



## AGENDA OF CITY COUNCIL

59 COURT STREET

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 07, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

### ROLL CALL



### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### READING OF RECORD OF MEETING OF August 17, 2023.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

1. Submitting a Resolution for the acceptance of a gift donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 from David T. Plakias to the Animal Control Department to be used for improvements.
2. Submitting a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into Powdermill Brook Watershed Arm Brook Multipurpose Dam (MA00604) Supplemental Watershed Agreement No.101 with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service to begin design for works of improvement for the rehabilitation of Arm Brook Dam.
3. Submitting the appointment of Trudy Knowles, 4 Noble Avenue as a member of the Council on Aging for a term to expire February, 2024, replacing the vacant position left by Kerry Ann Kielbasa.
4. Submitting the reappointment of Sarah Scott, 455 Falley Drive as a member of the Cultural Council for a term to expire in June, 2026.

### REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

5. Deputy Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Scott Hathaway submitting a positive recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission for the consideration and approval to name the ballfield at Hampton Ponds Playground the Bruce W. Nielsen Field.
6. City Auditor Vicki Moro, 114 Pomeroy Meadow Road, Southampton, MA submitting a request for reappointment for a term to expire October 1, 2026.
7. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting an Order calling the Early Voting dates, times and location for the City Preliminary and City Biennial Elections.
8. City Clerk Kaitlyn Bruce submitting the Order calling the City Preliminary Election to be held on September 19, 2023 (School Committee only).

### PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND OTHER PAPERS

9. 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.
10. PUBLIC HEARING on a Zone Change Petition submitted by R Levesque Associates Inc. for RSP Realty, LLC c/o Mr. Ronald E. Schortmann, for 3 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

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

17. 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.

Legislative and Ordinance Committee

18. Ordinance amendment as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission: 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.
19. Ordinance amendment as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission: 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.
20. Ordinance amendment as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission: 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.
21. Lower the speed limits in the Orange Street, Washington Street, Pearl Street, Brookline Avenue, Moseley Avenue, and Meadow Street neighborhoods to take advantage of the 2016 Municipal Modernization Act, which allows communities to reduce speed limits to 25 miles per hour on thickly settled roads and on roadways in business districts.
22. Ordinance amendment as requested by Sergeant Mejias, Chair of the Traffic Commission: Section 17-82. Speed Limits (2) Thickly settled or Business District: Twenty-five miles per hour by adding Alice Burke Avenue, Alice Street, Allen Avenue, Arnold Street, Ashley Street, Avery Street, Bartlett Street, Bates Street, Beckwith Avenue, Belmont Street, Belvedere Gardens, Benham Street, Berkshire Drive, Birge Avenue, Bliss Street, Bowdoin Street, Brookline Avenue, Bush Street, Butler Street, Carroll Drive, Casimir Street, Central Street, Chapel Street, Charles Street, Cherry Street, Chestnut Street, Church Street, Claremont Street, Clark Street, Cleveland Avenue, Clinton Avenue, Coleman Avenue, Congress Street, Conner Avenue, Coolidge Avenue, Cortez Street, Court Street, Cowles Court, Crane Avenue, Cross Street, Cycles Street, Dana Street, Danek Drive, Day Avenue, Dewey Avenue, Duane Street, Dubois Street, Dudley Avenue, Dwight Street, Dzuris Avenue, East Silver Street, East Bartlett Street, Ellis Street, Ellsworth Street, Emery Street, Exchange Street, Fairfield Avenue, Fairview Street, Floral Avenue, Ford Avenue, Fowler Avenue, Fowler Street, Franklin

Avenue, Franklin Street, Frederick Street, Free Street, Fremont Street, George Street, Gillett Avenue, Gold Street, Grand Street, Green Avenue, Greylock Street, Hamilton Way, Hamlin Place, Hampden Street, Hancock Street, Hanover Street, Harold Avenue, Harrison Avenue, Hassler Street, Hayre Street, Hedges Avenue, High Street, Highland Avenue, Highland View Street, Holcomb Street, Holland Avenue, Howard Street, Hubbard Street, Jefferson Avenue, Jefferson Street, Kasper Drive, Kellogg Street, Kelsey Terrace, Kenwood Street, King Avenue, King Place King Street, King Street Extension, Laflin Street, Lawton Street, Leonard Avenue, Lewis Street, Lincoln Street, Lindbergh Boulevard, Linden Avenue, Littles Court, Livingstone Avenue, Logan Avenue, Lois Street, Loomis Avenue, Lozier Avenue, Madison Street, Main Street, Malone Avenue, Maple Court, Maple Street, Maple Terrace, Maplewood Avenue, Margerie Street, Mather Street, May Street, Mcklinley Terrace, Meadow Street, Mechanic Street, Mill Street, Miller Street, Monroe Street, Morris Avenue, Morris Street, Morse Avenue, Murphey Circle, Myrtle Avenue, Noble Avenue, Noble Street, North Cherry Street, Oak Avenue, Oak Avenue Extension, Oak Street, Oak Terrace, Old Town Ford Way, Orange Street, Otis Street, Palmar Avenue, Paper Street, Park Street, Parkside Avenue, Pearl Street, Perkins Street, Phelps Avenue, Pleasant Street, Ponders Hollow Road, Provin Terrace, Putnam Drive, Ridgeway Street, Riverside Drive, Sackett Street, School Street, Sheldon Avenue, Shepard Street, Sherman Street, Sherman Street Extension, Sibley Avenue, Smith Avenue, South Ashley Street, South Broad Street, South Maple Street, South Meadow Road, South Street, Spring Street, Squawfield Road, ST. Dennis Street, ST. James Avenue, ST. Paul Street, State Street, Sterling Street, Stratfield Avenue, Summer Street, Sycamore Street, Taylor Avenue, Thomas Street, Toledo Avenue, Union Avenue, (up to south side of bridge), Vadnais Street, Walnut Street, Washington Street, Webster Avenue, West Gate Avenue, West School Street, West Silver Street, West Street, White Avenue, White Street, William Street, Williams Riding Way, Wilson Avenue, Woodbridge Lane, Woodland Avenue, Woronoco Avenue and Yale Street.

23. Have the Traffic Commission investigate changing the left hand turn in front of 52 Court Street to either a two-way left turn lane or an extended painted traffic island.
24. 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.
25. Resolution to transfer Care, Custody, and Control of the Columbia Rail Trail to the Westfield Department of Public Works.
26. 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.

27. Resolution authorizing approval of an Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater with the Town of Southwick.
28. Resolution authorizing approval for the Airport Commission to enter into a real estate lease agreement with James Labrie for a term of 30 years.

Personnel Action Committee

29. 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.
30. Michael Squindo for the position of Executive Director for Council on Aging for a term of three years from the date of appointment.
31. Reappointment of Jeffrey Siegel, 56 Wilson Avenue, as a member of the Fire Commission for a term to expire February, 2025.
32. 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.

Zoning, Planning and Development Committee

33. Application for a Special Permit, Site Plan Approval and Stormwater Permit submitted by BEK REALTY, LLC c/o Mr. Muradbek Usmonov for a Truck Terminal with associated site improvements pursuant to Sections 3-130.3(1), 4-110 and 6-10 to be located at 70 Lockhouse Road, Westfield MA.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS OR RESOLUTIONS**

34. Motion of Councilor Bean to have the School Department and the City compile a list of all athletic fields and their ownership by September 21, 2023. Refer to the Superintendent's Office, School Athletic Department, Parks & Recreation Department and Department of Public Works.
35. Motion of President Beltrandi to create and appoint members to the Water & DPW Ad-Hoc Committee in accordance with the Rules of Council, Article 1, Sec. 3.