

**ATTLEBORO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL  
DOCKET  
OCTOBER 19, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARINGS OCTOBER 19, 2021:

**PUBLIC HEARING** for setting the tax classification for Fiscal Year 2022.

**PUBLIC HEARING** to discuss the possible revocation, alteration or suspension of the class II license for R & D Motors located at 116 Dickens Street.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Peter Blais, Chairperson**

**TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC**

**Cathleen DeSimone, Chairperson**

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

**Richard Conti, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to replace the pool circulation pump and the spray feature pump at the Fred E. Briggs pool. The Briggs Pool is now 18 years old and the pumps have been a concern for a number of summers. This summer both pumps seized and an outside vendor was needed to get both pumps operating to get through the season. Therefore, the Mayor hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$32,340.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide - Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 16301000-589100 (Recreations - Briggs Pool). A 10% contingency is included in this request.

As you are aware, the City is in need of replacing a Fire Engine, as identified in the City of Attleboro Capital Improvements Program for FY2022-2026. The Fire Chief needs to replace a front-line engine. The estimate for this vehicle is \$675,000.00. Therefore, the Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to approve the following loan order:

ORDERED: That Six Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) be appropriated for the cost of purchasing and equipping a Fire Engine; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow Six Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$675,000.00) 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. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this order, less any such premium applied to the payment of the

costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

For your information: The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding an update on the Hyman Fine and Hill Roberts gym floor replacements.

**PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Pursuant to Section 1-14 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, the following reappointments were not administered the oath of office within the thirty-day timeframe. Therefore, the Mayor respectfully submits for confirmation by Your Honorable Body the following reappointments for the positions and for the terms as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Barbara Clark February 2024	Council on Human Rights	3 Year	
Rose Miconi 2024	Conservation Commission	3 Year	February
Jason Gittle 2026	Planning Board	5 Year	February
Christopher Quinn February 2022	Health Officer	1 Year	
Kyle P. Heagney 2022	Lockup Keeper	1 Year	February

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Kate Jackson, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the award of a grant as part of the Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistant Grant Funding Program in the amount of \$49,270 towards final engineering and permitting to replace the culvert on Peckham Street. Please note that there is no matching requirement. 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 of such funds and any future grant amendments.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds due to an increase in residential units participating in the Solid Waste program. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$10,865.34 to Account 15101000-529070 (Health - Waste/Recycle Collection).

## **BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

**Jay DiLisio, Chairperson**

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Attleboro Public Schools Director of Finance Marc Furtado regarding an FY21 invoice from W.B. Mason in the amount of \$45.09 that was not received in time to be processed in the normal FY21 business cycle. Therefore, the Mayor hereby requests Your Honorable Body to authorize the School Department to pay this previous year school bill totaling \$45.09 as identified in Mr. Furtado's communication.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull detailing updated state assessments that were released after Your Honorable Body passed the fiscal 2022 Budget. The final State and County Assessments are \$52,980.00 more than what was submitted during the budget process, and the new amount is \$5,946,437 (see chart below and enclosed memo). The Mayor respectfully requests Your Honorable Body to rescind the Intergovernmental State & County Assessments in the amount of \$5,893,457.00 within Council Vote #10 of June 17, 2021 and replace it with the amount listed below.

<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>Account No.</b>	<b>FY2022 House Ways &amp; Means Budget</b>	<b>Final FY2022 Figure 07/19/2021</b>	<b>Diff. (\$\$)</b>
		Rescind	Vote	
County Tax	19801000-562100	\$529,261.00	\$529,261.00	\$ -
Mosquito Control Projects	19801000-563900	\$109,513.00	\$109,507.00	\$ (6.00)
Air Pollution Districts	19801000-564000	\$12,728.00	\$12,728.00	\$ -
RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	19801000-564600	\$86,460.00	\$86,460.00	\$ -
Regional Transit	19801000-566300	\$439,548.00	\$439,548.00	\$ -
Special Education	19801000-565000	\$40,777.00	\$41,237.00	\$ 460.00
School Choice Sending Tuition	19801000-565100	\$472,962.00	\$525,488.00	\$ 52,526.00
Charter School Sending Tuition	19801000-565200	\$4,202,208.00	\$4,202,208.00	\$ -
<b>Total All Estimated Charges:</b>		<b>\$5,893,457.00</b>	<b>\$5,946,437.00</b>	<b>\$ 52,980.00</b>

For your information: During the preparation of the annual budgets, assessors across the Commonwealth provide budget officials with a preliminary estimate of the new growth increase in the community's Proposition 2 ½ levy limit, so that a preliminary limit can be calculated and a revenue estimate established. However, the Boards of Assessors are then required to report final new growth each year as a part of setting the tax rate. At this time, the Board of Assessors has not received a certified number from the Department of Revenue. The certification can come as early as next week – after the five days of required public disclosure by the Assessor's Office – and it is anticipated that the certified figure be available to Your Honorable Body for the October 19, 2021 meeting.

What we do know at the moment is that state aid to the City decreased \$22,997.00 from the House Ways & Means budget – which served as the basis of our budget document in May – to the final adopted budget from the state. The request for the new growth figure eventually be appropriated in an amount less this reduction so as to keep the budget balanced without the need for additional resources.

An additional request will be sent for the new growth left to be appropriated, be split in half between the City side and the School Department, as has been the practice in recent years. We have been working with School Finance Director Marc Furtado to determine the areas in which the school could best use these additional funds. The Mayor will also be requesting that the City half be appropriated to the Department of Public Works for sidewalk repair and maintenance at a level less the \$52,980.00 increase in state charges and assessments, so as to keep the balance in balance with current resources.

For your information: Debt issued for the AHS construction is excluded from the City's debt limit and Proposition 2 ½ levy limit. The tax rate includes excluded debt equal to the principal and interest on the bonds due that fiscal year. Municipal Council passed a fiscal 2022 budget based upon available debt service figures known in May 2021 when the budget was submitted.

The City will sell \$13 million of new money General Obligation Bonds for the AHS project on October 18, 2021. No principal will be due on these bonds in fiscal 2022, so only an interest payment will need to be appropriated. The City is also selling \$20 million in short-term Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs) in anticipation of MSBA reimbursements for the project. The debt service for those notes will be included in the fiscal 2023 budget request, as they will come due in October 2022.

The first bond principal payment will be due October 2022 and will be included in the initial budget submission for fiscal 2023.

The Mayor will detail the final figures on an October 19, 2021 memorandum after the bonds have sold and we have accurate interest payment figures. The final figures will be communicated to Municipal Council and will need to be voted prior to the tax classification vote.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding the need for funds related to the Bristol County

Agricultural High School debt service. Bristol County Agricultural High School (BCAHS) has a construction project with MSBA participation for which BCAHS is responsible for a portion of the debt. BCAHS communicated to the City in April 2021 that a portion of the debt service related to their \$52.5 million debt issuance would be payable by constituent manipulates proportionate to their enrollment in BCAHS. This is assessed separately from tuition.

Therefore, the Mayor respectfully requests a transfer of \$119,593.20 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 13001000-562200 (Education - Bristol Agricultural HS Debt). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$104,129.19.

The Mayor respectfully submits a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull regarding a supplemental appropriation for a one-time receipt. The City has received a one-time rebate check from National Grid in the amount of \$311,721.25 for allowing National Grid to convert street lights for increased energy efficiency. The City is under no obligation for further investment to retain these funds nor are the funds restricted for use by National Grid; they can be used for any lawful municipal purpose. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$311,721.25 to Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide - Reserve Fund for Transfer). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending request, will be \$415,850.44.

A Planning Board Certificate of Vote affirming that the \$6,200,000.00 loan to make energy efficiency improvements to City school buildings is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**ZONING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE**

**Todd Kobus, Chairperson**

**LICENSE**

**Laura Dolan, Chairperson**

We received an application to renew a class II license from C & S Millennium Motors 1844 County Street with 10 customer spaces and 8 display spaces.

Automazed, Inc. of 885 Washington Street submitted a Class II renewal application for 885 Washington Street with 10 customer spaces, 55 display spaces and 48 storage spaces.

From Automazed II, Inc. of 826 Washington Street submitted a Class II renewal application for 13 customer spaces, 80 display spaces and 38 storage spaces.

**CITY PROPERTY AND CLAIMS**

**Sara-Lynn Reynolds, Chairperson**

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Diana Holmes, Chairperson**

A communication Teresa Torrsell of Read Street expressing opposition to the proposed Wetland Ordinance amendments.

A communication from Robert Catenacci following up with a Council request for additional materials regarding the Wetland Ordinance amendments