



AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
AUGUST 17, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

REVISED

By City Clerk's Office at 10:21 am, 8/17/23

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

READING OF RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF JUNE 22, 2023 and MEETING OF JULY 6, 2023.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Requesting immediate consideration of acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$307,500.00 from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust to Department of Public Works Water Division for the Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacement Plan Project.
2. Appropriation of \$654,393.67 from the Stabilization Account (8303-340000) to the Westfield Barnes Airport Capital Project Taxiway B South Account #11990000-580000-4899 to cover the 2% local share of the \$32,054,500.00 Taxiway B South Project.
3. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$1,040,343.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department Support & Incentive Grant to the Regional Public Safety Communications Department to cover equipment, annual licensing, maintenance contracts and to defray the costs of salaries & overtime for certified telecommunicator personnel.
4. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$106,313.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 Department Answering Point and Regional Emergency Communications Center Development Grant to the Regional Public Safety Communications Department for transition and equipment expenses for regionalization with the Town of Southwick.
5. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$10,225.84 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security State 911 Department Training Grant to the Regional Public Safety Communications Department to cover fees associated with 911 training courses, annual maintenance fees for CritiCall, the skill and ability testing software and licensing costs for the Emergency Fire Dispatch protocol card sets.
6. Requesting acceptance of a Grant in the amount of \$848.00 from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety & Security State 911 Department Emergency

Medical Dispatch Grant to the Regional Public Safety Communications Center to be used for the current medical protocol system card sets and annual maintenance fee of the quality assurance software.

7. Requesting acceptance of \$100,000.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security in Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for the Police Department to upgrade cardio equipment, security doors and to purchase a small utility vehicle and sonar device for the boat.
8. Transfer of \$149.26 within the Police Department from the FY24 Purchase of Services Account #12100000-520000 to the FY22 Purchases of Service Account #12100000-585001 to cover a Massachusetts Turnpike Authority E-ZPass invoice for \$9.20 and even outstanding Westfield Gas and Electric invoices, totaling \$140.06 for 12 Woodland Road which was seized by the Police Department.
9. Submitting a Resolution for the acceptance of a gift donation in the amount of \$1,787.00 from CrossFit Swarm and Run Westfield, LLC. to the Animal Shelter to be used for improvements.
10. Submitting a Resolution authorizing approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater with the Town of Southwick.
11. Submitting a Resolution authorizing approval for the Airport Commission to enter into a real estate lease agreement with James Labrie for a term of 30 years.
12. Requesting acceptance of the 2023 Master Plan Update developed by City Planner Jay Vinskey, the Master Plan Committee, consultants Weston & Sampson, RKG Associates, and the Pioneer Valley Planning.
13. Requesting consideration and approval to name the ballfield at Hampton Ponds Playground the "Bruce W. Nielsen Field."
14. Requesting consideration and approval to allow the Friends of the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail to install a sign on a section of the multiuse path along Shaker Road that that starts on Country Club Lane, in honor of Bob Pac.
15. Submitting the reappointment of Jeffrey Siegel, 56 Wilson Avenue, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire February 2025.
16. Submitting the appointment of Rebecca Blackburn, 555 Russell Road #A1, as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire in September 2026, replacing a vacancy.
17. Submitting the appointment of Jeffrey J. Trant, 61 Yankee Circle, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire February 2026, replacing Albert Masciadrelli.
18. Submitting the name Michael Squindo for the position of Executive Director for Council on Aging for a term of three years from the date of appointment.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

19. First Assistant City Solicitor Shanna Reed submitting the following Ordinance amendment as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission:
 - a) Section 17-116. Parking prohibited at certain times on certain streets by adding:

Hamlin Place, West side; Monday - Friday 8:00 AM through 4:00 PM when school is in session.

b) Section 17-115. Parking Prohibited at all times on certain streets by adding Orange Street, Southerly side at Conner Avenue, 20 feet from corner; Conner Avenue, Easterly side at Orange Street, 20 feet from corner; Shepard Street, 52 feet from Franklin Street on the West side and 42 feet on the East side; Beckwith Avenue, Easterly side, 20 feet from Franklin Street.

c) Section 17-82. Speed limits (2) by adding to Thickly settled or Business District: Twenty-five miles per hour - No person shall operate a vehicle on any city public way within thickly settled or business districts at a rate of speed greater than 25 miles per hour and such speed limit shall be posted by the Department of Public Works.

20. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting a letter requesting the assignment of police officers at polling locations for the 2023 Municipal Elections be designated to the Police Chief.
21. City Planner Jay Vinskey submitting a letter of support for waiving the Westfield Fair Sign zoning fees.
22. City Planner Jay Vinskey submitting a recommendation from the Planning Board to accept Pineridge Drive as a public way.

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

23. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a Special Permit application submitted by A.J. Virgilio Construction, Inc. pursuant to Zoning Ordinance Sec.130.3(1) to allow the continued use of over the road trailer parking/storage on property.
24. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING on a petition for a Zoning Amendment (Section 4-30.4) submitted by Councilor Figy to allow the keeping of certain domestic animals, including chickens, as a by-right accessory use.
25. R Levesque Associates Inc. submitting a Zone Change Petition for RSP Realty, LLC c/o Mr. Ronald E. Schortmann, for 4 Fowler Street Extension (parcel 255-17) and 81 Union Street (parcel 223-59) from Residential C to Industrial A for a proposed parking lot expansion from abutting property.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

26. Transfer of \$11,312.78 from the Department of Public Works, Water Division Purchase of Service FY24 Account #68004500-520000 to the Purchase of Service FY22 Account #68004500-520000 for two outstanding invoices presented to the department on June 29, 2023.

MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS

27. Motion of Councilors Bean and Onyski to add a light to the parking lot of Paper Mill Elementary School at the baseball field.

28. Resolution by Councilor Figy to allow the Friends of the Columbia Rail Trail to conduct preventative maintenance on the bank of the tunnel on St. Dennis Street.
29. Resolution by Councilor Figy to transfer Care, Custody, and Control of the Columbia Rail Trail to the Westfield Department of Public Works. Refer to L&O and the Law Department.