



# AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
APRIL 20, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

## ROLL CALL

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF April 6, 2023

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Transfer of \$38,538.14 from the Reserve for Future Salary Increases Account #19500000-519999 to various accounts to fund the recently signed AFSCME 35-Hour Unit Successor Agreement for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
2. Transfer of \$15,000.00 within the Council on Aging Department from the FT Hourly Account #15410000-51100 to the Purchase of Service Account #15410000-520000 to cover utility costs for the remainder of FY23.
3. Acceptance of an in-lieu-of-taxes contribution from Westfield Gas and Electric in the amount of \$556,001.00 for FY24, with payments to be made monthly in the amount of \$46,333.00 commencing after July 1, 2023.
4. Submitting a Resolution to declare a portion of 0 Church Street as surplus and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with Howie Realty Trust.
5. Submitting the appointment of Jim Prystowski, 52 Old Farm Road, as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire February, 2025, replacing Tom Sharp.

## REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

6. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the annual Fortune Teller, Junk Dealer and Junk Collector License Renewals for 2023.

## 2023 RENEWAL LICENSES FOR APPROVAL

NAME	ADDRESS	TYPE	OWNERS
Game City	77 Elm Street	Junk Dealer/collector/pawnbroker	Truong Nguyen
Eastern Vehicle Recycling	88 Neck Road	Junk Dealer	Paul Ferretti
EcoATM, LLC	141 Springfield Road	Junk Dealer	EcoATM, LLC
New England Coins & Collectibles	7 Day Avenue	Junk Dealer	David Fisk
Trash Fish Junk Removal	33 Sunrise Terrace	Junk Collector	Evan Charter
Route 202 Antiques	869 North Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Sean Odabashian
Blended Vintage Market Place	48 Elm Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Andrea Bruno
Black Hole Guitars	2 Montgomery Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Michael J Flynn
Camelot Jewelers	55 Southwick	Junk Dealer/collector	Matthew Harris & Matthew Turgeon
Game Stop	423 East Main Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Game Stop, Inc.
Meadowbrook Antiques	658 Montgomery Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Susan & Timothy Crane
Patton Firearms	24 Old Holyoke Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Michael Patton
Whip City Music	126 Elm Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Douglas Cotton
Gold & Diamond Buyer	99 Springfield Road, #2	Junk Dealer/collector	Camile Hannoush
Jasmeine Moonsong	598 Granville road	Fortune telling	Brandy Latshaw
Brandy Mitchell	69 Southwick road	Fortune telling	Brandy Mitchell
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT</b>			
Richard's Fine Jewelers	461 East Main Street	Junk Dealer/collector	Camile Hannoush
<b>THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT RENEWING FOR 2023</b>			
Talk More Wireless New England	261 East Main Street	Junk Dealer	The Retail Optimization Co
I buy Stuff	53 Pontoosic Road	Junk Dealer/collector	Bob & Sue Plummer

**REVISED**

By City Clerk's Office at 9:25 am, 4/19/23

## PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

7. Special Permit application submitted by BEK REALTY, LLC c/o Mr. Muradbek Usmonov pursuant to zoning ordinance Sec. 3-130.3(1) for a proposed Trucking Terminal at 70 Lockhouse Road (Industrial A).
8. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a petition for a zoning amendment submitted by Councilor Onyski to amend the zoning ordinance at Sec. 4-121 to exempt certain fixtures from the exterior lighting standards.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Finance Committee

9. Requesting Acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division to the Westfield Barnes Regional Airport to partially fund a feasibility study for the Taxiway B project.
10. Appropriation of \$198,746.70 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to The Police Department Purchase of Service Account #12100000-520000 to fund capital improvements to the Police Station
11. Appropriation of \$68,289.00 from Free Cash (1000-359000) to the Technology Center Replacement Equipment Account #11550000-587000 to fund the replacement of 65 desktops and monitors located primarily in City Hall.
12. Appropriation of \$5,939.00 from Free Cash Account (1000-359000) to the Department of Public Works, Parks and Recreation Purchase of Service Account #16300000-520000 to repair the flagpole at Park Square.
13. Transfer of \$30,000.00 within the Airport Department from the FT Hourly Account #11990000-511100 to Replacement Equipment #11990000-578000 for upgrades to the airport-wide security camera system.
14. Transfer of \$15,000.00 from the Public Communications FT Salary Account #12250000-511000 to the Fire Department Overtime Account #12200000-513000 to fund staffing at the Westfield International Airshow taking place May 13-14, 2023.

### Legislative and Ordinance Committee

15. Submitting a Confirmatory Order of Discontinuance for a portion of Union Street, so called, as a City Way.
16. Submitting a Resolution to Apply for, Accept and Expend a Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services' Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (Land) Grant Program for the Tekoa Narrows Conservation Area.
17. First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed submitting the following Ordinance amendments as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission: Chapter 17-115 Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets by adding Kellogg Street, West Side from Orange Street, beyond Belmont Street to the base of the dike; Chapter 17-73 Stop Intersections Designation by adding the following: Foss Street, northbound at Lawton Avenue, Angelica Drive, westbound at Northwest Road and Old Quarry Road, eastbound at Northwest Road.

### Personnel Action Committee

18. Appointment of Kenneth Gustafson, 9 Michael Drive as a member of the Off Street Parking Commission for a term to expire in February, 2024, replacing John Regan.
19. Appointment of Ed Finnie, 295 Munger Hill Road as a member of the Conservation Commission for a term to expire February, 2026, replacing Alex Fagnand.
20. Reappointment of Lenore Bernashe, 100 South Street, Granby MA as Information Technology Manager for a term to expire July 6, 2026.

21. Reappointment of Tammy Tefft, 371 College Highway, Southampton, MA as Purchasing Director for a term to expire July 4, 2026.
22. Appointment of Seth Barber as a member of the Youth Commission for a term to expire February, 2026.
23. Appointment of Teagan Chisholm-Godshalk to the Youth Commission for a term to end in February, 2026
24. Appointment of Jack Knapik as member of the Youth Commission for a Term to expire February, 2026.
25. Appointment of Thomas Knapik as member of the Youth Commission for a Term to expire February, 2026.
26. Submitting a change to the job description for the Department of Public Works Director.

#### Ad Hoc Charter Review Committee

27. Vote to override the Mayor's veto of the "Appointing Authority to Set Salary" Resolution that was previously passed by the City Council.
28. Submission of the Amended Version of Charter of the City of Westfield to the House and Senate for processing as a Special Act.

#### **MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS**

29. Motion of Councilor Flaherty to make a scribe's edit to the title of Section 33 in the Charter of the City of Westfield as follows: Change "Section 33. Vacancies in office of mayor or on city council; temporary appointment for certain appointed officers." to "Section 33. Vacancies in office of mayor; temporary appointment for certain appointed officers."
30. Motion of Councilors Bean and Sullivan to discuss tax title process and cash management options for city budget, refer to Treasurer/Collector.
31. Motion of Councilors Flaherty and Bean to amend ordinances and rules to address public meetings that extend beyond 10PM. Refer to L&O.
32. Resolution by Councilors Mello, Figy, and Sullivan Recognizing June 2023 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, refer to L&O.
33. Motion of Councilor Flaherty seeking a resolution requesting the Municipal Light Board and the Gas & Electric Department to review and amend their commercial lighting incentive programs and periodic communications with commercial customers, in ways that educate customers and encourage the use of lighting, associated infrastructure, and operating procedures that reduce energy consumption, reduce light pollution, and comply with the city lighting ordinances. Further, that they connect to "See, Click, Fix" or offer a similar program to address the specific lighting concerns of residents for lights that are owned or managed by the Gas & Electric Department. Requesting quarterly updates to the City Council via City Council Liaison for Gas & Electric.
34. Motion of Councilor Flaherty to investigate zoning amendments related to Public Hearings. Refer to ZPD.
35. Motion of Councilor Flaherty to investigate zoning amendments related to Special Permits. Refer to ZPD.