

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2019 – REGULAR
7:00 P.M. AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF THE RECORDS: September 24, 2019 and September 17, 2019. Executive Sessions June 6, 2017, June 27, 2017, April 10, 2018 and March 12, 2019.

PUBLIC WORKS

- FY19 invoices from DPW \$454.19 and \$195.87 (9/17/19)
- Letter from Tiffany Street residents regarding speed limit sign removal. (9/17/19)
- 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**

- Confirmation for Mary Flaherty to Disability commission. (9/17/19)
- Confirmation of Verity Preston to Attleboro Youth Commission (9/17/19)
- 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

- \$50 membership fee for MAPPO for purchasing department. (9/17/19)

ZONING & LAND USE

- Easement for Capron Park pipe repair. (10-1-19)
- Letters from Nova farms regarding license suspension (9/17/19)
- Grant an easement to Columbia Gas for pipe replacement at Capron Park Zoo (9/3/19)
- 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

- S.A. pedestrian walkway letter to the MBTA (9/17/19)
- New business for the installation of a Stop Sign on Bliss at Bourne. (9-3-19)
- New business for the installation of a Stop Sign Bourne and South Main Street (9/3/19)
- Correspondence from residents of Holden Street with suggestions to alleviate traffic and road condition issues. (7/16/19)
- 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)

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

- FY19 billing obligations \$5,038.72 for Attleboro school system. (9/17/19)
- 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

- Class II license for 97 Emory Street. (PH 10-15-19)
- Parade notification for road closure 10-27-19 from Norton recreation department (9/17/19)

CITY PROPERTY & CLAIMS

- Donation of Field Hockey for AHS from Rebeckha Lynn Whitefield Foundation (9/17/19)
- Attleboro pool surplus equipment – Rob Geddes letter. (9/17/19)
- Donation of \$100 restaurant cards to Health department and outreach offices. (9/17/19)
- Surplus declaration of used water meters (9/17/19)
- 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

- Grant for \$22,500 to Fire Depart for gear extractor and drying cabinet (9/17/19)

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: To increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under M.G.L. c. 59, s, Clause 41A from \$20,000 to (100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for seniors who are not heads to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year), with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for (the/any) fiscal year beginning after July 1. 2020. (Co-sponsored by Councilors Holmes and Kobus)

NEW BUSINESS: That the city of Attleboro reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under M.G.L. c.59, s 5 , Clause 41A from 8% to 2.5 % with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning after July 1. 2020. (co-sponsored by councilors Homes and Kobus)

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