



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
FEBRUARY 05, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

REVISED

By City Clerk at 10:46 am, 2/4/26

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF January 15, 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Appropriation in the amount of \$637,791.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the School Department FY26 Land and Building Capital Projects Account (54082710-580000) to replace and repair four restrooms at Westfield Technical Academy.
2. Appropriation in the amount of \$131,400.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Parks and Recreation Bullens Improvements Account (45703138-45663010) for renovations to the dugouts at Bullens Field.
3. Appropriation in the amount of \$55,704.00 from the Department of Public Works, Sewer and Wastewater Division Undesignated Fund Account (6700-359000) to the FY26 Vehicle Equipment Account (67004400-585001) to purchase a new truck for the SCADA Technician.
4. Appropriation in the amount of \$15,865.00 from the Department of Public Works, Sewer and Wastewater Division Undesignated Fund Account (6700 359000) to the FY26 Capital Equipment Account (67004400-585000) for the purchase of a new enclosed trailer for the SCADA Technician.
5. Appropriation in the amount of \$47,132.52 from the Department of Public Works Sewer Wastewater Division Undesignated Account (6700-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (67004400-520000) to replenish funds used to replace a broken forklift.
6. Appropriation in the amount of \$49,918.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Personnel Department Purchase of Service Account (11520000-520000) to digitize payroll documents for retention in accordance with state laws.
7. Appropriation in the amount of \$6,211.30 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the FY25 Medicare/Medicaid Intergovernmental Account (19160000-560000) to pay a prior year bill that was received in FY26.
8. Appropriation in the amount of \$4,730.04 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the FY25 Medicare/Medicaid Intergovernmental Account (19160000-560000) to pay an invoice that was misplaced when administration of this program was transferred from the School Department to the City.

9. Transfer in the amount of \$40,971.00 within the Westfield Regional Public Safety Communications Center (Dispatch) from the Full-Time Salaries Account (12250000-511000) to the Capital Project Account (12250000-580000) to cover costs associated with the installation of the Southwick Fire Department's Station Alerting System.
10. Transfer in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport Department Full-time Hourly Employees Account (11990000-511100) to the Purchase of Service Account (11990000-520000) for maintenance and repairs to the HVAC System.
11. Transfer in the amount of \$1,201.20 within the Police Department from the FY26 Out of Grade Account (12100000-514200) to the FY25 Out of Grade Account (12100000-514200) to cover costs related to a shift change incurred between August 2024 through June 2025 that was not properly accounted for.
12. Requesting approval of the funds required to fulfill year one of the ratified Successor Agreement for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local S574.
13. Submitting a Resolution to accept a Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Factory Mutual Insurance Company FM Fire Service Grant program to the Fire Department to be used to support pre-incident planning efforts of the department.
14. Submitting a Resolution to accept a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS) for both the City of Westfield and Westfield Public Schools for continuation of participation in the Cybersecurity Program offered to city and school employees.
15. Submitting a Resolution to accept gift donations totaling \$3,782.53 from the following donors to the Animal Control Department, to enhance the quality of stay for the animals at the shelter: \$2,713.48 from Rainbow Rescues, \$500.00 from Martin Luber and Alicia Johnston and \$569.05 from Rocky's Ace Hardware.
16. Submitting a Resolution to allow the Westfield Water Commission to enter into an agreement with the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission to share water during emergency water supply conditions.
17. Submitting the appointment of Christopher McCrary, 70 Maple Terrace as a member of the Water Commission, replacing Ronald Cole, for a term to expire February, 2029.
18. Submitting the Reappointment of Dylan Sweeney, 76 Court Street, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire February, 2031.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

19. Community Development Director Peter Miller submitting a request to rename two municipal parking lots, known as Reader 1 and Reader 3.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

20. PUBLIC HEARING on an application 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, submitted by R. Levesque Associates on behalf of John Kayrouz.

21. PUBLIC HEARING on a zoning petition of the City Council to implement an interim restriction for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

22. Transfer of \$75,000.00, as amended in Finance Committee, from the Ambulance Designated Account (2100-340000) to the Ambulance Overtime Account (21002310-513000).
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. Appropriation in the amount of \$66,505.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works Waste Collection Division FY26 Purchase of Services Account (14330000-520000) for costs associated with curbside leaf collection.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. Appropriation in the amount of \$88,706.00 from Free Cash (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.
30. 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.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

31. 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.
32. An Ordinance amending the City of Westfield Code of Ordinances Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations.
33. Acceptance of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 22I and 22J as requested by Director of Veterans Services Julie Barnes.
34. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Section 17-73 - Stop Sign Intersection Designation by adding Pine Street at Prospect Street and Old Cabot Road at Russellville Road.
35. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Section 17-70 - Certain Left and Right Turns Prohibited by adding No Left Turn on Red at Pochassic Street onto North Elm Street.
36. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Section 17-70 - Certain Left and Right Turns Prohibited by adding No Left Turn exiting Westfield Middle School during the hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm Monday through Friday.
37. Ordinance amendment to Chapter 17, Section 17-70 - Certain Left and Right Turns Prohibited by adding No Left Turn exiting Highland Elementary School during the hours of 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm Monday through Friday.
38. Adding an Ordinance to Chapter 17, Section 17-186A - Authority to remove vehicles violating temporary No Parking.
39. An Ordinance deleting and replacing Chapter 17, Section 17-187 - Owner Liable for storage charges; contractor liable.
40. An Ordinance Deleting and replacing Chapter 17, Section 17-188 Notification of Owners within 24 hours.

Personnel Action Committee

41. Submitting a change to the job description for the Fire Chief.
42. 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.
43. 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.
44. Appointment of Jeffrey Gelinis, 17 Ingersoll Drive, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, replacing Michael Tirrell, for a term to expire in February, 2027.
45. 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.
46. 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.
47. 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.

48. 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.
49. Reappointment of Timothy Reynolds, 324 Woodland Road, as a member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire in February, 2029.
50. Reappointment of Robert Florek, 171 City View Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
51. Reappointment of Jeffrey Trant, 10 Waterford Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
52. Reappointment of Stanley Strzempko, 31 Ridge Trail Road, as a member of the Board of Health for a term to expire in February, 2029.
53. Reappointment of Kathleen Palmer, 608 Pochassic Road, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
54. Reappointment of Samuel MacMunn, 288 North Road, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
55. Reappointment of Jennifer Thielen, 18 Vine Street, as a member of the Historical Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
56. Reappointment of Scott LaBombard, 626 Western Avenue, as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
57. Reappointment of Bernard Puza, 257 Falley Drive, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire in February, 2031.
58. Reappointment of Peter Velis, 18 Spruce Circle, to the Police Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.
59. Reappointment of Alexander Fagnand, 45 Breighly Way, to the Board of Public Works, for a term to expire in February, 2029.
60. Reappointment of Linda Saltus, 17 Hillside Road, as a member of the Board of Registrars for a term to expire in February, 2029.
61. Submitting the reappointment of Richard Clark, 16 Clinton Avenue, as a member of the Traffic Commission for a term to expire in February, 2029.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

62. Motion of Councilors Morganelli and Figy relative to lane designations for Union Ave, including the northbound lanes of the Great River Bridge. Refer to the Traffic Commission.