



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MARCH 19, 2026 AT 7:00 PM

RECEIVED

By City Clerk at 2:45 pm, 3/17/26

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF March 5, 2026.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Transfer in the amount of \$100,472.20 from the Reserve for Future Salaries Account (19500000-519999) to the Police Full Time Hourly Account (12100000-511100) to fulfill first year contract obligations of the ratified Successor Agreement between the City of Westfield and the Westfield Police Office Coalition for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028.
2. Submitting a Resolution to accept a grant in the amount of \$72,275.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance Community Compact Cabinet's IT Grant Program to the Information Technology Department for implementation of digital accessibility features.
3. Submitting a Resolution to accept a gift donation of 2,000 pre-filled plastic eggs from Westfield Gas and Electric/Whip City Fiber to the Mayor's office to be used at the 33rd Annual Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 28th at Shaker Farms Country Club.
4. Submitting a Resolution to accept a gift donation of 1,500 pre-filled plastic eggs from the Kiwanis Club of Westfield to the Mayor's office to be used at the 33rd Annual Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 28th at Shaker Farms Country Club.
5. Submitting a Resolution to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to file a Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Association (MSBA) for funding of a new Technical Academy.
6. Submitting the appointment of Dorinne Rodriguez, of 1014 Western Avenue, to the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Second Alternate position to fill an existing vacancy for a term ending in March, 2027.
7. Requesting approval to permit the serving of beer and wine and to waive the "open container" regulation in the Central Street Parking lot on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM for the Whip City Brew Fest fundraiser managed by the Amelia Park Children's Museum, Inc.
8. Requesting approval to permit the serving of beer and wine and to waive the "open container" regulation at the Elm Street plaza and Elm Street from School Street to

Arnold Street on Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM for a Block Party managed by the Downtown Westfield Cultural District.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

9. Purchasing Director Tammy Tefft submitting a request for reappointment for a term to expire July 4, 2029.
10. Westfield Retirement Board submitting a request to Council for approval of an increase to the COLA base for retirees from \$13,000.00 to \$14,000.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

11. Appropriation in the amount of \$29,900.00 from the Free Cash Account (1000-359000) to the Community Development Cross Street Playground Renovation Account (11820000-585005) to complete the construction of dugouts.
12. Appropriation in the amount of \$134,150.00 from the Free Cash Account (1000-359000) to the Purchasing Department Purchase of Service Account (11380000-520000-9900) for the demolition of the former Angie Holmes building located at 12 West Silver Street.
13. Appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Balance Account (2410-340000) to the CPA Children's Museum Playscape Account (24101770-580400-5320) for the construction of an outdoor themed playscape at the Amelia Park Children's Museum.
14. Appropriation in the amount of \$189,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Balance Account (2410-340000) to the CPA American Legion Building (Historic) Account (24101770-580200-5211) for continued rehabilitation.
15. Appropriation in the amount of \$11,000.00 from the Community Preservation Housing Balance Account (2410-340200) to the CPA American Legion Account (24101770-580200-5211) for costs associated with the continued rehabilitation of the American Legion Building.
16. Appropriation in the amount of \$141,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Balance Account (2410-340000) to the CPA YMCA Camp Shepard Account (24101770-580400-5319) for various recreation improvements at Camp Shepard on Northwest Road.
17. Appropriation in the amount of \$259,000.00 from the Community Preservation Undesignated FY26 Account (24101770-580000) to the CPA YMCA Camp Shepard Account (24101770-580400-5319) for various recreation improvements at Camp Shepard on Northwest Road.
18. Appropriation in the amount of \$10,964.43 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Balance Account (2410-340000) to the CPA Old Town Hall Account (24101770-580300-5213) to cover increased construction costs to the Old Town Hall Veterans' housing project.
19. Appropriation in the amount of \$310,035.57 from the Community Preservation Committee Housing Balance Account (2410-340300) to the CPA Old Town Hall

- Account (24101770-580300-5213) to cover increased construction costs to the Old Town Hall Veterans' housing project.
20. Appropriation in the amount of \$79,000.00 from the Community Preservation Committee Housing FY26 Account (24101770-580300) to the CPA Old Town Hall Account (24101770-580300-5213) to cover increased construction costs to the Old Town Hall Veterans' housing project.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

21. A Resolution to accept a Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to the Department of Public Works Water Division under the Drought Resiliency and Water Efficiency Grant Program for the Westfield Water Discrepancy: Find, Track, and Improve Unaccounted for Water Project.
22. Review the Litter Ordinance.
23. A Resolution to accept a Grant in the amount of \$174,000.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to the Westfield Police Department to implement a Body Warn Camera (BWC) Program.
24. Possibility of updating existing ordinances to meet today's traffic concerns on our city streets involving electric/motorized bikes, electric/motorized scooters, and electric/motorized skateboards.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

25. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "Chapter 17, Article VI- Off-Street Parking, Section 17-225 Facilities Established".
26. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "Chapter 17, Article VI- Off-Street Parking, Section 17-73 Stop Signs Designated".
27. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "Chapter 2, Article II, Section 2-36 - Regular Council Meetings".
28. SECOND READING and FINAL PASSAGE of an Ordinance entitled "Chapter 16, Streets and Sidewalks, Division 3, Section 16-107: Temporary Repairs on Private Ways".

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

29. Motion of Councilors Bean and Knapik to have the Law Department summarize how the Reentry Facility is compliant with the Dover Amendment and summarize what City Ordinances apply to this project during construction and to the facility once built.