

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2023 – AGENDA
77 PARK STREET, CITY HALL**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: March 7, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING: to discuss a senior citizen municipal parking fee waiver program, (Library Lot), be created by amending Section 10-7.2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro. Details available through the City Council Office at City Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING: to discuss proposed amendments to the following ordinance:

Chapter 19 Stormwater Management of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro

1. Amend Chapter 19 Stormwater Management Ordinance of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, as amended, by deleting in its entirety “Appendix E – Median Pollutant Removal for Approved Practices to Meet Water Quality Treatment Criteria”.
2. Amend §19–1.1, Purpose by inserting the language “in accordance with the City’s requirements for authorized coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)” at the end of the first sentence.

PUBLIC HEARING: regarding a loan order for the following:

“ORDERED: that Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) is appropriated for the designing, permitting, bidding, construction oversight and construction costs associated with the remodeling, reconstructing and making of extraordinary repairs to the roof and windows at Willett Elementary School, located at 32 Watson Ave in Attleboro, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the “Project”); that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) under Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this Project.”

ITEMS OPEN IN COMMITTEES

(Acting - President to assign Committee for exploration of new dog park) (NB 2/7/23 Docket)

LICENSE COMMITTEE

- A letter from Emory Convenience requesting a special act from State House to grant a liquor license (8/16/22)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

- Transfer \$2,500 from Reserve fund to Animal Control Vehicle Maintenance (3/21/23)
- Transfer \$8,042.92 from city Wide Reserve to Recreation – New Playground Equipment for repairs (3/21/23)
- New business for Emergency Parking Ban and amendments to Section 10-5 (12/20/22)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Loan order for \$2,000,000 a project for extraordinary repairs to windows & roof at Willett School (3/21/23)
- Appropriate \$25,000 - General Fund and transfer \$125,000 unused COA feasibility fund to Willett Roof (3/21/23)
- Capital Improvements Program for FY24-28 with a public hearing scheduled for 2-21-23 (1/17/23)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

- New Business to evaluate current layout, signage and conditions for crosswalks near Hyman Fine (2/21/23)
- 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)

IT & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

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ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE

- 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

- Surplus for disposition 3 printers from the Council on Aging which are inoperable (3/21/23)
- Surplus Council on Aging office furniture including wood and metal frame chairs and desk (3/21/23)
- Surplus for disposition 2003 Ford Ranger in very poor condition from Recreation department (3/21/23)

- Surplus for disposition Park & Forestry equipment including 2 vehicles, Kubota Mower and Snow blower (3/21/23)
- Donated to Police -fifteen 2022 Mass Criminal Law books and six 2022 Mass Criminal Procedure books (3/21/23)
- 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

- New business to amend ordinance for pay raise of councilors and school committee (last done 11/16/2010) (3/7/23)
- Amendments to Exempt Plan to add Inspector of Buildings and City Facilities Manager (2/21/23)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS & LEGISLATIVE MATTERS COMMITTEE

- Amend Stormwater Management Ordinance, c. 19 with a PH on 3-21-23 (3/7/23)
- 3 letters supporting Sustainability commission – School Superintendent, Land Trust Board and Housing Authority (3/7/23)
- Certificate of vote from the Planning Board unanimously rejecting marijuana business proposed amendments (3/7/23)
- Amend Sec 10-7.2 of Ordinances allowing Parking for seniors at the library (PH 3-21-23) (Desimone, Waterman)
- 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)
- 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)
- 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)
- Proposed amendments to Section 17, Marijuana, to include changes to zoning and definitions (PB-PH 9-20-22)
- 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

- Transfer \$1,750 from Education clothing to Education Uniforms for crossing guard new hires (3/21/23)
- 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)

No Old Business

New Business - to confirm the appointment of Mayor Cathleen Desimone as representatives of the city on the Sturdy Memorial Hospital Board of Managers to fill an unexpired term to the Board. Terms to expire December 2023.

(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.