



**AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL
(TELECONFERENCE)**
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WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 18, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF March 3, 2021.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$4,820.00 from the First Responder Naloxone Grant from Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Fire Department.
2. Appropriation of \$300,000.00 from Stabilization account #8303-397000 to Stabilization Reserve for debt decline account #8303-345000
3. Submitting a Bond Order in the amount of \$12,257,000.00 for construction of a permanent Granulated Activated Carbon Treatment Facility for wells 1 & 2 at the Dry Bridge Road Water Treatment Plant Project.

4. Submitting an Ordinance to amend the Media Systems Specialist term of office by deleting the words "for a one year term" and inserting in place thereof the words "for a three year term".

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

5. Health Director Joe Rouse present to give a COVID update.
6. City Clerk Karen Fanion submitting the annual City Council license renewals for 2021.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

7. 7C Diamonds Inc. d/b/a Gold & Diamond Buyer, 99 Springfield Road applying for Junk Dealer and Junk Collector's license, Camile A. Hannoush, President (A Public Hearing is required).
8. Powers of City Council Letter from Councilor Flaherty to Attorney Reed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

9. Acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$2,880.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Senior S.A.F.E. program.
10. Acceptance of a Grant from the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Department of Fire Services in the amount of \$6,380.00 to the Fire Department for the FY21 Student S.A.F.E. program.
11. Transfer of \$309.90 from Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY21 to Engineering Department, Purchase of Service account #14110000-520000 FY20, for a prior year bill.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

12. Remaining balance on Bond Order #2734 to be rescinded as the project (rehabilitating and reconstructing existing municipal outdoor recreational and athletic fields, original amount \$1.8 million) for which the bond order was passed has been completed and the amount of \$20,000.00 remains unborrowed.
13. Resolution approving an agreement between the City of Westfield and the Department of Transportation regarding Western Avenue Reconstruction - Phase 2 Project.

Personnel Action Committee

14. Reappointment of Rene Laviolette, 7 Victoria Circle, as a member of the Board of Registrars, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
15. Reappointment of Richard A. Sypek, 60 Cardinal Lane, as a member of the Police Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
16. Reappointment of C. Lee Bennett, 57 Jaeger Drive, as a member of the Fire Commission, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.

Government Relations Committee

17. 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)
18. 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)
19. 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)
20. 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)
21. 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)
22. Recording and broadcasting of committee meetings (9/19/19)
23. 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)
24. 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)
25. Ask Mayor Humason:
 - 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)

Long Range Financial Overview Committee

26. Status update on motion to review proposed Early Retirement Incentive for Teachers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

27. Second Reading and Finance Passage of an Ordinance to increase the rate of compensation for the members of the Westfield School Committee.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

28. Motion of Councilor Harris requesting Attorney Reed to verify that appointments and reappointments do not need unanimous consent for immediate consideration, just majority vote and refer to Law Department.
29. Motion of Councilor Matthews-Kane for a proposed ordinance that will create a Public Arts Commission for the City of Westfield. Refer to: L&O, Legal, Department of Public Works, the Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Conservation Commission.
30. Motion of Councilor Flaherty requesting a legal opinion, including appropriate legal references, by the 2nd City Council meeting in April, on the applicability of Charter Section 29 ("Prompt passage of order or resolution") with regards to nominations by the Mayor. Refer to Law Department.