



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 15, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF December 18, 2025 and Special Inaugural Meeting of January 5, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session pursuant to MGL c.30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation in Shaker Farms Country Club, Inc. v. City of Westfield as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body if the chair so declares. It is intended the Council return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration of an appropriation of \$1,275,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Law Judgements Account (11510000-576000) relative to matters which are the subject of litigation.
2. Requesting immediate consideration of a Resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council FY26 Cultural District Initiative Program to the Westfield Downtown Cultural District to be used as operational funds to further the District's goals.
3. Appropriation in the amount of \$27,321.25 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Animal Control Purchase of Services Account (12920000-520000-9900) for the replacement of the heating and cooling systems at the Animal Shelter.
4. Appropriation in the amount of \$9,500.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the City Council Purchase of Service Account (11110000-520000) to reframe historic portraits of City Council in the Council Chambers at City Hall.
5. Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Field Improvement Athletic Field Capital Construction Account (45138730-589200-3215) for costs associated with the construction of the Athletic Fields.
6. Appropriation in the amount of \$11,900.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service Account (15100000-520000) for costs associated with repairs to the landfill groundwater monitoring well.
7. Appropriation in the amount of \$44,500.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service (15100000-520000) for engineering costs associated with landfill cap repairs.

8. Appropriation in the amount of \$170,720.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Health Department Purchase of Service (15100000-520000) for construction costs associated with landfill cap repairs.
9. Appropriation in the amount of \$7,158.96 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Land and Natural Resources Division Capital Equipment Account (14990000-585000) for the construction of a greenhouse that will be used to grow flowers for City use.
10. Appropriation in the amount of \$24,314.43 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Land and Natural Resources Division FY26 Capital Equipment Account (14990000-585000) for the purchase of a zero-turn lawn mower.
11. Appropriation in the amount of \$66,505.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Waste Collection Division FY 26 Purchase of Services Account (14330000-520000) for costs associated with curbside leaf collection.
12. Appropriation in the amount of \$270,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Highway Purchase of Service Account (14210000-520000) for the milling and overlaying of Park River Drive and Park River Circle.
13. Appropriation in the amount of \$51,321.48 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Purchase of Service Account (11550000-520000) to upgrade radio infrastructure throughout the municipality.
14. Appropriation in the amount of \$60,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Replacement Equipment Account (11550000-587000) for the purchase and installation of replacement switches to support the network infrastructure at the Technology Center.
15. Appropriation in the amount of \$88,706.00 from the Free Cash account (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Purchase of Service Account (11550000-520000) for the purchase and configuration of an upgraded Permit and Code Software System for the City.
16. Appropriation in the amount of \$130,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Capital Project Account (11550000-580000) to replace the In Row Cooling Rack system located at the Technology Center, which has reached the end of its serviceable life.
17. Submitting a Resolution to accept a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Ecological Restoration to the Department of Public Works Water Division for FY26 Dam Removal Preliminary Design Services.
18. Requesting approval of an Ordinance amending the City of Westfield Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations.
19. Submitting the appointment of Edward Watson, 9 Chestnut Street, as a member of the Airport Commission, replacing Kate Phelon, for a term to expire in February, 2029.
20. Submitting the appointment of Jason Bean, 16 Linda Drive, as a member of the Municipal Light Board, replacing Adam E. Roman, for a term to expire in February, 2028.

21. Submitting the appointment of Jeffrey Gelinias, 17 Ingersoll Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, replacing Michael Tirrell, for a term to expire in February, 2027.
22. Submitting the appointment of Richard K. Sullivan Jr., 29 Wild Flower Circle, as a member of the Board of Registrars, replacing Maureen Peterson, for a term to expire in February, 2029.
23. Submitting the appointment of Jennifer Gilbert, 65 Prospect Street, as a full member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, replacing Richard K. Sullivan III, for a term to expire in February, 2027.
24. Submitting the appointment of John Moran as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as the first alternate, replacing Jennifer Gilbert for a term to expire February, 2027.
25. Submitting the appointment of Melissa Fitzgerald Ogulewicz, business owner at 7 Day Avenue, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals as the second alternate, for a term to expire in February, 2028.
26. Submitting the reappointment of Timothy Reynolds, 324 Woodland Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire in February, 2029.
27. Submitting the reappointment of Robert Florek, 171 City View Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
28. Submitting the reappointment of Jeffrey Trant, 10 Waterford Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
29. Submitting the reappointment of Stanley Strzempko, 31 Ridge Trail Road, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire in February, 2029.
30. Submitting the reappointment of Kathleen Palmer, 608 Pochassic Road, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
31. Submitting the reappointment of Samuel MacMunn, 288 North Road, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
32. Submitting the reappointment of Jennifer Thielen, 18 Vine Street, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
33. Submitting the reappointment of Scott LaBombard, 626 Western Avenue, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
34. Submitting the reappointment of Bernard Puza, 257 Falley Drive, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire in February, 2031.
35. Submitting the reappointment of Peter Velis, 18 Spruce Circle, to the Police Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
36. Submitting the reappointment of Alexander Fagnand, 45 Breighly Way, to the Board of Public Works, for a term to expire in February, 2029.
37. Submitting the reappointment of Linda Saltus, 17 Hillside Road, as a member of the Board of Registrars for a term to expire in February, 2029.
38. Submitting the reappointment of Richard Clark, 16 Clinton Avenue, as a member of the Traffic Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

39. Director of Veterans Services Julie Barnes submitting a request for acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22I and 22J.
40. First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed submitting the following Ordinance amendments to Chapter 17 as requested by Lt. John Parrish, Chair of the Traffic Commission: Section 17-73 - Stop Sign Intersection Designation by adding Pine Street at Prospect Street and Old Cabot Road at Russellville Road; Section 17-70 - Certain Left and Right Turns Prohibited by adding No Left Turn on Red at Pochassic Street onto North Elm Street, No Left Turn exiting Westfield Middle School during the hours of 7am-9am and 1pm-3pm Monday through Friday, No Left Turn exiting Highland Elementary School during the hours of 830am-930am and 2:30pm-3:30pm Monday through Friday; Adding Section 17-186A - Authority to remove vehicles violating temporary No Parking; Deleting and replacing Section 17-187 - Owner Liable for storage charges; contractor liable; Deleting and replacing Notification of Owners within 24 hours.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

41. R. Levesque Associates submitting an application on behalf of John Kayrouz for a License for Underground Storage Tanks at 0, 21, 29-45 and 33-39 Southampton Road (Map 50R, Parcels 21,16,17 &18) for 28,000 gallons of Regular Unleaded Gasoline, 6,000 gallons of Premium Unleaded Gasoline, 26,000 gallons of Diesel and 2,500 gallons of Diesel Exhaust Fluid.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Zoning, Planning and Development Committee

42. Zoning Petition City Council to amend the zoning ordinance relative to battery energy storage facilities RE: establishing a Moratorium

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

43. Motion of Councilor Onyski to modify Chapter 16 of the Ordinances, Section 16-107: Temporary Repairs on Private Ways.