Animal Control/DPW and more (12/20/22)
- Appointment of Darlene Christensen as Dog Officer (12/20/22)
- Change Grade 11 to Grade 12 for Building Inspector to include City Facilities Manager (12/20/22)
- Transfer \$4000 from Reserve to Protective Inspection to fund grade change for FY23 (12/20/22)

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

- New Business to Council Rules and Procedures to encourage a timely progress on assignments (1/3/23)
- Correct mistake from 11-15-22 vote #20 regarding water rates and also wastewater rates (PH 1/17/23)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 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)

- A communication from Scott Horan speaking in favor of the Marijuana business in GB districts (9/20/22)
- Letter from Martha Iannazzi Conti in opposition to Marijuana businesses in GB districts and more permits (9/20/22)
- A letter from the Cannabis Dispensary Coalition suggesting not enough demand to add more retail license (6/21/22)
- A communication from Joe Drazek of South Attleboro with concern about proposed marijuana establishment (3/3/20)
- 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**

- New Business to investigate annual permit fee for underground propane storage to residents (1/3/23)
- Loan Order for \$475,000 for a front-line recuse ambulance to replace and existing (1/3/23) (PH 2/17/23)
- Appropriate \$108,137.80 from Free Cash to Fire SUV for 2 Ford Utility Interceptor vehicles (12/20/22)
- FYI letter from Attleboro Firefighters Union and Police Association regarding a meeting with the Administration. (9/20/22)
- 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)

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION**

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

(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.