



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY 01, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF January 23, 2024.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting acceptance of a grant amendment from the MassDOT Aeronautics Division to the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport which would increase the previously accepted grant amount from \$54,000.00 to \$241,300.00.
2. Appropriation of \$2,100,000.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Stabilization Account (8303-392000) to be earmarked for future use as the 35% local match of an anticipated grant from the National Resource Conservation Services for the rehabilitation of Powdermill Brook Dam.
3. Appropriation of \$79,000.00 from the Community Preservation Committee Housing FY24 Account (24101770-580300) and \$331,000.00 from the Community Preservation Committee Housing (Reserve Balance) Account (2410-340300) to the CPA Old Town Hall (housing) Account (24101770-580300-5213) to assist in the property acquisition, rehabilitation and creation of Veterans Housing and Support Services.
4. Appropriation of \$9,200.00 from the Community Preservation Committee Undesignated FY24 Account (24101770-580000) to the CPA Grandmother's Garden (Historic) Account (24101770-580200-53170) to restore and rehabilitate the historic wrought iron gate at Grandmother's Garden.
5. Transfer of \$13,000.00 from the Westfield Regional Public Safety Communications Center Full Time Salary Account (12250000-511000) to the Purchase of Service Account (12250000-520000) for the purchase of a software upgrade for the radio consoles and license expansion necessary to operate current and additional channels.
6. Submitting a Resolution to accept a gift donation of \$607.83 from Rocky's Ace Hardware to the Animal Control Department to be used for improvements to shelter animal welfare during their stay at the shelter.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

7. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the Order for Polling Locations for the 2024 Elections.

8. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the Order for the Call of the Presidential Primary Election to be held March 5, 2024.
9. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting an Order calling the Early Voting dates, times and location for the Presidential Primary Election to be held March 5, 2024.
10. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting a letter requesting the assignment of police officers at polling locations for all 2024 Elections be designated to the Police Chief.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

11. Appropriation of \$74,053.55 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Fire Department Capital Equipment Account (12200000-585000) for the purchase of a set of Mobile Column Lifts for the Western Avenue Repair Facility.
12. Appropriation of \$22,224.12 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Fire Department Purchase of Service Account (12200000-520000) for the purchase of a Fire & EMS Pre-Incident Software Suite.
13. Transfer of \$200,000.00 from the Fire Department Ambulance Undesignated Account (2100-34000) to the Ambulance Overtime Account (21002310-513000) to cover overtime costs for the remainder of FY24.
14. Appropriation of \$654,393.67 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Stabilization Account (8303-392000) to replenish monies previously appropriated from the Stabilization account to the Westfield-Barnes Airport Capital Project Taxiway B South account to cover the 2% local share of the \$32,054,500.00 project.
15. Transfer of \$187.50 from the Westfield-Barnes Airport Board/Committee Members FY24 Account (11990000-512300) to the Board/Committee Members FY23 Account (11990000-512300) to cover a quarterly stipend disbursement for an Airport Commissioner that was not paid.
16. Transfer of \$18,876.00 from the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport FT Hourly Employee Account (11990000-511100) to the Purchase of Service Account (11990000-520000) for airport signage improvements in compliance with Westfield Sign Ordinance requirements.
17. Transfer in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Police Department Full Time Hourly Account (12100000-511100) to the Medical/Testing Services Account (12100000-530006) to cover ongoing care costs for officers currently out on injured on duty (IOD) status.
18. Transfer of \$35.00 from the Police Department Purchase of Service FY24 Account (12100000-520000) to the Purchase of Service FY23 Account (12100000-520000) to cover an outstanding vehicle inspection charge.
19. Appropriation of \$123,940.14 from the Free Cash account (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Purchase of Service Account (11550000-520011) for the replacement and upgrade of infrastructure equipment that will assist in identifying and protecting the municipality's data, including sensitive information.

20. Appropriation of \$289,111.24 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Opioid Settlement Special Revenue Account (20510515-485400) to be used for purposes identified in the settlement agreements.
21. Transfer of \$322.00 from the Department of Public Works Wastewater Division Supplies FY24 Account (67004400-540000) to the Supplies FY23 Account (67004400-540000) to cover an outstanding invoice.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

22. A Resolution for the acceptance of a Gift donation in the amount of \$915.00 from Hutghi's at the Nook to the Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation Division, for improvements to the Department's skatepark.

Personnel Action Committee

23. Appointment of John Leary, Jr., 47 Broad Street, as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire in February, 2027, replacing Barbara Taylor.
24. Appointment of Eric L. McDowell, 38 Lindbergh Boulevard, as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire in February, 2027, replacing Elizabeth Boucher.
25. Appointment of Jacqueline M. McDowell, 38 Lindbergh Boulevard, as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire November, 2025, replacing Eric McDowell.
26. Appointment of Dr. Brian P. Sutton, 47 Stephanie Lane, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire in February, 2027, replacing C. Lee Bennett.
27. Reappointment of William Gonet, 29 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Airport Commission for a term to expire in February, 2027.
28. Reappointment of John P. Morizio, 432 Montgomery Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire February, 2027.
29. Reappointment of Thomas Pereira, of 150 Hillside Road as a member of the Board of Public Works for a term to expire February, 2027.
30. Reappointment of Rene Laviolette, 7 Victoria Circle as a member of the Board of Registrars for a term to expire February, 2027.
31. Reappointment of Thomas Johnson, 121 Reservoir Avenue as a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for a term to expire February, 2027.
32. Reappointment of Andrea Pianka, 32 Yeoman Avenue as a member of the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities for a term to expire February, 2027.
33. Reappointment of David Doe, 46 Tekoa Terrace as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
34. Reappointment of Ed Finnie, 295 Munger Hill Road as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
35. Reappointment of Joseph Giffune, 49 Colony Drive as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
36. Reappointment of Edward R. Ekmalian, Jr., 12 Crestwood Circle as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire February, 2027.

37. Reappointment of Eileen Rockwal, 5 Blueberry Ridge as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire February, 2027.
38. Reappointment Trudy Knowles, 4 Noble Avenue as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire in February, 2027.
39. Reappointment Cynthia Bronson, 53 Jefferson Street, Apt 3, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2027.
40. Reappointment of Patrick P. Murphy, 254 Montgomery Road, as a member of the Westfield Housing Authority, for a term to expire in February 2029.
41. Reappointment of Adam E. Roman, 419 Southwick Road, Unit Q69 as a member of the Municipal Light Board for a term to expire in February, 2026.
42. Reappointment of Ted Dobek, 883 Main Street, Agawam MA, owner of Circuit Coffee at 22 Elm Street, Westfield, MA to the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire in February, 2027.
43. Reappointment of Joseph A. Golio, 109 Wild Flower Circle as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
44. Reappointment of Kenneth Gustafson, 9 Michael Drive as a member of the Off-Street Parking Commission for a term to expire February, 2027
45. Reappointment of Jane DeBarbieri, 54 Lindbergh Boulevard as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2027.
46. Reappointment of Douglas A. Morash, 7 Gloria Drive as a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
47. Reappointment of Richard A. Sypek, 60 Cardinal Lane as a member of the Police Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
48. Reappointment John Niedzielski, 28 Heritage Lane as a member of the Water Commission for a term to expire February, 2027.
49. Reappointment of Richard K. Sullivan, III, 9 Toledo Avenue as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire February, 2027.
50. Reappointment of Christine Webster, 39 Blue Sky Drive as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term to expire February, 2027.

Zoning, Planning and Development Committee

51. Zone Change Petition submitted by R. Levesque Associates Inc. for 254 Union Street, LLC c/o Mr. Alexander S. Colby & Mr. Ralph S. Colby for portions of 137 Woodcliff Drive (43R-54), Residence A/Rural Residential and 254 Union Street (35R-18), Rural Residential to Business B.

Government Relations Committee

52. Compensation related to the mayor, city council, school committee, and members of compensated boards and commissions be changed to be applied to future terms and budget years.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

53. Motion of Councilor Bean to proclaim March as Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood (SUDC) month in the City of Westfield.