AGENDA:

RECORDING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 2/19/19(TABLED), 4/24/19

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

OLD BUSINESS

1) That the Charter & Rules Committee to review the current City Council Rules, collect suggestions for edits from the City Councilors, and make recommendations for revisions (1/8/18, 12/19/18)

2) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process regarding the Submission of the Annual Municipal Budget to the Westfield Home Rule Charter.

   Explanation: Submission of the Budget. The Mayor shall submit the annual City budget, recommending appropriations for the next fiscal year by organization/object code or order number, to the City Council no later than May 15. The City Auditor or appropriate authority, shall provide a copy of the Mayor's proposed budget to each member of the City Council and to each member of the Finance Committee or successor entity and shall also post copies of the Mayor's proposed budget in the City Clerk's office and in the public library for inspection by the public, and a digital copy shall be posted on the city website, and a link to the digital copy shall be posted on the Official Facebook page of the City of Westfield. The Mayor's budget recommendations shall include, for each appropriation, by organization/object code or order number, the specific source of funding for that appropriation and, if any single appropriation is to be funded by multiple sources, the proportion of the amount which is to be funded by each source. Sources of funding may include, but are not limited to, property tax revenues; fee revenues, specifying the type of fee collected; state aid, specifying the "cherry sheet" account; state grant revenues, specifying the particular grant program; state reimbursements, specifying the state program; federal grant revenues, specifying the federal program; and private gifts. The Finance Committee or successor entity shall consider the adequacy of the funding sources and shall recommend decreases in any appropriation if it finds that the listed funding source cannot adequately fund the appropriation. Commencing in fiscal year 2020, the proposed operating budget submitted by the Mayor shall be a zero-based budget for 1/3 of all the departments of the City. One-third of all departments shall be staggered every fiscal year thereafter. Said budget shall be subject to all of the requirements of the Westfield Home Rule Charter. For the purposes of definition, a zero-based budget shall start with no authorized funds and shall not be based on the previous year's appropriations. It shall not be an incremental budget. The goals and objectives for each department shall be clearly stated within the operating budget of each department. Each line item in each
3) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process regarding
Annual Expense and Appropriation Estimates for all Municipal Departments, Boards,
Officers, and Committees to the Westfield Home Rule Charter.
Explanation: Expenses and Appropriations of Departments, Boards, Officers, and
Committees. The various City boards, officers, and committees charged with the
expenditure of City money shall, not later than February 28 of each calendar year,
prepare detailed estimates of the amounts deemed by them necessary for the
administration of their respective offices or departments for the ensuing fiscal year,
with explanatory statements of the reasons for any changes from the amounts
appropriated for the same purpose in the preceding year. They shall also prepare
estimates of all probable items of income which may be received by them during
the ensuing year in connection with the administration of their departments or
offices and a statement of the amount of the appropriation requested by them for
the ensuing fiscal year. Such estimates and statements shall be filed with the office
of the Mayor who shall at once transmit the same to the President of the City
Council and to the Finance Committee or successor entity. (11/1/18, 12/19/18,
1/14/19, 2/19/19)

4) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process
regarding the Responsibilities of the City Council Finance Committee to the Westfield
Explanation: Responsibilities of City Council Finance Committee. The City
Council Finance Committee or successor entity shall duly consider the annual operating
budget and may confer with said City boards, officers and committees and hold hearings
if it deems it advisable. The Committee shall approve or disapprove the amount, in
whole or in part, of the appropriation so requested. The Committee shall make a report
of the matters so considered by it, with recommendations or suggestions relative thereto,
and the same shall be posted in the City Clerk's office and public library and on the City's
website at least seven days before the City Council's public hearing on the proposed City
budget. Said Committee report shall state the total amount of the appropriations
recommended by it in the entire budget and the approximate tax rate based upon said
recommendations.

5) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process
regarding the Filing of Grant Applications to the Westfield Home Rule Charter.
Explanation: Filing of Grant Applications. Any application for a grant in excess of $5,000
filed with any other government agency or its subdivisions, private entity, not-for-profit entity,
trust or individual submitted by or on behalf of the City, by any and all appointed and elected
officials and employees of the City and all boards, commissions and authorities operating within
and on behalf of the City and which requires a match by the City, shall simultaneously with said
application also be filed by the person or body submitting said application with the City Clerk as a
public record. For the purpose of this section, a grant shall be any request for funds, goods,
services, information services or analysis and/or anything of value. Within three business days of receiving such an application, the City Clerk shall inform each City Councilor of the existence of the filing. This communication shall include, but not be limited to, the entity with which the application is filed, the person or body making the application on behalf of the City and a brief description of the nature of the application and any requirements of a match. (11/1/18, 12/19/18, 1/14/19, 2/19/19)

6) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process regarding Order for Appropriation to the Westfield Home Rule Charter.

   Explanation: Appropriation Orders. All measures appropriating moneys shall be filed as an order and appropriately titled, e.g., "An Appropriation Order." Except as otherwise permitted by law, all amounts appropriated by the City Council shall be expended only for the purposes specified. All measures appropriating moneys shall include the following provision or equivalent language: "Any moneys remaining in this appropriation which are not expended for the purposes specified shall be returned to the general fund, enterprise fund or otherwise originating fund and shall not be expended without further appropriation." (11/1/18, 12/19/18, 1/14/19, 2/19/19, 4/24/19)

7) Motion of Councilor Surprise to add the following municipal budget process regarding the Transfer of Funds to the Westfield Home Rule Charter.

   Explanation: Transfer of Funds. All measures transferring funds shall include for each transfer the specific source of funding for that transfer, organization/object code or order number, and the specific organization/object code or order number where the funds are to be transferred to. Transfer requests shall include the specific purpose of the transfer. Transfer requests shall include all the necessary statutory authorizations when submitted to the City Council. (11/1/18, 12/19/18, 1/14/19, 2/19/19, 4/24/19)

NEW BUSINESS

8) Motion of Councilor Bean, That a council rule or city ordinance be created pertaining to all city councilors being CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) checked once in office and be REFERRED TO CHARTER AND RULES COMMITTEE. (8/15/19)

9) Motion of Councilor Bean, That a Code of Ethics ordinance be created for the City Council and be REFERRED CHARTER AND RULES COMMITTEE. (8/15/19)

9) Adjourn