

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: July 18, August 6, August 20, August 22 and September 3, 2019. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING: relative to the request for the installation of a Stop Sign on Bliss Avenue at Bourne Avenue.

PUBLIC HEARING relative to the request for the installation of a Stop Sign on Bourne Avenue at South Main Street.

PUBLIC HEARING: relative to the petition from NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON requesting permission to install a new pole and anchor 65 FT from pole 316 to provide electric service for a city storage yard on Pond Street – between Read Street and Central Avenue.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING relative to the request that the Council declare surplus and available for disposition the old Richardson School at 95 Pine Street.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Transfer Wastewater Treatment funds of \$13,650 for two interfaced computers for the sand filters. (9/3/19)
- 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)
- That Riverfront Drive be re-named Judy’s Way. (07/20/17) NB: Mr. Conti

PERSONNEL & HUMAN SERVICES

- To assign a permanent department and department head for the formerly known Highland Country Club. (3/5/19)
- Communication from City Auditor Deborah Gould regarding Disclosure by Non-Elected Municipal Employee form (4/3/18)
- That in accord with the City of Attleboro Massachusetts City Charter Article 3 Section 3-1 which reads “The Mayor shall receive for his services such salary as the municipal council shall by ordinance determine within the first eighteen months of the term of office and is to be effective at the start of the next term of office.” that effective January 1, 2020, the salary of the City of Attleboro Mayor be set at \$100,000.00 per year and, in addition, that the position of Mayor shall be removed from the City of Attleboro Classification Plan as defined in the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro Chapter 13, Personnel, Section 5.1 Mayor (amended 1/5/11) which is to be deleted. In accord with City Charter Article 2 Section 7B, this measure will call for a public hearing and that a majority of the Municipal Council shall be required to adopt said Ordinance revision. (New Business – Mr. Conti) (3/20/18)

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS & CITY DEVELOPMENT

ZONING & LAND USE

- Grant an easement to Columbia Gas for pipe replacement at Capron Park Zoo (9/3/19)
- A Resolution to suggest the administration conduct a retrospective of a natural gas leak on Torrey Street.(Co-Sponsored by Councilor Kobus and Councilor DiLisio)
- 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)

TRANSPORTATION & TRAFFIC

- A communication from Andreoni Law Offices regarding the “misunderstood” letter sent in March referring to the problems on Angeline Street. (7/16/19)
- Correspondence from residents of Holden Street with suggestions to alleviate traffic and road condition issues. (7/16/19)
- Amend Section 10-4.6 Left Turn Prohibited: Greenfield St. to South Ave: Greenfield St. Traffic travelling ---- bound prohibited from making a left turn on South Ave. N-bound unless directed by a public safety official. (Ms. Porreca 11/6/18)
- 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)
- Request to study the need for a “Stop” sign at Bank Street Extension and Bridget Way. (PH 10-16-18) (9/18/18)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

- Final Cherry Sheet for FY20 changes to State and County Assessments, \$36,829 more than submitted on budget (9/3/19)
- Final Cherry Sheet for FY20 increase to Chapter 70 School Aid of \$502,597 (9/3/19)
- To establish a budget under a specific department and superintendent for the former Highland Country Club. (3/5/19)
- Communication from Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission regarding FY2020 appropriation (11/20/18)
- 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)
- That the City of Attleboro accept a local exemption to allow research and development corporations to be taxed as manufacturing corporations in accord with M.G.L. c. 59, § 5, cl. 16(3), as amended by St. 2010, c. 240, § 108, effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018. (03/21/17: NB Mr. Conti)
- To research/investigate establishing a separate Stabilization Fund for the purposes of establishing a fund to replace the Attleboro High School track surface and/or the artificial athletic field (NB—Mr. Kirby and Mr. Conti)
- To establish a procedure for notifying the business community of proposed new ordinances or revisions to existing ordinances that may affect their businesses. (New Business—Mr. Cook and Mr. Bergevine)

LICENSE

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

- Surplus a school 2007 Chevy cut Away mini bus with wheelchair lift (9/3/19)
- Approve 60 month lease of a digital equipment for the Graphic Arts Dept in CTE (9/3/19)
- Surplus items from the School Department including speaker, flagpoles, starting blocks and ladders. (9/13/19)
- Donation of backboards, rims and basketballs from Attleboro Youth Basketball Association to Attleboro schools. (8/20/19)
- Disposition of Water Department air conditioners and poly-science water bath. (8/20/19)
- Lease agreement for 36 months for a Toshiba copier for CDBG office and paid for by CDBG. (8/20/19)
- Disposition of a 14 drawer side by side filing cabinet from the Treasurer's office. (8/20/19)
- Disposition request for the 95 Pine Street building aka Richardson School. (5/7/19)
- Allow Passive Recreation on property formerly known as Highland Country Club. (3/5/19)

ORDINANCES, ELECTIONS AND LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

- To establish in the City of Attleboro, a Mobile Home/Manufactured Homes Rent Control Board. (7/18/19)
- Correspondence from Attorney John Jacobi summarizing the School Building Committee interest in the Permanent Traffic Calming Measures public hearing scheduled July 18, 2019. (7/16/19)
- Amendment to Ordinance 3 regarding Registration and Maintenance of Vacant Buildings (6/18/19)
- Amendment to Ordinance 9-35 Dog Control Provisions and 9-35.1 Definitions Animal Control Officer. (PH 6/18/19)
- 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)
- Addition of Ordinance for Speed Humps/Cushions, 10-4.18 (9/10/16/18)
- 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)

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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)
- Request the Senior Citizens Property Tax Work off abatement participants' change from 120 to 150. (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:

NEW BUSINESS:

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