



City of Westfield, Massachusetts

NOTICE OF MEETING

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GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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TELECONFERENCE

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the City of Westfield **Government Relations Committee** will be conducted via remote participation. Specific information can be found on the City of Westfield website at www.cityofwestfield.org. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen to the meeting may do so by tuning into Channel 15 or Channel 12 or online at westfieldtv.org or online at Youtube.com - Westfield Community Programming Channel. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the City's website an audio recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Access information for the meeting is as follows:

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. To require the human resources departments to post all non-civil service jobs with base salaries in excess of \$40,000 for a minimum of 45 days on high-profile public job posting sites such as Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com, GovernmentJobs.com, JobQuest, and/or SchoolSpring.com (6/4/15)
2. To request that the City post the job requirements, board/commission make-up requirements (per Charter), terms, compensation and benefits for each board, commission, and elected body on the City website along with information about how an interested citizen can apply for, or run for, the position. (6/4/15)

3. That a new section in the Personnel Section of the Code of Ordinances for "Personal Service Agreements" that specifies common elements that must be included in Personal Service Agreements, such as: position being subject to annual appropriation, expectations of performance and annual performance reviews by appointing authority, termination clause, consolidation clause, change in scope of duties clause, and other such items as deemed appropriate be reviewed (2/1/18)
4. That the Law Department be requested to explain in writing, within 30 days, how the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling - that unused accrued sick time does not constitute "wages" that must be paid upon termination under the Massachusetts Wage Act - affects Westfield's employees and Westfield's severance obligations (2/1/18)
5. That a communication be sent to Ellen Cummings, Regional Director External & State Government Affairs at Verizon Wireless to start a conversation about enhancing cell service and reliability in Westfield (10/4/18)
6. That the recording and broadcasting of committee meetings (9/19/19)
7. That the Westfield City Council develop a uniform standard of information required for submission along with all requests from the Executive Branch for Employee Contract approval (3/5/15)
8. To review outreach and education options for local businesses regarding updates to the Toxics Release Inventory (US), Toxics Use Reduction Act (MA), and their reporting requirements (12/17/2020)
9. That Mayor Humason be asked the following:
 - To require meetings held by City of Westfield Boards, Commissions, Councils, and Committees be recorded in such a way that maximizes the viewers' ability to see diagrams/maps/etc and visually identify who is speaking, captioned, and promptly posted online for public viewing, and further
 - To require that for such meetings held online/virtually, the access link and call-in telephone number for Public Participation be included on the posted agenda. (1/21/2021)