

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR - MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020
7:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: February 18, and March 3, 2020. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the following amendment to City of Attleboro Ordinance 18 – Local Wetlands Protection:

Amend §18–1.8, PERMITS AND CONDITIONS of the LOCAL WETLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE by deleting the phrase “land within twenty–five (25’) feet of resource areas” and inserting in place thereof the phrase “land within seventy–five (75’) feet of resource areas” and deleting the phrase “a 25–foot wide continuous and undisturbed Wetlands Protection Zone” and inserting in place thereof the phrase “a 75–foot wide continuous and undisturbed Wetlands Protection Zone”.

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the following amendment to City of Attleboro Ordinance 18 – Local Wetlands Protection:

Amend the fourth paragraph under §18–1.8, PERMITS AND CONDITIONS of the LOCAL WETLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE by deleting the sentence “Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one–year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration.” and inserting in place thereof “Any permit may be extended once for up to three (3) additional years, subject to the discretion and approval of the Conservation Commission, provided that a request for an extension is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration.”

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

- Communication from the Walsh family of Newport Ave regarding safety at May Street. (02/17/20)
- Request to revisit the parking issue on Angeline Street and amend Section 10-5.2(A) ordinance. (1/21/20)
- To install a stop sign on Nichols Way at Richie Road. (Dolan 1/14/20)
- To install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) Wall St at South Main Street crosswalk. (Dolan 1/14/20)
- To install a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) south on South Main Street at the train station crosswalk. (Dolan)
- To install a solar flashing light southbound on Slater St. before Augsburg Dr. Refer to TSC (NB Porreca 12/17/19)
- To install a stop sign on Davis Ave at Pearl Street. (NB Porreca 12/17/19)
- To install a stop sign on Commerce Way at tiffany and install a stop sign Northbound on Tiffany St at Commerce Way. (NB Porreca 12/17/19)
- To restrict parking 20 feet on either side of residential entrances and egresses on Commerce Way adjacent to NESV (NB Porreca 12/17/19)
- Traffic Study Commission recommends delay Rathbun-Willard Dr. opening until proposed traffic light installed (11/19/19)
- Request to review the Lasalette Shrine Holiday Traffic issues (11/19/19 Jackson)
- Letter from Ms. Redlund - Zeoli of Augsburg Dr. about exiting to Slater Street. (10/15/19)
- Amend Section 10-4.15: Operation of Heavy Commercial Vehicles adding May St. from Washington St. to Newport Ave. (Ms. Porreca 11/6/18)
- Amend Section 10-4.6 Left Turn Prohibited: May Street to Newport Avenue: May Street traffic traveling --- bound prohibited from making a Left turn onto Newport Avenue Northbound unless directed by a public safety official. (Ms. Porreca 11/6/18)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & CITY DEVELOPMENT

- CDBG Budget and 2020 Program public hearing on April 7, 2020 (3/17/20)
- School request for parking lot repair and replacement at elementary schools \$180,000 (3/17/20)
- Request for cooling equipment rental for summer at the Library (3/17/20)
- Letter from Dee Dee Chang suggesting alternative solution to utility pole issues. (11/5/19)
- Petition from Green Dr. and Fairway Dr. neighbors regarding an oversized electrical pole installed in September (10/1/19)

PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Licensing Board appointment for Thomas Dion of Harvard Street. (3/17/20)
- Board of Trust appointment for David Bliss of Nathaniel Paine Road (3/17/20)
- Reappointments for : J. Bement, T McCrosson, A Wayland, R Legend and S Horan (3/17/20)
- Youth commission appointment of Jack Bennett (3/17/20)
- Constable appointment for Thomas Dion of Harvard Street. (3/17/20)
- Reappointment for J. Parent to the Fire Commission. (3/3/20)

PUBLIC WORKS

- Request for new Ford F350 pick-up truck for Water Department at \$51,494 (3/17/20)
- Request for new Ford F150 pick-up truck for Water Department at \$37,326 (3/17/20)
- Request for \$10,000 for recreational field spring projects across the city (3/17/20)
- Create Special Committee to address Ordinances for the Winter Parking Ban concern and Snow Removal. (NB 12/17/19)
- Robert Peterson communicating that parking ban is outdated. (12/17/19)
- Amy Lambert of Pleasant St. requesting help with drivers down her driveway thinking it is Pike Avenue (12/17/19)
- Haley Fiske communication suggesting winter parking ban is unnecessary (12/17/19)
- George Jackson suggesting “as needed” parking ban (12/17/19)
- A communication from Robert Peterson suggesting the parking ban is outdated and should only be on storm days. (12/17/19)
- Communication dated January 21, 2018 from resident Kellie Marcil, suggesting a change in the Winter Parking Ban (2/6/18)
- Communication dated January 15, 2018 from Adam Stuminski, relative to changes in the Winter Parking Ban (2/6/18)
- To investigate the following amendments: Section 11-10 Sidewalk Snow and Ice Removal and Section 11-10 Sidewalk Snow Removal in Commercial or Industrial Zones_(New Business—Ms. Porreca) (1/16/18)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

- FY2019 school bills to be paid in the amount of \$236.35 (3/17/20)
- Transfer request of \$1,015.20 to cover increase in salary for approved position in Mayor’s office (3/17/20)
- 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)

ZONING & LAND USE

- 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)

LICENSE

- Complaint against 100 Percent Auto Wholesalers from Doreen DuRoss (11/5/19)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

- Donation of a 55” TV to the Library worth \$300 (3/17/20)
- Surplus declaration of Ricoh Duplexing Copier in fair condition (3/17/20)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- Ordinance to 10-4.18 regarding Speed Humps/Speed Cushion (3/17/20)
- Proposed Ordinance amendment regarding Wetlands Protection changing from 25 feet to 75 feet. (2/4/20)
- Proposed Ordinance amendment regarding extension of time on Local Wetlands Permit (2/4/20)
- Request that a Special Commission to be formed to review the City Charter. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)
- To adopt Massachusetts General law Chapter 41, s. 61. (Ms. Jackson) (2/4/20)
- New Business to add a sentence to City Ordinance 9-28:1 regarding utility pole placement or relocation (Conti 11/5/19)
- To differentiate between the positions of an executive and legislative city solicitor section 2-3 of the Ordinances of the City of Attleboro. (Ms. Holmes and Mr. Kobus 10/16/18)
- Request for a new ordinance as it pertains to Smoking restrictions in cars with children in car seats (Public Hearing scheduled for September 18, 2018) (7/17/18)

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE COUNCIL’S RULES OF PROCEDURES

SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR TAX ABATEMENT REVIEW

- Request adjustment of money from \$600 to \$700 for property tax exemption for senior citizens. (5/7/19)
- Home Rule petition for city with House of Representatives Amendment Article 89 and MGL Ch. 43B to adopt Ordinance for a Senior Tax Program authorizing City to amend Ch. 169 of Acts of 2012 (House, 3815). (Mr. Conti 7/17/18)
- Create an Elderly and Disabled Taxation Aid Fund. (Mr. Kobus 9/18/18)
- That the City of Attleboro create a local property tax freeze program that will bar property tax increases for certain seniors and other eligible populations who are on a fixed income and most affected by an increase taxes (Mr. Kobus 9/18/18)

OLD BUSINESS: Renumbering of approved Ordinance for the Stretch Code. The number was duplicated for another ordinance amendment and must be corrected.

NEW BUSINESS: That the following item be referred to the appropriate committee for study and recommendation:

To review the City Ordinances and address any modification needed, up to and including the removal of Section 17-13.0, WATER RESOURCES PROTECTION DISTRICT

(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.