

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

2012

**Alice P. Anderson, Chair
Ronald F. Cormier
Joshua L. Cormier**

The **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** meets with the Mayor before every regular Council meeting. The Committee evaluates and reports to the Council on matters referred to them by the full Council or on their own initiative concerning municipal functions defined generally as administrative and financial. Oversight encompasses the Assessor, Auditor, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Information Technology, City Clerk, Registrars of Voters, Civil Code Enforcement, Purchasing, and the Commission on Disability, Contributory Retirement Board, Law Department, Personnel and Community Development & Planning. In addition, budgetary matters, salaries and compensation, appointments, position vacancies, Council Rules, and City Hall all fall within the Committee's purview.

The **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE** is charged with evaluating and reporting on matters referred to them relating to the Public Works Department and its divisions (Highway, Sewer, and Water); the Conservation Commission, Engineering and Survey Department, and the Flood Plain.

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**Henry P. Ares, Chairman
Patrick M. Gerry
James D. Johnson**

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**Kim M. Dembrosky, Chair
Karen G. Hardern
Christine A. Wilson**

The **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WELFARE** is charged with evaluating and reporting to the Council on matters concerning the Council on Aging, Golf Course, the Greenwood Memorial Pool, municipally-owned Cemeteries and Parks, Recreation, the Veterans Agent, Weights & Measures, the City Forester & Pest Control, Youth Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the School Department, Montachusett Regional Vocational School, and the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce.

The **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** is charged with the study and report of matters referred to them that concern the Police and Fire Departments, Building and Health Departments, the Municipal Airport, and the licensing of automobile dealers, automobile junkyards, bowling alleys and pool halls, and dealers in second hand articles.

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**Scott J. Graves, Esq., Chairman
Kim M. Dembrosky
Edward A. Gravel**

The City Council meets regularly on the first and third Mondays of each month, except for July and August, when it meets only on the first Monday. Other meetings and hearings are scheduled as necessary. Meetings are open to the public and recorded live for broadcast on GETV. The Agenda and Minutes of every meeting are posted on the City's website.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Date	Type	Time	Meeting Description/Purpose
1/2/2012	Inaugural	10:00 a.m.	Inauguration of City Officials
1/3/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
1/10/2012	Hearing	6:00 p.m.	Joint Council-Planning Board - Zoning Amendment
1/17/2012	Joint Convention	6:30 p.m.	Joint Council-School Committee - Appointment of Gardner School Committee Member to replace Christine Wilson & Appointment of Monty Tech School Committee Member.
1/17/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/6/2012	Special	7:00 p.m.	Executive Session
2/6/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/8/2012	Special	6:30 p.m.	Charter Review
2/21/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/5/2012	Special	6:30 p.m.	Charter Review
3/5/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/19/2012	Special	6:30 p.m.	Charter Review
3/19/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
4/2/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
4/17/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/7/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/21/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/4/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/18/2012	Special	6:00 p.m.	FY2013 Budget (Committee of the Whole)
6/18/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/25/2012	Special	6:15 p.m.	FY2013 Budget (Committee of the Whole)
6/25/2012	Special	7:00 p.m.	Budget
7/2/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
8/6/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
9/4/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
9/17/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/1/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/10/2012	Special	6:15 p.m.	Charter Review
10/15/2012	Hearing	7:00 p.m.	Mill Street Urban Renewal Plan
10/15/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/24/2012	Special	6:15 p.m.	Appropriation for Christmas Lights

Date	Type	Time	Meeting Description/Purpose
11/5/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/19/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
12/3/2012	Special	6:30 p.m.	Trash Enterprise Fund (Committee of the Whole)
12/3/2012	Hearing	7:15 p.m.	FY2013 Tax Classification
12/3/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
12/12/2012	Special	6:30 p.m.	West Street Solar Energy Facility Lease & 130 Crystal Lake Drive Parcel Disposition (Committee of the Whole)
12/17/2012	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular

By State Law and City Ordinance, the Council is empowered to issue Licenses for Bowling Alleys and Billiard Tables; First, Second, and Third Class Motor Vehicle Dealers; Dealers in Hand Articles and Storage of petroleum products.

The City Council authorizes public improvements and expenditures through the Annual Budget and short and long-term borrowings; determines the proportion of the annual tax levy borne by the four classes of property (residential, commercial, industrial, personal); adopts regulations, ordinances and local acceptance provisions of Massachusetts General Law for the administration of the city government; adopts orders for the location of utility poles and the layout of public ways. It also adopts resolutions for the pursuit of State and Federal Grants, the scheduling of elections and issuing election warrants.

The City Council appoints four department heads, the City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Auditor and City Collector of Taxes. While the Mayor appoints all other department heads and members of municipal boards (except the School Committee), the Council is required to confirm the appointments. The positions of City Solicitor and Constable are also appointed by the Mayor; however, City Council confirmation is not required.