

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2023 – AGENDA
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: December 13 and 20, 2022 and January 3 and 17, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING: (A joint public hearing with the Planning Board) to discuss amending the Zoning Ordinance 17, Zoning, to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units on qualifying residential properties.

PUBLIC HEARING: to discuss Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances be amended by adding a new section, 12-6 Inclusive Parks and Playgrounds.

PUBLIC HEARING: regarding the following loan order to purchase a fire department ambulance:

ORDERED: That Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) be appropriated for the cost of purchasing and equipping an Ambulance; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$475,000.00) under Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.

PUBLIC HEARING: regarding the annual fee/permit issued for underground propane storage to residents as part of Ordinance 6-5, Fire Prevention Fee Schedule for Non-Permit Services.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Rescind vote #14 on January 17, 2023 certificate of vote as it was already voted on January 3, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS: For study and recommendation:

That the Senior Property Tax Work-Off program be revised to increase the maximum abatement; and that due consideration be given to some specific issues. (DeSimone and Waterman)

New Business: For Study and Recommendation:

For Study and Recommendation: Evaluate current layout, safety signage, and conditions of crosswalks on Oakhill Ave near Hyman Fine school. (Bennett)

New Business: For Study and Recommendation:

To recommend amendments to Ordinance 10-7, Use of Automated Parking Fee Collection Devices. (DeSimone and Waterman)

ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES

LICENSE COMMITTEE

- New Class II license from Tyson Auto Inc. 885 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

- Certificate of Vote from the planning Board to recommend \$355,000 loan for front end loader for Water (1/17/23)
- Appropriate \$49,000 from Water retained earnings to Fund 3339 PFAS for temporary treatment design (2/7/23)
- New business for Emergency Parking Ban and amendments to Section 10-5 (12/20/22)
- New Business for Inclusive parks and playgrounds (1/3/23) (DeSimone & Dolan) (PH 2-7-23)
- Loan Order for \$355,000 for a front-end loader for Water Department (12/20/22) (PH 1/17/23)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Capital Improvements Program for FY24-28 with a public hearing scheduled for 2-21-23 (1/17/23)
- Close Fund 3231-Anoxic Mixer and transfer to Wastewater Enterprise Fund 6000 (2/7/23)
- Close Fund 3313 – Waster SCADA and transfer \$10,780 to Water Enterprise Fund 6100 (2/7/23)
- Transfer \$515.04 from Reserve for Transfer to City Bills from previous years to pay FY22 Constellation bill (2/7/23)
- Appropriate \$195,843.41 from Free Cash to Fund 2421 COVID FEMA for expenses not covered by the grant (1/3/23)
- Accept MGL Chapter 40 Section 13D to establish a reserve fund for compensated absences (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$500,000 to Fund 2517 Reserve compensated absence to fund the general government share (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$16,790 from Wastewater Retained Earnings to Fund 2517 and \$13,260 from Water Fund for same (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$150,000 from Free Cash to Planning and Land Use – Comprehensive Plan (12/20/22)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

- Request there be no parking from Orange Street to Brownell Street on Parker St. Westerly side (2/7/23)
- 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)
- 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)
- Amendment to the Parking ordinance to address the reopening of Rathbun Willard Drive (4/19/22) (PH 6/7/22)

IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

- Approve multi year lease agreement with Crown Castle (T-Mobile) for cell tower lease (2/7/23)

ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE

- Street acceptance of a portion of Dale court as a public way (2/7/23) (PH 2-21-23)
- Accept Easement for 317 Bishop Street Map 121 Lot 23 – 1 to maintain a rounding curb at Bishop and Pike (1/3/23)
- Accept Easement at 536 Read Street Map 76, Lot 474C for constructions of a sidewalk (1/3/23)
- Appropriate \$5,000 from Free Cash to Fund 3563-581025 Read Street Sidewalk Taking/Easement (1/3/23)
- Adopt an Inclusionary Zoning ordinance (See Goal 11, Policy 3 of comprehensive plan) (9/20/22) (10/4/22)
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance to allow for Accessory Dwelling Units (12/21/21) (PH 2-7-23)
- Mobile Home Park zoning district proposed (11/2/21)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS COMMITTEE

- Appropriate \$27,500 from Free Cash to Building Renovations for Shang Building “Election” office space (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 Brookwood Road to Council on Aging (1/3/23)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- Election Commission letter regarding police staffing at polling locations (2/7/23)
- 2 letters of opposition to ordinance change for marijuana zoning, Mr. Cook and Mr. DuPlessie (2/7/23)
- 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)
- Marijuana Zoning Ordinances be amended to create an overlay district for GB (1/17/23)
- Amend Council Rules and procedures section 7-1 1(a) to vote items out of committee (1/3/23)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 1-17-23)
- Correct mistake from 11-15-22 vote #20 regarding water rates and also wastewater rates (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)

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- 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

- Approve expending funds from EOPSS Bullet Proof Vest Program (2/7/23)
- Loan order for \$475,000 for purchase of an Ambulance (1/17/23) (PH 2/7/23)
- Annual fee for propane underground tanks to be inspected (1/3/23) (PH 2/7/23)
- 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.