

AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL
59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JANUARY 17, 2019
7:00 PM



Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of record of meeting of January 3, 2019

Public Participation

Communications from the Mayor

- A. Appropriation of \$442,850.00 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division, Undesignated Funds account #6800-359000 to the following DPW Water Division accounts:
 - \$327,850.00 to Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000
 - \$100,000.00 to Health Insurance Benefits account #68004500-519400
 - \$10,000.00 to Supplies account #68004500-540000
 - \$5,000.00 to Gasoline account #68004500-548001
- B. Appropriation of \$130,000.00 from the Department of Public Works, Stormwater Division, Undesignated Funds account #6850-359000 to the DPW Stormwater Division Construction account #68504450-589200.
- C. Transfer of \$75.00 within Airport Department from current FY19 Personal Services Part-time Hourly account #11990000-511110 to prior year FY18 Personal Services Board/Committee members account #11990000-512300.
- D. Submitting an Ordinance amending Code of Ordinances, City of Westfield at Chapter 11, Section 11-68 by Deleting Section 11-68 - Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages and Adding: Section 11-68 Consumption, possession of alcoholic beverages.
- E. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease for a certain parcel of real estate, parcel 68-26, a portion known as Billy Bullens Field, which is under the control of the Parks and Recreation Commission, to be leased to Starfires Baseball LLC to operate a Futures Collegiate Baseball League.
- F. Submitting two Resolutions to accept a local option and establish a special fund for injury leave indemnity fund for Westfield Firefighters and one for Westfield Police Officers pursuant to MGL Chapter 41, Section 111F.
- G. Submitting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preservation

Restriction for Pilgrim Realty Union Trust (located at 16 Union Street also known as Bismark Place).

- H. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield authorizing approval for Mayor to sign Host Community Agreement with Heka, Inc. located at 89 Sgt. TM Dion Way.
- I. Submitting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Westfield authorizing the Mayor to sign lease (5 years) of equipment for Public Works for a 2018 John Deere 331G.
- J. Submitting a G.L. Disclosure for Tyler Wingate, School Employee, for a Basketball Referee with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- K. Submitting the reappointment of Mark Cressotti as City Engineer for a term to expire for February 2022.

Reports of City Officers

- A. Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed submitting information from the Traffic Commission relative to the Papermill Road heavy commercial vehicle exclusion.

Petitions, Remonstrances and Other Papers

- A. PUBLIC HEARING on an application for a Special Permit for motor vehicle sales pursuant to Section 3-130.3(5) for a wholesale car dealership at 66F South Broad Street submitted by Farzaan Mufeed, 25 Margerie Street, apt. 1, Westfield, MA

Reports of Committees

- A. Finance Committee:
 - 1. 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; 5/4/17 REMAIN IN COMMITTEE
 - 2. 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.(8/24/17)
 - 3. 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.(5/31/18)
 - 4. 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.
(10/18/18)

5. 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.(1/3/19)
 6. Upon motion of Councilor Emmershy, 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.(1/3/19)
- B. Legislative and Ordinance Committee:
1. To increase the limit of the additional compensation by \$6,000.00 to \$10,000.00 for the City Clerk serving as Clerk of the Council.(1/19/17)
 2. A "definition of family" be developed to be added to the Westfield Code of Ordinances (5/6/13)
 3. Ordinance or an amendment to an ordinance be established regarding litter within the city boundaries with a fine schedule to support it (abandoned shopping carts).
 4. A resolution of the City Council authorizing a Grant from the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in the amount of \$1,926,745.00 to the Engineering Department awarded from the MassWorks Infrastructure Program for the Springfield Road Traffic Signal Project.

Unfinished Business

Motions, Orders or Resolutions

- A. Motion of Councilor Bean to have the Police department come in and discuss the plan for school resource officers at the schools for the rest of the academic year. Refer to Public Health and Safety.
- B. Motion of Councilor Figy to review the Council calendar pertaining to the 2-21-19 and the 4-18-19 meetings.