

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
DOCKET
JUNE 1, 2021**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Peter Blais, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the need for funds to purchase and install workstations and chairs in the report room. The current tables and chairs, donated in 2008 by the U.S. Navy, have served their useful life. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$9,056.95 from Account 12101000-515020 (Police - Court Time) to Account 12101000-530101 (Police - Professional Services).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Chief of Police Kyle P. Heagney regarding the need for funds to purchase police technology equipment and technology software to support operational needs of the department. The items needed include telephone recording equipment and software, associated evidence room processing equipment and an automated fingerprint system. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$80,257.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3559 Police Technology.

In order for this funding source to be available for this request, a vote needs to be taken by June 30, 2021.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Cathleen DeSimone, Chairperson

New Business

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)

New Business

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)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CITY DEVELOPMENT

Richard Conti,
Chairperson

The Mayor is requesting that Your Honorable Body move \$400,000 from free cash to stabilization. In early 2018, then Budget Director Barry Lacasse presented an idea that

we use free cash to pay for \$1.2 million in two expenses as a way to reduce the amount taxpayers would borrow by \$1.2 million in our debt exclusion. This \$1.2 million in free cash was going to pay for the movement of CTE equipment to the new high school, and asbestos removal in the existing high school, which is supposed to happen before demolition so that asbestos particles do not contaminate the neighborhood's air. These are listed on the 3011 sheet itemizing expenses for the new high school. City Auditor Deb Gould recommended that the Mayor not annually roll that money over from certified free cash to certified free cash but that we put it in the city's stabilization account, as future certifications may not prove sufficient to set aside internally. Therefore, the Mayor is asking that you move \$400,000 – partially funded by interest earned on borrowing for the high school project – to the city's stabilization fund for later use to pay for the movement of the CTE equipment and the asbestos removal in the existing high school. Please note, this will require an appropriation request in the future from the stabilization fund. This payment is the second of three planned \$400,000 contributions that will total \$1.2 million. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$400,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 11241000-596000 (City Wide - Stabilization Fund). In order for this funding source to be available for this request, a vote needs to be taken by June 30, 2021.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Planning and Development Gary Ayrassian regarding the need for funds for a feasibility study of the infrastructure system for Mechanic's Pond dam and dike. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$23,300.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11751000-530101 (Planning and Land Use – Professional Services). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending request, will be \$2,253.16.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for additional funding for the design portion of the Fire Department Roof Replacement Project. The funds are needed to execute a design contract to keep pace with our schedule to complete the project in calendar year 2021. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$15,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3558 Fire Department Roofs. Therefore, in accordance with Article 2, Section 2-9 (b) of the City Charter of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to consider this as an **emergency measure**.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need to fund the construction portion of the contract for the Fire Department roof replacement before the next certification of free cash so we can execute a construction contract in late summer for a fall mobilization. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$500,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General

Government) to Fund 3558 Fire Department Roofs. In order for this funding source to be available for this request, a vote needs to be taken by June 30, 2021.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget and Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds for a Public Safety Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study. Therefore, the Mayor requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$200,000.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Fund 3560 Public Safety Assessment/Feasibility. In order for this funding source to be available for this request, a vote needs to be taken by June 30, 2021.

PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ty Waterman, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Veterans' Services Ben Quelle regarding the donation of a \$50.00 Stop & Shop gift card from Joanne Wright. In accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby request Your Honorable Body to accept this generous donation to the City of Attleboro.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Veterans' Services Ben Quelle regarding the need for funds to purchase a scanner for the Veterans' Office. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$550.00 from Account 15431000-577210 (Veterans - Parades) to Account 15431000-542010 (Veterans - Office Supplies).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Library Director Amy Rhilinger regarding a Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to the City of Attleboro for the Community-wide Big Read Program of approximately \$20,000.00. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to approve the expenditure of such funds and any other further grant amendments received by the Attleboro Public Library to support the Big Read Program activities as authorized by the granting authority. Copies of this year's selection will be provided once the title can be announced. The public distribution and events are scheduled to begin in September.

In order to properly budget and account for wages earned through June 30th, it is necessary to fund the accrued payroll, which historically has been referred to as a "53rd pay week." Therefore, in order to provide sufficient funding for the accrued payroll, the Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to transfer \$20,743.05 from 6100-578360 (Water - Reserve for 53rd week) to 6100-511000 (Water - Salary).

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accrued payroll, the Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to transfer \$26,804.62 from 6000-578360 (Wastewater - Reserve for 53rd week) to 6000-511000 (Wastewater - Salary).

The Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the appointment of Cemyra Ramos, 40 Orange Street, to fill an unexpired term on the Licensing Board. Term to expire February 2023.

PUBLIC WORKS

Kate Jackson, Chairperson

A National Grid/Verizon request to move a pole and install another at West St. and Rocklawn Avenue.

A National Grid request to install 2 heavy-duty hand holes and 2-4" of conduit from Pole 730 to Pole 732 at Highland Avenue.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the need for funds to make repairs to roadways and sidewalks due to water breaks and other needed patch work. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body appropriate \$33,345.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to the following accounts:

\$30,145.00 to Account 14201000-538053 (Public Works – Trench Repairs)
\$ 3,200.00 to Account 14201000-538055 (Public Works - Sidewalk Repair)

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS

Jay DiLisio, Chairperson

In order to properly budget and account for wages earned through June 30th, it is necessary to fund the accrued payroll, which historically has been referred to as a "53rd pay week." Therefore, in order to provide sufficient funding for the accrued payroll, the Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to transfer \$104,530.00 from Account 11241000-578360 (City Wide-Reserve for Compensation 53rd Week) to accounts as follows:

11211000-511000 \$1,410.00 (Mayor – Salary)
11211000-511100 \$50.00 (Mayor – Part Time)
11351000-511000 \$1,320 (Auditor – Salary)
11411000-511000 \$1,200.00 (Assessor – Salary)
11461000-511000 \$750.00 (Collector – Salary)
11621000-511000 \$600.00 (Elections – Salary)
11751000-511000 \$1,500.00 (Planning and Development – Salary)
12201000-511000 \$70,000.00 (Fire – Salary)
12201000-513000 \$15,300.00 (Fire – Overtime)
12201000-513021 \$1,750.00 (Fire – Dispatcher Overtime)
12201000-514010 \$1,250.00 (Fire – College Credit)

12201000-514020 \$4,200.00 (Fire – Night Differential)
12401000-511000 \$1,200.00 (Protective Inspection – Salary)
12921000-511000 \$500.00 (Animal Control – Salary)
15101000-511000 \$3,500.00 (Health – Salary)

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from City Treasurer Laura Gignac regarding the need for funds to cover the cost of additional banking services expenses for the remainder of fiscal year 2021. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$2,700.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide - Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11451000-530107 (Treasurer - Banking Services).

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Economic Development Director Catherine Feerick regarding the receipt of the MassDevelopment TDI Local Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to launch a small business signage program, Co.Sign. The Co.Sign program will provide eligible Downtown Attleboro businesses the opportunity to receive a new storefront sign at no cost, though they will be responsible for installation and any lighting they may choose to incorporate into the design. As a match for this grant, the Mayor is requesting a waiver of sign permitting fees for participating businesses, as required under section 17-16.5 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro. Electrical permit fees will still apply to any businesses seeking to light their signs.

In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve expending such funds and any future grant amendments.

Additionally, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to waive the sign permitting fees as required under Section 17-16.5 of the Revised Ordinance of the City of Attleboro.

ZONING AND LAND USE

Todd Kobus, Chairperson

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Planning and Development Gary Ayrassian recommending that the City accept a land donation on Collins Street (Plat 20; Lot #401) from attorney George I. Spatcher, Jr. on behalf of Mr. Antoine Chidiak. The subject property contains a land area of 4.3± acres and is zoned “Single Resident-B” and “Industrial”. It should be noted that real estate taxes are current through the end of fiscal year 2021.

In order to be able to record the deed for the end of FY2021 deadline, the Mayor hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF VOTE
OF
ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

I, Mark Cooper, hereby certify that I am the duly elected Chair of the Attleboro Municipal Council and that at a regular meeting of the Attleboro Municipal Council held on _____, 2021 _____ sitting members of the Attleboro Municipal Council being present and upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously,

VOTED:

That the Attleboro Municipal Council hereby approve, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40, §8C, the acceptance by the Conservation Commission of the donation of property owned by Antoine N. Chidiak shown on Attleboro Assessor's Map 20, Lot 401. And further that the Attleboro Municipal Council authorize the recording of a Deed together with a Certification of this Vote to be recorded with the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds.

A true copy,
Attest:

Mark Cooper, Chair of the
Attleboro Municipal Council
_____, 2021

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Planning and Development Gary Ayrassian recommending that the City accept a land donation located off Augsburg Drive (Plat 136; Lot #5YY) from attorney Edward J. Casey on behalf of Viridian Development, LLC. The subject property contains a land area of 28± acres and is zoned "Single Resident-D". It should be noted that real estate taxes are current through the end of fiscal year 2021. (Copies in your packets)

In order to be able to record the deed for the end of FY2021 deadline, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2021.

I, Mark Cooper, hereby certify that I am the duly elected Chair of the Attleboro Municipal Council and that at a regular meeting of the Attleboro Municipal Council held on _____, 2021 _____ sitting members of the Attleboro Municipal Council being present and upon a motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously,

VOTED:

That the Attleboro Municipal Council hereby approve, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40, §8C, the acceptance by the Conservation Commission of the donation of property owned by Viridian Development, LLC shown on Attleboro Assessor's Map 136, Lot 5YY. And further that the Attleboro Municipal Council authorize the recording of a Deed together

with a Certification of this Vote to be recorded with the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds.

A true copy,
Attest:

Mark Cooper, Chair of the
Attleboro Municipal Council
_____, 2021

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Planning and Development Gary Ayrassian recommending that the City accept real estate located off Riverbank Road (Plat 41; Lot #102C1) from Alviti Realty Co., Inc. The subject property contains a land mass of 4.4± acres and is zoned “General Residence-C”. It should be noted that real estate taxes are current through the end of fiscal year 2021. (Copies in your packets)

In order to be able to record the deed for the end of FY2021 deadline, I hereby request Your Honorable Body to consider this prior to June 30, 2021.

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VOTED:

That the Attleboro Municipal Council hereby approve, pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 40, §8C, the acceptance by the Conservation Commission of the donation of property owned by Alviti Realty Co., Inc. shown on Attleboro Assessor’s Map 41, Lot 102C1. And further that the Attleboro Municipal Council authorize the recording of a Deed together with a Certification of this Vote to be recorded with the Bristol Northern District Registry of Deeds.

A true copy,
Attest:

Mark Cooper, Chair of the
Attleboro Municipal Council
_____, 2021

LICENSES

Laura Dolan, Chairperson

A letter and back up information asking for assistance with 100 Percent Auto at 21 Washington Street and their Lemon Law violations.

CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS

Sara-Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson

Additional funding is needed in the Retrofit Account to pay the On-Bill payments for 95 Pine Street for the remainder of the fiscal year. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body transfer \$1,473.91 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11241000-587385 (City Wide – Retrofit). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$28,253.16.

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Diana Holmes, Chairperson

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SENIOR TAX

Todd Kobus, Chairperson

NEW BUSINESS

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)