

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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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. The Committee serves as liaison to 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 building 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.

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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.

Scott J. Graves, Esq., Chairman
Paul G. Tassone
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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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.

DATE	TYPE	TIME	MEETING DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE
1/5/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
1/20/2015	Informal	6:00 p.m.	Pending Litigation; Open Space & Recreation Plan Update
1/20/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/4/2015	Informal	6:00 p.m.	Gardner Fire Department-operated BLS Ambulance
2/4/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
2/17/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/2/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/16/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
3/16/2015	Informal	6:15 p.m.	Open Meeting Law Complaint
4/6/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
4/21/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/4/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/12/2015	Informal	6:30 p.m.	School Committee - Rockwell Petition; City Charter Review
5/18/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
5/26/2015	Informal	6:30 p.m.	Charter Review
6/1/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/15/2015	Informal	6:30 p.m.	Police Station Project (Supplemental Appropriation)
6/15/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
6/22/2015	Informal	6:30 p.m.	Budget
6/22/2015	Special	7:30 p.m.	Budget
7/6/2015	Special	7:00 p.m.	Executive Session (Property)
7/6/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
8/3/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
9/8/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
9/21/2015	Informal	6:00 p.m.	Charter Review
9/21/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/5/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
10/19/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/2/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/16/2015	Informal	6:30 p.m.	Auditor Interview; #9499, Designation of Local Jurisdiction
11/16/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
11/30/2015	Hearing	7:00 p.m.	FY2016 Property Tax Classification
11/30/2015	Special	7:15 p.m.	FY2016 Budget Orders; Property Tax Classification
12/7/2015	Regular	7:30 p.m.	Regular
12/21/2015	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.