

Finance Committee

Thursday, January 17, 2019

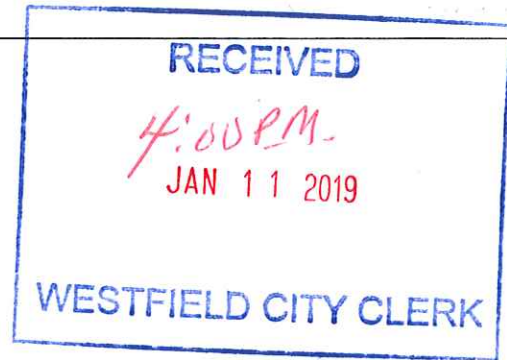
Time: 6:15p.m. *Room #201*

Brent Bean, Chair – Dan Allie – John Beltrandi

Attendance:

Public Participation:

Agenda



- Transfer of \$19,500.00 within the Airport Department from FT Salary account #11990000-511000 to Equipment Vehicles #11990000-585001 4/20/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE; 5/4/17REMAIN IN COMMITTEE
- Upon motion of Councilor Dondley and President Bean, it was VOTED: That per a request from the Retirement Board, that the Council to approve the unanimous vote of the Retirement Board to raise the cost-of-living allowance (COLA) base for city pensioners by \$1,000 from \$13,000 to \$14,000 in accordance with MGL Chapter 32, section 103, paragraph (j) and be REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.
- Upon motion of Councilor Surprise, it was VOTED: That the "Communication from the Mayor" requesting acceptance of the in-lieu-of-taxes contribution from the Westfield Gas and Electric in the amount of \$559,497.00 for FY19. Payments are to be made monthly in the amount of \$46,625.00 commencing on or after July 1, 2018 be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.
- Upon motion of Councilor Paul, and Councilor Burns, it was that an analysis of the present Storm Water Fee be initiated with the DPW Director to identify the fee gap and work required to be compliant with Federal and State EPA and that the matter be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE and LEGISLATIVE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE.
- Requesting acceptance of a Grant awarded from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs for the FY19 Earmark Grant in the amount of \$5,500.00 to the Westfield Council on Aging for the food program in partnership with the Horticulture Department at Westfield Technical Academy.
- Upon motion of Councilor Emmershay, it was that the Fire Commission and Legal Department provide the Council with an accounting of all outside Counsel expenditures incurred since 1/1/2018 and what is to be reasonably expected in the future and be REFERRED TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, FIRE COMMISSION, LEGAL and AUDIT and it was further VOTED: That the above motion be amended to remove the referral to the Fire Commission.