



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 59 COURT STREET
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 17, 2021 AT 7:00 PM

AMENDED



ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF June 2, 2021

1. Executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation regarding In Re: Aqueous Film-Forming Foams Products Liability Litigation MDL No. 2:18:-mn-2873-RMG, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. It is intended the City Council return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

2. Requesting immediate consideration of the acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$73,910.00 from the MassDOT to the Airport Department for the storm water pollution prevention plan and spill prevention control countermeasures update. The local share of \$3,890.00 is in Airport department FY2021 budget.
3. Requesting immediate consideration of a transfer of \$34,985.15 within the Department of Public Works, Highway Division, Equipment/Vehicles account #14210000-585001 to Storm Water Division Equipment/Vehicles account #68504550-585001 for the purchase a vehicle for Storm Water Division to perform daily tasks.
4. Requesting immediate consideration for the transfer of \$1,500.00 within the Department of Public Works Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY21 to Water Division, Purchase of Services account #68004500-520000 FY20 for a prior year bill.
5. Requesting immediate consideration of the appropriation of \$125,000.00 from Free Cash (10000-359000) to Planning (Community Development), Purchase of Services account #11750000-520000 for the Master Plan Study for the City of Westfield.
6. Submitting an amendment to FY22 Budget relative to the Health Department budget.
7. Submitting a Resolution in anticipation of a Grant from the Department of Conservation and Recreation for the for the Columbia Greenway Northward

Extension Study in the amount of \$61,500.00 to the Engineering Department. The local match of \$15,500.00 is contained in the FY22 Engineering budget.

8. Requesting approval to surplus the Fire Department's Sackett Street Facility.
9. Submitting the reappointment of Richard Salois, 220 Russellville Road, as a member of the Planning Board, for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
10. Submitting the appointment of Richard Ekmalian, Jr., 12 Crestwood Circle as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024, to fill a vacancy.
11. Submitting the appointment of Joseph Golio, 109 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Off Street Parking Commission for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024, to fill a vacancy.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

12. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a petition submitted by Albert E. Bessette, Jr. Right of Way Manager of Verizon requesting permission to place one (1) pole numbered T.54S/E.66-84 on the southwesterly side of Shaker Road at a point approximately 995 feet southeasterly from the centerline of Country Club Drive to provide support to the existing pole line.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

13. Transfer of \$14,711.77 within the Police Department from Full Time Salary account #12100000-511000 to Equipment Vehicles account #12100000-585001.
14. Transfer of \$45,000.00 within the Department of Public Works from Solid Waste Recycling Division to Waste Collection Division as follows: \$13,000.00 from Full Time Hourly account #14340000-511100 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000; \$20,000.00 from Purchase of Services account #14340000-520000 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000; \$12,000.00 from Supplies account #14340000-540000 to Purchase of Services account #14330000-520000.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

15. Resolution authorizing an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Southwick for dispatch services.
16. Petition (#C-259-21) submitted by the Planning Board, for a zoning amendment at Sections 1-10.1,3; 1-40.6, 4-10.3; 1-50.3,9; 6-10.4,5 relative to strengthen/codify wording regarding enforcement; extend permit validity times.
17. Petition for Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update definitions at Article II/2-20, Article III/various and Article IV/various.
18. Petition (C-262-21) for Zoning Amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for an update on non-conforming situations at Article II/4-10, Article III/3-91.2 and Article III/3-92.2.

19. Petition (C-260-21) for a Zoning amendment submitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals to update the definition of family and related/affected residential living arrangement matters at Sections 2-20, 3-40.3 (1) and 3-50.3 (1).

Personnel Action Committee

20. Reappointment of William Carellas, 16 Wildflower Circle, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
21. Reappointment of Raymond St. Hilaire, 120 Old Stage Road, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2026.
22. Reappointment of Philip McEwan, 153 Western Avenue, as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2023.
23. Reappointment of Barbara Taylor, 150 Hillside Road, as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2024.
24. Reappointment of Jane Magarian, 131 Llewellyn Drive as a member of the Planning Board for a term to expire the first Monday of February, 2022.
25. Reappointment of Bryan Forrette, 43 Flynt Street, Palmer, as Director of Facilities Management for a term to expire May 31, 2024.

City Properties Committee

26. Ordinances for flag flying on city properties be reviewed and amended.
27. Discussion naming Main Street Rail Trail bridge the Westfield Purple Heart Trail.
28. Discussion relative to community gardens on city owned land (Airport Noise Mitigation).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

29. Motion of Councilor Bean to send a communication to the Mayor asking him to reconsider doing a firework celebration for the City of Westfield.
30. Motion of Councilors Figy and Adams," to revise Sec 2-256-c to allow C O A meetings to be held at the Senior Center," refer to L&O and Legal.
31. Motion of Councilors Matthews-Kane, Beltrandi and Figy to add the additional umbrella name New Haven & Northampton Canal Greenway to the current name of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail. Refer to: City Properties and Law.
32. Motion of Councilor Flaherty for immediate consideration of a budget amendment request (as a resolution) to the Mayor. Code of Ordinances Section 7-48(c)(10) allows Ambulance Funds to be used for "costs and expenses related to the operation of the municipal ambulance service as appropriated by the mayor and approved by the city council".
Request that the Mayor submit FY22 budget amendments to the Ambulance budget as follows:
Intergovernmental transfers of:
 1. \$15,400 per ambulance employee for the estimated cost of FY Healthcare for ambulance employees (to Heathcare line item).

2. 7.5% of ambulance employee earnings (that is considered income for pension purposes) to cover the normal service cost of Pensions (see recent PERAC valuation report) related to FY ambulance employee earnings (to Contributory Retirement line item).
3. 8% of ambulance employee earnings to cover the estimated normal service cost of Retiree Healthcare benefits (estimated based on recent OPEB report) attributable to the the current FY budget (to OPEB Liability Trust Fund).
4. 1.45% of ambulance earnings to cover the cost of Medicare for ambulance employees (to Medicare line item).
5. 25% of the fully-loaded cost of the Public Safety Communications Department (approx \$295k) to reimburse for the costs associated with "ambulance" calls (to Public Safety Communications Dept, Healthcare, Contributory Retirement, OPEB Liability Trust Fund, and Medicare).

These types of chargebacks are allowed, and are common with our "enterprise" accounts. This should free up some money for the general fund that could be used to address priorities that were cut during the budget process, reduce the tax increase, reduce the use of Free Cash for operating expenses, or increase funding for long-term obligations such as OPEB.