



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

FEBRUARY 19, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF February 5, 2026.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Transfer in the amount of \$707.71 from the Department of Public Works Waste Collection FY26 Supplies Account (14330000-540000) to the FY22 Supplies Account (14330000-540000) to pay a prior year bill owed to Westfield Auto Parts.
2. Transfer in the amount of \$12.24 from the Department of Public Works Highway Division FY26 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) to the FY23 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) to pay a prior year bill owed to Westfield Auto Parts.
3. Transfer in the amount of \$202.37 from the Department of Public Works Sewer Wastewater Division FY26 Supplies Account (67004400-540000) to the FY25 Supplies Account (67004400-540000) to pay a prior year bill owed to Grainger.
4. Transfer in the amount of \$162.83 from the Department of Public Works Highway Division FY26 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) to the FY22 Supplies Account (14210000-540000) to pay a prior year bill owed to Westfield Auto Parts.
5. Appropriation in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Construction Account (68004500-589200) to replace the GAC filters at the Shaker Road Water Treatment Plant.
6. Appropriation in the amount of \$33,587.24 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Account (6800-359000) to the Capital Equipment Account (68004500-585000) to purchase a new generator for the administration office at 28 Sackett Street.
7. Appropriation in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Account (6800-359000) to the Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) to create a database within the GIS to collect data for the lead service project.
8. Appropriation in the amount of \$11,125.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Account (6800-359000) to the Replacement Equipment Account (68004500-587000) to replace the variable frequency drive at Well 7.

9. Appropriation in the amount of \$20,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for backflow and cross-connection inspection services required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.
10. Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) to clean the water storage tanks at Sackett Road and Northwest Road.
11. Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for a turbine motor oil change at the Reservoir Road Water Treatment Plant.
12. Appropriation in the amount of \$2,350.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for filter influent meter calibration at the Reservoir Road Water Treatment Plant.
13. Appropriation in the amount of \$10,000 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) to repair valves at the Reservoir Road Water Treatment Plant.
14. Appropriation in the amount of \$9,500.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for Poly-Aluminum Chloride (PAC) tank cleaning at the Reservoir Road Water Treatment Plant.
15. Appropriation in the amount of \$19,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for HVAC and plumbing repairs at the Owen District Water Treatment Plant.
16. Appropriation in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) to increase various purchase orders for regular maintenance services for the remainder of FY26.
17. Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) for repairs to the City View Road vault valve actuator.
18. Appropriation in the amount of \$130,000.00 from the Department of Public Works Water Division Undesignated Fund Account (6800-359000) to the FY26 Purchase of Service Account (68004500-520000) to increase the on-call construction purchase order for JL Raymakers for the remainder of FY26.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

19. Aaron Keegan, PE, Project Manager for Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. submitting information on Intersection Improvements at Southampton Road, Servistar Industrial Way and Barnes Airport Drive (MassDOT Project #612600).

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

20. Approval of the funds required to fulfill year one of the ratified Successor Agreement for the International Brotherhood of Police Officers Local S574.
21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. 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.
27. 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.
28. 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.
29. 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.
30. 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.
31. Have the Finance Committee both discuss and receive clarification regarding the specific process and rights when ratifying city contracts. In particular, the

Finance Committee ask for legal guidance about how City of Somerville v. Somerville Municipal Employees Association, 418 Mass. 21 (1994) and the Office of the Inspector General's December 2020 report entitled "Leadership Failures in Methuen Police Contracts" should impact their work.

32. 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.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

33. Petitions for Street Acceptance for Park River Circle and Park River Drive.
34. Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 17, 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.
35. Change the start time of City Council meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
36. 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.
37. 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.
38. 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.

City Properties Committee

39. Renaming of Reader 1 Lot as the Church Street Lot.
40. Renaming of Reader 3 Lot as the School Street Lot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

41. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of Zoning Ordinance entitled Section 5-31 - Interim Restriction for Battery Energy Storage Systems.
42. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled Chapter 17, Section 17-73 - Stop Sign Intersection Designation (by adding Pine Street at Prospect Street and Old Cabot Road at Russellville Road).
43. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled 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; No Left Turn exiting Westfield Middle School during the hours of 7:00am-9:00am and 1:00pm-3:00pm Monday

through Friday; No Left Turn exiting Highland Elementary School during the hours of 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pm Monday through Friday).

44. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations.

MOTIONS, ORDERS and RESOLUTIONS

45. Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane to eliminate the special permit requirement for the keeping of backyard chickens and allow by-right for certain lots in Rural Residential areas only.