

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 18, 2021 - 7:00 P.M.  
AGENDA**

**REMOTE LINK: <https://zoom.us/j/636857461>**

**APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS:** April 20, May 4 and May 11 2021. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to amend Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, 10-7.3 “Automated Parking Fee Collection Device Fees” (Amended 12/21/04). Document available for review at City Council or Clerk’s office at 77 Park Street during regular business hours.

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING** regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 18, Local Wetland Protection, of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro. **(Continued to June 1, 2021)**

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC**

- A petition from Bourne Avenue residents requesting permanent speed humps (sent to Administration) (4/20/21)
- 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)
- 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 --- 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**

- Request IT needs assessment for entire city including pandemic effect in order to better serve (2/2/21 )(JD,CD,TD)
- Awaiting grant approval of \$200,000 which may offset Water department project (1/19/21)

**PERSONNEL VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

- Amend Personnel Rules and Regulations to include Juneteenth as a legal holiday as Mass.did in 2020 (5/18/21)

**PUBLIC WORKS**

- Transfer \$14,293.84 into Recreation – Ousley Field Renovation from several recreation funds (5/18/21)
- Appropriate \$28,000 from Free Cash to Public Works – Survey for Read Street sidewalk study (4/20/21)
- Robert Peterson communicating that parking ban is outdated. (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)

**BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

- Submission of the FY2022 General Government Annual Budget (5/11/21)
- Appropriate \$834,182.45 from free cash to General Fund – Fund Balance to reduce the FY2022 Tax Levy (5/11/21)
- Approve expenditures for 14 revolving funds as outlined under Ch. 20 of Ordinances for FY2022 (5/11/21)
- Approve the solid waste fee of \$251.06 an increase from FY2021 (5/11/21)
- Approve solid waste fee of \$60.44 per unit to be credited to Fund 2604 – Residential FY2022 (5/11/21)
- Submission of Water and Wastewater Enterprise Budgets for FY2022 (5/11/21)
- Approve the water fee of \$5.10 per 100 c.f. (5/11/21)
- Appropriate \$34,648.64 Water retained earnings to fund FY2022 Water Enterprise Budget (5/11/21)
- Appropriate \$14,832.40 from Wastewater retained earnings to Wastewater Betterment’s FY 2022 budget (5/11/21)
- Transfer \$640,452.91 from Water Enterprise Fund to General Gov. Fund (5/11/21)
- Transfer \$596,406.59 from Wastewater enterprise fund to General Government Fund for FY2022 (5/11/21)
- Appropriate \$17,918.71 from a completed sidewalk job to Sidewalk Fund-Other financing uses (5/18/21)
- To study the request to have a City Wide Vehicle Purchasing program. (11/3/20) (DiLisio, DeSimone and Jackson)
- Request that the Attleboro Municipal council conduct a review of the City’s fiscal policy & cash reserve policy (DiLisio)

- 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**

- Planning Board vote in favor of the petition for discontinuing a portion of Rathbun Willard Dr. (5/18/21)
- 2 letters from Planning Board regarding tripartite security agreements held at 2 unfinished subdivisions (4/6/21)
- Street acceptance for Grace Lane (3/16/21) (PH 4/6/21)
- Street acceptance for Simpson Avenue (3/16/21)(PH 4/6/21)
- Planning Board unanimous vote to adopt 17-13 Water Protection amendments (3/16/21)
- 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**

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

- Surplus for trade in value from the Police Department are three guns. (5/18/21)
- Surplus from the Water Department is a Toshiba Copier in poor condition (5/18/21)
- Water department 6 portable gas meters for disposal (11/3/20)

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

- Mayor's communication stating he authorized the adoption of 940 CMR (5/18/21)
- 4 letters of support and 2 against for the proposed Wetland Protection amendments ) (5/18/21)
- Amendment to 10-7.3 "Automated Parking Fee Collection Device Fees" (PH 5/18/21) (5/4/21)
- Ordinance amendment suggesting a fee report by Water Superintendent every 3 years (NB 4/20/21)
- Ordinance amendment suggesting a fee report by Wastewater Superintendent every 3 year (NB 4/20/21)
- Letter from Ted Charon regarding amendments to the Wetland Protection Ordinance for buffers (4/6/21)
- Letter from Timothy Caponigro regarding the Wetland Protection amendment proposal (4/6/21)
- Request to modify Revised Ordinance to change the term for appointed paid positions (4/6/21)
- Wetland Protections Act Chapter 18 - proposed amendments (3/16/21) (PH 5/4/21)
- Request to review the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro (12/15/20) (DiLisio)
- Requested amendments to Section 7 designed to make Attleboro a cleaner, greener, healthier place (9/22/20) (Styrofoam, Plastic food containers, plastic water bottles, plastic nip bottles and micro plastics)
- Letter from Mark Kolakowski regarding change of hours at the city Compost Center. (6/16/20)
- Ordinance to 10-4.18 regarding Speed Humps/Speed Cushion (3/17/20) (PH 1/5/21)
- Request that a Special Commission 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)

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE COUNCIL'S RULES OF PROCEDURES**

- Introduce the Revised Attleboro Municipal Council Rules of Procedure (4/28/20) (Docket of 5/19/20)

#### **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)
- Request to create a local property tax freeze program for certain seniors and other eligible populations (Mr. Kobus 9/18/18)

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS: To be referred for study and recommendation:**

Request to adopt MGL c.59 s 5, Clause 41D, Senior Exemption, which authorizes an annual increase in the income and asset limits for exemptions granted to senior citizens. (Dolan, Kobus 5/18/21)

**To be referred for study and recommendation:**

Request to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Ordinance by adding section 10-4.19 “Obstructing Traffic and Don’t Block the Box Intersections”. (DeSimone 5/18/21)

**To be referred for study and recommendation:**

Request to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Ordinance by deleting and replacing Section 10-5.13, Parking of Commercial Vehicles. (DeSimone 5/18/21)

(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.