

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

2013

**Alice P. Anderson, Chair
Ronald F. Cormier
Patrick M. Gerry**

The **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE** is charged with evaluating and reporting 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, Contributory Retirement Board, Law Department, Human Resources, and Community Development & Planning. In addition, budgetary matters, salaries and compensation, appointments, position vacancies, Council Rules, and City Hall fall within the Committee's purview.

The **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE** is charged with evaluating and reporting on matters referred to them by the full Council or on their own initiative concerning municipal functions relating to the Public Works Department and its divisions (Highway, Sewer, Water, Parks, Cemeteries, and Forestry), the Conservation Commission, Municipal Grounds Commission, Engineering and Survey Department, and the Flood Plain.

January – June 3, 2013

**Joshua L. Cormier, Chairman
Henry P. Ares
James D. Johnson**

Effective June 4, 2013

**James D. Johnson, Chairman
Henry P. Ares
Marc Morgan**

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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 referred to them by the full Council or on their own initiative concerning municipal functions relating to the Gardner Municipal Airport, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, the Commission on Disability, Golf Course, the Greenwood Memorial Pool, Historical Commission, the Levi Heywood Memorial Library, Recreation, the Veterans Agent, Weights & Measures, the Youth Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Gardner School Department, and the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District.

The **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** is charged with evaluating and reporting on matters referred to them by the full Council or on their own initiative concerning municipal functions relating to the Police and Fire Departments, Building and Health Departments, Animal Control 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
1/7/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
1/16/2013	Special	6:15 p.m.	Codification of Ordinances (Committee of the Whole)
1/22/2013	Hearing	6:15 p.m.	Joint City Council-Planning Board - Historic Uptown Commercial Overlay District Zoning Amendment
1/22/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/4/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/19/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/19/2013	Special	6:15 p.m.	Elected Official Compensation (Committee of the Whole)
3/4/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/18/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/18/2013	Hearing	6:15 p.m.	Joint City Council-Planning Board - Zoning Amendment designating certain Mill Street parcels as overlay locations for large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations.
4/1/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
4/1/2013	Special	6:15 p.m.	Appropriations for the New Police Station and the West Lynde Street Parking Lot Air Rights.
4/16/2013	Special	6:15 p.m.	Assessing Dept. Reorganization (Committee of the Whole)
4/16/2013	Hearing	7:00 p.m.	Discontinuing a portion of South Main Street from Victoria Street to the cul-de-sac adjacent to Route 2
4/16/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/6/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/20/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/3/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/12/2013	Special	6:30 p.m.	FY2014 Budget Adoption
6/17/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/20/2013	Special	6:30 p.m.	FY2014 Budget and Police Station Loan Order Discussion
7/1/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
8/5/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
8/5/2013	Special	6:30 p.m.	Police Station Project and Loan Presentation
9/3/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
9/16/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular

DATE	TYPE	Time	Meeting Description/Purpose
9/16/2013	Hearing	7:00 p.m.	Joint City Council-Planning Board - Zoning Amendment Implementing a Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Facilities.
9/25/2013	Special	6:30 p.m.	Codification of Ordinances (Committee of the Whole)
10/7/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/21/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/4/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/18/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
12/2/2013	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
12/16/2013	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 Second Hand Articles; and, the storage of petroleum products.

The City Council authorizes public improvements and expenditures through the Annual Budget and through 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. The City Council also adopts resolutions for the pursuit of State and Federal Grants, the scheduling of elections and issuing election orders.

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.