

**Municipal Council
REGULAR MEETING**

**January 18, 2022
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.**

President DiLisio stated who was on zoom and who was in the chamber. Councilor Blais was not present.

President DiLisio led the Councilors in a salute to the flag.

City Clerk Kate Jackson read the first public hearing notice:

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING to discuss the proposed amendment to Ordinance 17-3.3 Prohibited Uses to include a definition for commercial vehicle.

The Planning Board members in attendance were on Zoom were Chair Jason Gittle, Secretary Thom Morin, Jim Lewis, Sean McNamara

Speaking in favor was Director of Planning, Gary Ayrassian who suggested additional language to more define “Commercial Vehicles” within the suggested ordinance amendment.

Speaking in favor was Building Inspection Superintendent William McDonough who also recommended some additional language to clarify some areas.

There was no one to speak against and no one to speak neither for nor against. Planning Board Chair and Chair of Transportation Bennett agreed to close the public hearing.

Clerk Jackson read the second public hearing notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: to discuss a proposed amendment to City Ordinance 10-5.13, Limited for Commercial Vehicles and Trailers.

Building Inspection Superintendent William McDonough spoke in favor of the amendment suggesting it will clarify the definition of Commercial Vehicles.

Director of Planning, Gary Ayrassian spoke in favor. No one came to speak against. No one came to speak neither for nor against. The public hearing was closed.

Clerk Jackson read the third public hearing notice.

PUBLIC HEARING: regarding waiving of building permit fees for the roof replacement for Fire Department Headquarters and Briggs Corner Fire Station.

No one came to speak in favor. No one came to speak against. No one spoke neither for nor against. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: regarding a requested amendment of Section 10-5.2 (A) of the Revised Ordinances of Attleboro to prohibit parking on westerly side of Stobbs Drive.

Speaking in favor was Vice Principal Al Svenden of Bishop Feehan High School.

Speaking in favor was Pam Folan of Harvard Street.

No one came to speak against and no one spoke neither for nor against. The public hearing was closed.

Clerk Jackson then read the Mayor's communication.

January 18, 2022

Dear Municipal Councilors:

1. I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Budget & Administration Jeremy Stull requesting to amend 10-8 Monthly Parking (Amended 10/1/2013) in the Revised Ordinance of the City of Attleboro. There are three problems that this proposed amendment is trying to remedy: no mechanism for bulk discounts to be applied quarterly, no mechanism to prorate passes bought mid-month, and the level of the fee that has been flat for more than 16 years. City Solicitor Cynthia Amara reviewed the changes and approved them to form. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body vote on the following ordinance change:

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section 10-8 Monthly Parking

Monthly parking fees may be established and collected for any municipal parking area. All such fees shall be collected in advance on a single-month basis by the Parking Clerk or his/her designee. All said monies shall be deemed to have been received as parking meter receipts and shall be used by the City of Attleboro for any purpose authorized by General Laws for the use of parking meter receipts. Monthly parking fees are hereby established as follows:

-Sanford Street Parking Lot, Municipal Parking Garage and the two (2) Municipal Parking Lots located off of Bank Street:

Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month effective from July 1, 2022 and thereafter.

Effective March 1, 2022, the following discounts shall be available:

-All passes (quantities of 1-9) shall receive a 10% discount if paid quarterly in advance

-10-19 Monthly or Quarterly Passes shall receive a 15% discount if paid in advance

-20-29 Monthly or Quarterly Passes shall receive a 25% discount if paid in advance
-30 more Monthly or Quarterly Passes shall receive a 33 1/3% discount if paid in advance.

-Monthly passes purchased after the 15th of said month shall receive a 50% discount, applied after any applicable bulk discount. No other partial proration will be permitted. There will be no prorated fee for quarterly passes.

Voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on February 15, 2022 for the parking fee amendment.

2. I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds to purchase a John Deere 1600 Series III Mower. This equipment will replace a 2000 John Deer large span mower. A 5% contingency has been added to this request. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$61,776.75 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to 16301000-585046 (Recreation – Mower).

3. I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Recreation Dennis Walsh regarding the need for funds for the Willett Field Renovation and Irrigation Project. This project will include leveling the playing surface, adding top soil and the installation of an irrigation system and a well. A 10% contingency has been added to this request. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$48,400.00 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 1100630-584010 (Continuing Appropriation Rec – Site Improvements).

4. I respectfully submit a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the need for funds to purchase sixteen (16) new solar powered speed radar signs. A 10% contingency has been added to this request. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$70,171.84 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 14201000-585083 (Public Works – Radar Sign Systems).

5. I respectfully submit a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the need for funds to purchase six (6) new solar powered crosswalk systems. A 10% contingency has been added to this request. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body appropriate \$62,312.98 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 14201000-585082 (Public Works – Crosswalk Systems).

6. I respectfully submit a communication from Superintendent of Public Works Michael Tyler regarding the need for additional funds to purchase a new truck-mounted berming/gravel thrower. As you know, on December 21, 2021, Your Honorable Body voted an appropriation of \$10,695.00 for this purchase, however, when placing the order, DPW was informed that the manufacturer had since increased the purchase price. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$2,055.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 14201000-

585040 (Public Works – Equipment). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$38,668.26. (Copies in your packets)

7. I respectfully submit a communication from Superintendent of Park & Forestry Derek Corsi regarding the need for funds for pest extermination at the old animal shelter. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$1,085.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 12921000-524011 (Animal Control – Maintenance of Buildings). Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer, to include any pending requests, will be \$37,583.26. (Copies in your packets)

8. I respectfully submit a communication from Election Office Manger Cheryl Perry regarding the need to transfer funds to purchase ten (10) Franklin 4-station voting booths to replace existing voting booths that are beyond repair. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$9,479.00 from Account 11621000-531020 (Elections – Elections Police) to Account 11621000-542020 (Elections – Supplies Election Equipment).

Additionally, a transfer is needed to purchase four (4) heavy duty storage shelving units to store miscellaneous election supplies at the Elections Annex. Therefore, I hereby request Your Honorable Body transfer \$556.00 from Account 11621000-531020 (Elections – Elections Police) to Account 11621000-542020 (Elections – Supplies Election Equipment).

9. I respectfully submit a communication from Director of Council on Aging Melissa Tucker regarding a grant that has been awarded from The Massachusetts Councils On Aging Service Incentive Grant in the amount of \$7,719.00. This grant will be used for outreach and marketing materials. No matching funds are required by the City. In accordance with Chapter 1, Section 12 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, I hereby request Your Honorable Body approve expending of such funds and any future grant amendments. (Copies in your packets)

10. I respectfully request Your Honorable Body to transfer \$2,190.00 from Account 11241000-578300 (City Wide – Reserve Fund for Transfer) to Account 11241000-578020 (City Wide-Bills from Previous Years) in order to reimburse an employee for successfully completing courses enrolled in during FY2021. Upon approval, the available balance in Reserve Fund for Transfer will be \$35,393.26.

11. In conjunction with Section 10-4.18 Permanent Speed Humps/Speed Cushions (Adopted 10/1/19; Amended 5/18/21) of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Attleboro, I respectfully submit for recommendation, the placement of a permanent speed hump on Claflin Street. The requirements for this request have been followed and are included.

Upon approval, I hereby request Your Honorable Body vote the following amendment to Section 10-4.18:

Add the following section:

10-4.18 E

The following streets are designated as having speed humps/speed cushions and the City is hereby authorized and directed to erect and maintain speed humps/speed cushions:

Add the following in proper alphabetical order:

- Claflin Street

Voted unanimously to hold a public hearing for the speed bumps on February 15, 2022.

12. I respectfully submit 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>
Andrew Acosta	Municipal Building Comm.	3 Year	February 2025
Kurt Wheaton	Council on Aging	4 Year	February 2026
Karen Hammond	Council on Aging	4 Year	February 2026
Sandy Varrier	Zoning Board of Appeals	3 Year	February 2025
Bonnie Moore	Conservation Commission	3 Year	February 2025
Diane Mangiaratti	Board of Library Trustees	3 Year	February 2025
Judith Lusk	Board of Library Trustees	3 Year	February 2025

Sincerely,
Paul Heroux, Mayor

ATTLEBORO CITY CLERK COMMUNICATIONS FOR JANUARY 18, 2022:

A Class II application from Blasius Auto Group at 800 Washington Street with 10 customer parking spaces and 100 storage spaces.

Voted unanimously to hold a public hearing on February 15, 2022 for the Class II license.

Voted 10 yeas – 0 nays (Blais absent) to enter the Committee of the Whole.

No one came forward to speak.

Voted unanimously to arise at 7:33 pm.

The President called for Committee reports.

Chair Waterman of the **License** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Dolan of the **Public Works** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Conti of the **Capital Improvements** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Bennett of the **Traffic and Transportation** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Kobus of the **Budget and Appropriations** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Holmes of the **Zoning and Land Use** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair Reynolds of the **City Property and Claims** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Vice Chair Reynolds of the **Public Safety** Committee brought forward the following:
Voted 10 yeas – 0 nays (Blais absent) to appropriate \$18,250.95 from Account 1000-359000 (Undesignated Fund Balance/Free Cash-General Government) to Account 12101000-515030 (Police – Sick Leave Incentive) to pay contractual sick leave stipends.

Chair Angelo of the **Personnel, Veterans and Human Services** Committee asked for a meeting at the next appropriate time.

Chair DeSimone of the **Ordinance, Elections and Legislative** matters brought for the the following:

Voted unanimously to hold a public hearing for February 15, 2022 to address a Special Act to amend the City Charter, Article 3, Section 3-8 (a) “Vacancy in Office of Mayor – Special Election”.

The following new business was brought forward:

To be referred for study and recommendation:

To add “no parking” on the southerly side of East St. 510 feet from O’Neil Boulevard. (Dolan)

To be referred for study and recommendation:

To amend Chapter 10-4.11, Isolated Stop Signs, of the Revised Ordinances as follows:

Delete “Westbound drivers on Bliss Avenue at Bourne Avenue” and replace with “Eastbound and westbound on Bliss Avenue at Bourne Avenue”. (DeSimone)

To be referred for study and recommendation:

New business referred to merge Budget and Appropriations with Capital Improvements to form one committee called Budget and Capital Improvements Committee. (DiLisio, Kobus)

To be referred for study and recommendation:

New business referred to add a new committee called IT & Infrastructure Committee. (DiLisio, Kobus)

The council voted 10 yeas – 0 nays (Blais absent) to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

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ATTEST: _____
City Clerk/Clerk of the Council

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL: _____
(DATE)

City Clerk/Clerk of the Council